

Meeting Minutes

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee

Date: June 28, 2006

Members Present:

Lanny Wilson, Chairman, NC Board of Transportation
Catherine Brunjes, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Mac Montgomery, Town of Kure Beach
Alan Gilbert, Town of Carolina Beach
Bill Saffo, City of Wilmington
Tommy Wallace, Commissioner, Town of Leland
Eulis Willis, Town of Navassa
Bill Sue, Brunswick County
Bill Kopp, New Hanover County

Staff Present:

Mike Kozlosky, Senior Planner
Joshuah Mello, Associate Planner
Aruna Reddi, Associate Planner
Lawless Bean, TDM Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes for the May 16th and 24th Meeting

Mr. Sue made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 16th meeting and Mr. Willis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sue made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 24th meeting and Mr. Willis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

Mr. Wilson asked if anyone would like to make any comments.

The following citizens spoke regarding the proposed route for the Cape Fear Skyway Project and how the project will adversely affect their homes and property values.

Joyce and Graham Swift
Brian Kuebler
Terry Obrock
Wayne and Judy Huffman
Steven Zarro

Gregory Gennavo
Tom Mayer
Karen Brown
Michael Wahoff
Mike and Suzanne Szackibwicz

Mr. Wilson assured the group that their concerns will be reviewed at a future meeting. He will keep them advised on the date and location for that meeting.

4. Old Business

There were no items of old business.

5. New Business

a. East Coast Greenway – NC Coastal Corridor Alternate Route

Mr. Mello told members this is a companion route to the East Coast Greenway. The National Greenway Committee has also designated a NC Coastal Corridor. The TCC is recommends supporting a resolution authorizing seeking the designation of the River to Sea Bikeway and the new Military Cutoff Road multiuse path along with the spur down to Wrightsville Beach as the NC Coastal Corridor segment. The City of Jacksonville is also seeking designation of their 5.2 mile Rails to Trails as a NC Coastal Corridor. This project will help link with our corridor along US 17 in the future. With no further discussion, Mr. Sue made the motion to support the designation of the River to Sea Bikeway and new Military Cutoff Road multiuse path as the East Coast Greenway NC Coastal Corridor. Ms. Padgett seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

b. Eat Smart, Move More Initiative

Mr. Kozlosky told members that Representative Lucy Allen has introduced legislation to help encourage physical activity. House Bill 2301 will provide \$3 million in additional state funding for local grants to support active living and walkable communities in North Carolina. Mr. Gilbert made the motion to support the resolution and Ms. Padgett seconded it. The vote carried unanimously.

6. Project Updates

a. Expansion of MPO Planning Area Boundary

Mr. Kozlosky told members that all local jurisdictions have signed off on the Memorandum of Understanding. It has been forwarded to the Department of Transportation for the Board of Transportation approval.

b. Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center

Mr. Kozlosky told members the MPO staff has been working with Department of Transportation, the Public Transportation Division and the Rail Division to proceed with filing of the Transportation Official Corridor Map for the multi-modal facility. Mr. Kozlosky said this will be the first map ever filed for this type of facility in North Carolina. Staff is working with the State Attorney General's Office and Department of Transportation. Mr. Wilson told members the appraisal process has started for the hardship cases where people are being adversely affected. The public hearing has been scheduled for July 25th at 7pm in the Wilmington City Council Chambers.

c. Wilmington Transportation Model Development

Mr. Kozlosky reviewed the schedule for the development of the Transportation Model. A spreadsheet was distributed that outlines the steps being undertaken as well as future model development. Staff will be meeting with Martin/Alexiou/Bryson next week. Base year information is being checked and they will begin projecting the future social and economic data in the upcoming weeks. The Base Year Data will be available to the Turnpike Authority in November and the entire project is scheduled for completion in March of 2007. Mr. Kozlosky told members the Department of Transportation is managing this project and the MPO staff is assisting with data collection.

d. US 17 Corridor Study

Mr. Kozlosky told members the steering committee met and discussed the installation of possible road diet measures on Market Street between Covil Avenue and 16th and 17th Streets. They also looked at reverting 16th and 17th Streets back to two-way traffic. After the consultant reviewed the information, they determined that the two-way traffic conversion will not work due

to delays and the intersection configurations at Dawson and Wooster Streets. They are in the process of setting up a public hearing on the road diet measures. The next step will be to look at the preliminary functional design for the corridor.

d. NCDOT Project Updates
(attached)

Mr. Wilson told member the I-140 Bypass will be opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 30th at 9:00 AM at the interchange at I-40 and I-140. Mr. Doug Gallion, the Chairman of the Board of Transportation will be attending the ribbon cutting.

