

Future Organization Committee  
Outer Banks Transportation Task Force  
Minutes from meeting held on February 21, 2007

**Attending:**

Carl Classen, Aaron Tuell (for Carolyn McCormick), Cheryl Byrd, Dan Scanlon, Jody Crosswhite, Monica Thibodeau, Randy Carlisle, Ray Davis, Webb Fuller, Charles Cameron, Willo Kelly, Joe Heard & Jeffrey Itell

**Absent:**

Andy Szakos, Beverly Paul,, Gary Perry, Herb Mullen, Jack Shea, Kermit Skinner, and Sharron Sanderson

Cheryl Byrd called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved without comment or dissent. Research materials on RPOs and the Albemarle RPO, in particular, were distributed to members.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of developing a three-county RPO, whether to stay within the existing RPO, or create a local TMA (perhaps under a name with a less negative connotation at the state level).

Cheryl polled each committee member on his/her opinion about the best way to proceed with a future transportation planning organization. Committee members clearly prefer a smaller and more focused organization than the current Albemarle RPO, but the feasibility of establishing a viable, but smaller RPO or similar transportation planning organization is unclear – in part because it would need to have the support of NCDOT.

Cheryl will invite Stan White to the next committee meeting to discuss the political feasibility of establishing a separate RPO or other transportation planning organization that could support District 1 and NCDOT in setting priorities and obtaining funds for the northeast coastal area.

The date for the next meeting will depend on Stan White's availability.

The meeting adjourned without objection.