

Kerr-Tar Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Bylaws

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this committee shall be the Kerr-Tar Rural Transportation Planning Advisory Committee (TAC), hereinafter referred to as the TAC.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

The purpose and goals of this committee shall be to:

1. Develop long-range local and regional multi-modal transportation plans in cooperation the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).
2. Provide a forum for public participation in the rural transportation planning process.
3. Develop and prioritize suggestions for transportation projects that the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) believes should be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program.
4. Provide transportation-related information to local governments and other interested organizations and persons.
5. Conduct transportation related studies and surveys for local governments and other interested entities/organizations.
6. Undertake mutually agreed upon transportation related tasks to enhance transportation system development, coordination and efficiency.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERS

Section 1-Membership

As specified in the Kerr-Tar RPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Kerr-Tar RPO and North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), the TAC shall consist of officials from local and state governmental agencies directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process for the Kerr-Tar RPO planning area, which includes Person, Vance, and Warren Counties, portions of Franklin and Granville Counties, as well as the incorporated municipalities within each County that are members of the Kerr-Tar RPO. The initial voting membership shall include the following eleven (11) members:

- One County Commissioner representing Franklin County. One municipal elected official representing the municipalities within Franklin County. The Mayors of the municipality within Franklin County that is a member of the Kerr-Tar RPO shall determine the elected official to represent the Franklin County municipality on the Kerr-Tar Rural Transportation Advisory Committee.
- One County Commissioner representing Granville County. One municipal elected official representing the municipalities within Granville County. The Mayors of the municipalities within Granville County that are members of the Kerr-Tar RPO, shall meet jointly to determine the elected official to represent the Granville County municipalities on the Kerr-Tar Rural Transportation Advisory Committee. A majority vote of the Mayors shall determine the municipal representative.
- One County Commissioner representing Person County. One municipal elected official representing the municipalities within Person County. The Mayor of the municipality within Person County that is a member of the Kerr-Tar RPO shall determine the elected official to represent the Person County municipality on the Kerr-Tar Rural Transportation Advisory Committee.
- One County Commissioner representing Vance County. One municipal elected official representing the municipalities within Vance County. The Mayors of the municipalities within Vance County that are

members of the Kerr-Tar RPO, shall meet jointly to determine the elected official to represent the Vance County municipalities on the Kerr-Tar Transportation Advisory Committee. A majority vote of the Mayors shall determine the municipal representative.

- One County Commissioner representing Warren County. One municipal elected official representing the municipalities within Warren County. The Mayors of the municipalities within Warren County that are members of the Kerr-Tar RPO shall meet jointly to determine the elected official to represent the Warren County municipalities on the Kerr-Tar Transportation Advisory Committee. A majority vote of the Mayors shall determine the municipal representative.
- The North Carolina Board of Transportation member representing the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 5.

Section 2-Term of Membership

Term of office for all seats on the TAC is four years. Re-appointment is possible. To facilitate staggered terms and thereby promote continuity, the initial appointments from Franklin County and Warren County to the TAC shall be for one (1) year. All subsequent appointments shall be for four (4) years. Representatives from Vance, Granville and Person Counties shall be reappointed in odd-number years; representatives from Franklin and Warren Counties shall be reappointed in even-number years

Section 3 – Alternates

Each member may appoint an alternate to its representative as reflected in the membership roster. That alternate may serve as a full voting member during any meeting where that board's primary representative is not in attendance. Absentee voting will not be permitted.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

Section 1-Officers Defined

The officers of the TAC shall consist of a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman serving annual terms, but limited to two (2) consecutive terms. The Kerr-Tar COG Transportation Planner, as staff to the Kerr-Tar RPO, shall act as Secretary to the TAC.

Section 2-Duties of Officers

2.1 The Chairman shall call meetings of the TAC to order, and shall act as presiding officer of such meetings. The Chairman shall see that all orders and action items, including amendments, are carried into effect. The Chairman will:

- Sign all official documents of the TAC.
- Preside at all meetings of the TAC.
- Decide all points of order or procedure.
- Transmit all recommendations of the TAC to NCDOT.
- With assistance from the Kerr-Tar COG Transportation Planner, draft the meeting agendas and make said available to the TAC members in a timely manner.

