



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Citizen Advisory Committee July 22, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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Members in attendance:

Howard Capps
Eric Coffey
Scott Cromartie
Al Freimark
Howard Loving, Co-chair
Paul Martinez
John Melia
Donald Sellers
Steven Stanton
Stuart Smith
Ryan Rhodenhiser
Mike Roberts, Co-chair
Stuart Smith

Members not in attendance:

William Ballard

Others in attendance:

Joshuah Mello, WMPO Staff
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Staff

- 1. Review minutes from June 17 meeting:** Moved by Al. Seconded by John. Adopted.
- 2. Discuss write-in comments from survey:**
 - John: People are not satisfied with the transit system. Most took survey seriously. Strong focus on pedestrian facilities and sidewalks. No great cry for new roads.
 - Stuart: Most answers were pretty obvious. Strong interest in transit. Additional growth will increase demand for alternative transportation modes.
 - Howard L.: We need to look toward the future and use modeling to be most effective. The transit comments were very well thought-out (i.e. why do buses run in loops?)
 - Eric: We need to look at bus pull-outs.
 - Steve: And bus service to the airport.
 - Scott: Population increase will lead to a change in choice of transportation mode.
 - Stuart: Alternative modes must be integrated into new development in order to work.
 - Howard C.: Committee should review article in *Planning* magazine regarding zoning in Germany. It is very comprehensive and linked directly to transportation.

3. **Discuss survey data:** Joshua presented the survey data broken down by ZIP code. The commuting patterns were discussed. The data shows that a large number of people commute from the far reaches of the metropolitan area to jobs within Wilmington. Most jobs are concentrated in ZIP codes 28401, 20403 and 28405.
4. **Develop project evaluation criteria:** Joshua presented project evaluation criteria from several MPOs including Fredericksburg and Richmond, VA as well as Laredo, TX. The committee then brainstormed potential highway project evaluation criteria for use in the *Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan*. These criteria included:

Safe:

- access management improvements (reduces driveways and uncontrolled intersections, provides interconnectivity, etc.)
- reduces number of crashes
- reduces severity of crashes
- includes pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements
- improves ease of use/navigability

Efficient:

- provides park and ride facilities for carpooling and transit use
- moves more people per vehicle/per travel lane
- reduces freight delay
- maximizes throughput of existing roadway
- reduces average travel time
- maximizes number of people served per tax dollar

Appropriate:

- minimizes number of homes and businesses impacted
- number of people served per amount of new right-of-way required
- limits noise impacts on existing neighborhoods
- fits character of existing community
- incorporates aesthetic amenities (landscaping, decorative elements, etc.)

Responsible:

- incorporates existing roadways and rights-of-way
- minimizes environmental impacts
- minimizes community impacts
- demonstrates community support
- positive cost/benefit analysis

Integrated:

- concurrent with local land use plans
- concurrent with NC Transportation Plan and Strategic Highway Corridor Plan
- concurrent with future infrastructure investments (schools, utilities, ports, etc.)

Multi-modal:

- includes bicycle facilities
- includes pedestrian facilities
- includes transit facilities
- increases mode choice for trips
- improves convenience of alternative modes

5. **Next meeting:** August 19, 2009 at 4:00pm.