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### Citizen Advisory Committee (D/B/A Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Committee) August 26, 2010 Minutes

#### Members in attendance:

Howard Capps  
Eric Coffey  
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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:

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.

#### Pedestrian Comments

Committee discussed comment by Tom Beckingham with a desire to see paved shoulders and multi-use paths on Country Club Road in Pender County. The committee decided to leave the plan as is, as this project was not identified in time for evaluation in the bicycle or pedestrian projects matrix. However, the committee agreed to address in policies if possible.

#### Roadway Comments

After discussion of several comments, the committee agreed to add a new Cape Fear Skyway section to the Roadway Appendix, which will include:

- bicycle and pedestrian facilities

- potential HOT lanes (variable toll)
- a complete transportation system

Committee discussed comment by Charles Wilson suggesting improved landscaping on corner of US 17 and NC 210. The committee determined that could be addressed by roadway project W19 and the upcoming corridor study.

Committee discussed comment by James Smith that the intersection at Blackwell Road and NC 133 should be altered. The committee agreed that it should be relocated further south, but elected not to fund project in plan.

The committee had several comments involving negative impacts of roadway project C105 on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street. Some citizens who commented voiced opposition to the project based on negative impacts to the neighborhood. The committee decided to leave the project in the plan and discussed the need for a small area plan to address impacts to the area and recommend land uses that may be more appropriate if the project is constructed.

Committee discussed comment by Stan Isaksen regarding plans to connect Westport Drive in Brunswick County through to US 17. The committee supported the connection but elected not to fund it through the plan.

Committee discussed comment by Walter Futch suggesting a roundabout for the Dawson Street and Wooster Street entrance to the City of Wilmington. The committee discussed traffic volumes at the intersections and the feasibility of such a solution. A similar solution was analyzed by the committee as part of roadway project C100 and was deemed infeasible. Futch also suggested construction of a tunnel under the river. The committee agreed that a tunnel would likely be studied as part of the environmental review process for any additional Cape Fear River crossing.