

**Minutes of the Wilmington Urban Area  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Date: May 22, 2003**

**Members Present:**

Lanny Wilson, Board of Transportation Member  
Jane Gilbert, Council Member, Leland  
Bill Sue, Brunswick County Commissioner  
Gary Doetsch, Town of Carolina Beach  
Eulis Willis, Mayor, Town of Navassa

**Staff Present:**

Mark Tinkler, Senior Transportation Planner, Wilmington MPO  
Jonathan David, Associate Transportation Planner, Wilmington MPO  
Lawless Bean, TDM Coordinator

**Citizen Advisory Committee Members Present**

Harold King, Co-Chair, CAC

**TCC Members Present**

Penny Tysinger, Cape Fear COG

**1. Call to Order:**

Vice Chairman Bill Sue called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

**3. Old Business: (moved forward)**

**a. Mayor Peterson commending Mr. Foy's donation on behalf of the TAC:**

Mr. Tinkler asked Mr. Wilson if he would like to tell the members about the reception honoring Mr. Foy on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wilson said Mayor Peterson attended the event to honor Mr. Foy and that he had written a letter of commendation on behalf of the TAC. Mr. Wilson told members it was a very nice reception. The Governor recognized Mr. Foy's gift and the role it played in solving the storm water retention problem in the Foy Creek area. Mr. Foy had donated the land for the project which was valued in excess of \$160,000. The Governor recognized the importance of this contribution and present him with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine

**4. Public Comment Period:**

No one was present that wished to address the TAC Committee.

**5. Report from Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC):**

Mr. Harold King, Co-Chair, presented a report regarding the CAC meeting on Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. King reported that they had seven members present at the meeting. Mr. King distributed copies of the meeting minutes to TAC members. The main topic at the meeting was the discussion of the transportation issues from each representative on the CAC. Mr. King included copies of each member's list of concerns for review by the TAC. He also told members that traffic safety is also a topic of great concern. He presented a letter addressed to the members of the TAC expression the CAC's concern over New Hanover County being designated as number one in

automobile accidents in the State of NC. The letter requests the TAC to spearhead a move to establish a regional task force to undertake a reduction in automobile accidents.

**7. 2004-2010 TIP Approval (Tabled due to expected announcements by the Governor)**

Mr. Wilson advised postponing the approval of the TIP. Efforts are currently underway to coordinate Governor Easley's scheduled visit and the announcement of expected additions to the TIP. Mr. Sue suggested waiting until the June meeting to approve the TIP after the Governor has made his announcements. No vote was taken at this time.

**8. Combined TAC/TCC Work Session for Transportation Summit:**

Mr. Tinkler reviewed progress being made in the planning the Transportation Summit. He reminded members to forward ideas/suggestions to him regarding the program. The consensus of the TAC/TCC members was for Mr. Tinkler to follow-up on the two leads for speakers for the 10:30 Community Visioning Session.

**MEETING NOTE:** Mayor Willis arrived at 5:17 for the meeting, creating a quorum.

**2. Approval Of Minutes:**

No corrections were noted for the minutes from the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Doetsch made the motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Gilbert seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Approval of TAC Bylaws amendments regarding a quorum:**

Mr. Doetsch made the motion to approve the amendment to the TAC Bylaws and Mr. Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. With no discussion regarding the amendment, it passed unanimously.

**7. 2004-2010 TIP Approval:**

After the earlier discussion, Mr. Sue called for a motion to table the 2004-2010 TIP until after the scheduled announcements by Governor Easley. Ms. Gilbert made the motion and Mr. Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup> it. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**9. TCC recommended letter in support of pedestrian and bicycle facilities:**

Mr. Tinkler distributed copies of the letter recommended by the TCC supporting the BOT Resolution regarding pedestrian and bicycle facilities as an essential part of the multimodal transportation infrastructure. Mr. Tinkler asked members for direction in regard to the letter. Mr. Sue asked what was the pleasure of the Board. Mr. Doetsch made the motion to send the letter to Secretary Tippett. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Mr. Tinkler further clarified the intent of the letter is to support a resolution that the BOT has already passed. After no further discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1 with Mayor Willis voting no.

**10. Approval of CSX non-voting membership:**

Mayor Willis told members he is in the process of following up with Kyle Merlin, Operations Manager for CSX to see if they are interested in serving as a non-voting member of the TAC. Mr. Sue asked if Mayor Willis would like to put a motion on the floor to table this item until such time. Mayor Willis made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. Doetsch. The vote carried unanimously.

## **10. Project Updates:**

### **a. Regional Travel Surveys**

Mr. Tinkler told members the regional survey went extremely well. The consulting team was excellent. They were able to survey 800 vehicles at the Hwy 74-76 site the last survey day. Everything went real well and everyone was very happy. Mr. Sue said everything appeared to be very organized when he went by one site. Mr. Tinkler said the preliminary data results should be ready by the end of June and the final report shortly thereafter.

Ms. Gilbert asked about the Household Travel Survey. Mr. Tinkler said the last travel day is today. The results should be available soon. Mr. Sue asked how long the results are viable. Mr. Tinkler told him the time period should be 20 years unless something drastically changes in the area such as travel pattern and conditions. Mr. Sue asked what was the final cost for the surveys. Mr. Tinkler told him the total cost for both surveys was \$283,000.

### **b. Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center:**

Mr. Tinkler told members the project has been delayed to incorporate the 3<sup>rd</sup> site with the initial recommendations for the convention center task force. They did not want to jump ahead of that. They expect to have the final scope and fee to get the project started in July.

## **12. New Business:**

Mr. Wilson invited anyone interested in participating to attend the meeting June 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 regarding Military Cutoff in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the existing traffic problems and try to come up with possible suggestions on how to deal with the congestion until the road is widened.

Mr. Sue and Mr. Doetsch brought up the topic of start time for meetings. The representatives from Carolina Beach and Wrightsville Beach have conflicting council meetings beginning at 6:00. Mr. Sue suggested moving the TAC meetings to 4:00pm because he felt it would be more convenient for these members. All members agreed and Mr. Sue asked Mr. Tinkler to send out a notice prior to the next meeting advising members of the new start time.

Mr. Wilson told members he wanted to mention that a committee was being formed to establish a travel/visitor center/rest area near the I- 40 intersection with I-140. A meeting was held last week when Secretary Tippet was down with area representatives. They are trying to move forward with the idea. Mr. Wilson said if someone is interested in joining that group, the meeting will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. A location has not yet been established but he will be back in touch as soon as details are finalized.

Mr. Tinkler invited all members to the ribbon cutting for the new WTA bus fleet that is being held in conjunction with the NC Public Transportation Association Conference being held at 4:30 on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Hilton.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Sue reminded members that the next meeting will be held June 26, 2003 at 4:00.

With there being no further business, Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn and Ms. Gilbert seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Tinkler  
TAC Secretary

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