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Citizen Advisory Committee (D/B/A Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Committee) August 18, 2010 Minutes

Members in attendance:

Howard Capps
Eric Coffey
Scott Cromartie
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Howard Loving, Co-chair
John Melia
Steve Stanton
Stuart Smith
Ryan Rhodenhiser
Mike Roberts, Co-chair
Donald Sellers

Members not in attendance:

Dorsey Jones
Paul Martinez

Others in attendance:

Than Austin, Martin Alexiou Bryson
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Staff
Bill McDow, WMPO Staff
Joshuah Mello, WMPO Staff

The committee discussed the comments received on the draft plan and developed recommended actions for each comment that was not already resolved by the WMPO staff. All resolutions will be incorporated into the final plan in the Public Involvement Appendix.

Content of Plan Comments

Committee discussed comment by Mike Kozlosky asking if we could outline the specific projects on page 10 of appendix 7. The committee decided to add the number of projects. Mr. Kozlosky also asked if the committee give consideration to expanding the completion of projects out past two years on page 6 of appendix 4. The committee decided to expand the horizon to 5 years. Mr. Kozlosky suggested asking the consultants to draft a draft-purpose and need statement for each funded roadway project. The committee decided that this was beyond the scope of the consultant contract.

Committee discussed comment by Shane York in reference to the environmental justice (EJ) requirements. He asked where in the plan we show 1) how disadvantaged population are engaged in the plans participation other than a general statement of a combined 3200 Spanish and English speakers responded to the transportation survey; 2) how decisions-makers consider the location of disadvantaged communities when making transportation decisions which impact those communities. The committee agreed to include the information and will reference aspects of the planning process that already accounted for EJ concerns (i.e. points to bicycle projects in low automobile ownership communities, the roadway projects evaluation criteria and transit accessibility of meeting locations).

Committee discussed comment by Walter Futch that Figures 5 and 11 are the only scenarios that change the level of service on US 17-74-76-NC 133 to LOS D or better. The committee recognized that Figures 5 and 11 are incorrect in the draft plan and the new maps from NCDOT will be included in the final plan.

Committee discussed comment by Stephanie Ayers regarding the need for improvements in and around Shipyard Boulevard and Carolina Beach Road. She also asked if the road realignment at Shipyard Blvd and River Road would address safety issues. The committee decided to add language regarding collaboration with the NC State Ports Authority when developing roadway projects Q10 and Q14.

Mass Transportation Comments

Committee discussed comments from Don Betz and agreed to coordinate further with the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority. Howard Capps and Mike Kozlosky agreed to meet with authority members and staff to address concerns.

Committee discussed comment by Anthony Pursley requesting benches or shelters at most bus stops. The committee decided to address that in the policy section of the plan.

Committee discussed comment by Howard Capps suggesting that the transit infrastructure should include express lanes or HOV lanes on the Cape Fear Skyway. The committee discussed and decided to include in a new *Cape Fear Skyway* section of the Roadway Appendix.

Committee discussed comment by Richard Reid suggesting an increase in the frequency of bus service and a decrease in the intervals between buses to 15 to 20 minutes. The committee noted that several people made similar requests. The committee decided that the recommended bus rapid transit routes will satisfy this need, as they are proposed to operate at very frequent headways.

Committee agreed to reconvene in one week to continue discussion.