2.2 The Vice-Chairman shall conduct the duties of the Chairman in the event of the Chairman's absence.

2.3 The administrative coordination for the TAC shall be performed by the Kerr-Tar COG Transportation Planner, as staff for the Kerr-Tar RPO. The Kerr-Tar RPO Transportation Planner shall:

- Keep minutes of the TAC meetings in proper form for the approval of the TAC at its next regular meeting.
- Mail notices of regular meetings of the TAC, with a copy of the agenda, in accordance with Article V of these rules.
- Give notice of special meetings called in accordance with North Carolina Open Meeting Law.
- Maintain all files, records, and correspondence of the TAC.

2.4 Should neither the Chairman nor Vice-Chairman be able to preside at a meeting, the TAC shall appoint a Chairman Pro-Temp for that meeting nor until such time as the Chairman or Vice-Chairman can resume their responsibilities.

ARTICLE V-MEETINGS

Section 1-Regular Meetings

The TAC shall meet when it is deemed necessary, appropriate, and advisable. The TAC shall meet on an as needed (on-call) basis as determined by the Chairman of the TAC and at a time to be determined by the Chairman of the TAC. Meeting notice and agenda are to be mailed no later than seven (7) days prior to a determined TAC meeting date. In the event of public health declaration or other disaster declaration by the State of North Carolina or the Federal Government, the TAC shall meeting via conference call or other virtual method (e.g. Zoom, GoToWebinar).

Section 2-Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman, or at the request of three (3) eligible voting members of the TAC petitioning the Chairman. Notice of special meetings shall be given in accordance with Open Meeting Laws of the North Carolina General Statues.

Section 3-Workshops

The TAC may choose to hold workshops from time to time. Notification of all workshops shall be mailed to TAC members in the same manner as regular meetings of the TAC.

Section 4-Attendance

TAC member are expected to attend each regular meeting and each special meeting of the TAC in person. If a TAC member is unable to attend a meeting, either in person or via conference call or other virtual method, notice should be given by the member to be absent, to the Kerr-Tar RPO Transportation Planner. TAC members are allowed to designate an alternate to attend meetings in their absence, providing such alternate member meets the same membership requirements as the absent member. Should a member fail to attend, or make arrangements for an alternate to attend, two (2) or more meetings in any one (1) fiscal year period (July to June), the TAC Chairman shall contact said member to discuss consideration of a replacement member for that unit of government or organization.

Section 5-Quorum

A simple majority of eligible voting members or their alternates shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not established, the meeting shall be rescheduled. All business (action and no action items) will not be discussed until a quorum is established at the meeting.

Section 6 -- Agenda

The agenda is a list of considerations for discussion at a meeting. Any member of the TAC can place items on the agenda prior to its distribution, by notifying the TAC Chairman and/or the Kerr-Tar RPO Transportation Planner.

Additional items may be placed on the regular agenda at the beginning of the TAC meeting on the date of the meeting, if approved by a majority vote of the present and eligible voting members.

Section 7-Voting Procedures:

The Chairman may call for a vote on any issue, provided that it is seconded and within the purposes set forth in Article II and provided the issue is on the agenda as outlined in Section 6 of this article. Each voting member of the TAC shall have one (1) vote. A majority vote of the members (or their authorized alternates) present in person or attending via conference call or other virtual method, and eligible to vote, shall be sufficient for approval of matters coming before the TAC.

The Chairman is permitted to vote. In the event of a tie, where the Chairman has already voted, the Chairman cannot vote again to break the tie and the motion does not pass. Abstentions on issues requiring a vote is permitted, provided members desiring to abstain obtain approval by the TAC for said abstention by a majority vote of the TAC members present. Any member present and not voting shall be recorded as a positive vote on the motion. In the absence of any direction from these Bylaws or other duly adopted voting procedures pursuant to certain approval actions, Robert’s Rules of Order will designate procedures governing voting.

ARTICLE VI-AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Amendments to these Bylaws shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the TAC’s eligible voting members, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been mailed seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered and provided that such amendment does not conflict with the letter or fundamental intent of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Kerr-Tar RPO, which is the governing document for these By-Laws. In the event of any conflict, the MOU shall carry precedence over these By-Laws.

The Kerr-Tar RPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) approved these By-Laws on the 21st day of May 2002.

Amendments to these Bylaws were approved on the 28th day of January, 2008.

Amendments to these Bylaws were approved on the 30th day of July, 2020.

Sidney Dunston
Chairman
Kerr-Tar RPO TAC

ATTEST:

Stephanie Harmon
Secretary
Kerr-Tar RPO TAC