7. Announcements

a. The Interstate is 50 Celebration- June 29, 2006 @ 10 AM

b. Regionalization of Public Transportation workshop- July 18th

c. Safe Routes to School Presentation- August 30, 2006

8. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:14

Respectfully submitted

Mike Kozlosky
Senior Transportation Planner
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June 8, 2006

Subject: Projects Update

1. **MLK Pkwy:**U-0092 A, awaiting signal mast arms (6 weeks until delivery) before completing signal work and opening the second left turn lane onto the bridge from downtown.
 2. **US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2405 A Scheduled Comp. **Date 6-29-2006**
Prime-Barnhill (US 17, near Scotts Hill to I-40)
Same contractor will construct "Super-Street" work.
Construction time has not been set, but the work could last up to a Year, w/ R/W and utilities relocation.
 - US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2633 CC **Open to traffic**
Prime-APAC/Atlantic (I-40 Interchange)
 - US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2633 CB **Open to traffic**
Prime-C.M. Lindsay (from US 117 to NC 132)
 - US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2633 CA **Comp. June/July 2006**
Prime-GLF (Big Bridge portion)
 - US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2633 B Brunswick County
(From US 421 to US 74/76)
In the Planning/Design stage
 - US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2633 A Brunswick County
(From US 74/76 to US 17)
In the Planning stage, alignment has been selected.
- Signing:** Division and Raleigh Signing are revisiting the signing for the Parkway and the Bypass. Authorization for funding has been approved. Sign structures are in design and we have ordered the signs. We will let a SBE contract this summer.
3. **Military Cutoff (U-2734)**, constructing a multi-lane facility from US 17 (Market Street) to US 74 (Eastwood Drive). First phase of construction is the intersection of Military Cutoff & Market Street (US 17) & Gordon Road. The traffic has been shifted near Mayfaire Town Center to construct the other half of the culvert. The Contractor is on schedule.
Estimated Contract Completion Date May 2007
 4. **B-3496:** "Bradley Creek", replace Bridge #10 over Bradley Creek. **Open to Traffic**
Estimated Contract Completion Date May 15, 2006
 5. **U-4702 A:** construct a concrete median island from SR 2649 (Martin Luther King Parkway) to SR 1272 (New Center Drive). Contract has been awarded to Kinston Contractors. **Estimated Contract Completion Date June 2006**
 6. **SR 1272 (New Center Drive): widening** the roadway to 5-lanes. **Estimated completion date July 2006**

7. Bridge Painting Contract: removing the existing lead base paint and painting structures #7, #43 and #96, in Brunswick County. Bridge #7 is the fly-over near the Memorial Bridge and has an intermediate completion date of May 26, 2006 (only nighttime lane closures will be utilized). **This work is complete.** Bridge #43 is the over pass on US 74/76, just after the US 17/74/76 split and does not have an interchange. Work has begun. Bridge #96 is the fly-over for US 17 southbound at the US 17/74/76 split. **Estimated completion date August 18, 2006**

NCMA:

1st year NCMA Brunswick County:

- **SR 1130 (Mt. Pisgah Rd) & NC 904** These are widening and resurfacing projects. **Work complete**
- **NC 211** We will be widening & resurfacing NC 211 from the entrance of St. James to NC 133 (Doscher Cutoff). The portion of the project from the Doscher Cutoff to NC 133 (Long Beach Road), will be completed by May 15, 2006. *(The contractor is now allowed to accomplish this work during daylight hours. The only time restriction is from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM).* The work will consist of connecting the existing 3-lane sections by widening and resurfacing the roadway. **This work is complete, except the pavement marking.** The portion of the project from NC 133 (Long Beach Road) to the Entrance of the Town of St. James, **estimated completion date November 15, 2006.** The work will consist of resurfacing and some widening at the intersection with the entrance to St. James. The current approximate cost of the project is \$3,300,000.00.
- **NC 130** there will be left turn lanes install at four locations; **Seashore Road, Boones Neck Road, Oxpen Road & Sabbath Home Road.** Included with this contract are two roads in Shallotte, **Bridges Street (SR 1349) and Sellars Street (SR 1234).** We will be resurfacing widening and resurfacing Bridges Street. We will be resurfacing Sellars Street. Currently, under construction. **Work complete**

2nd year NCMA Brunswick County:

- **NC 87** from Boiling Springs Lakes southern city limits to NC 133, we will be resurfacing. The availability date is January 5, 2005 and the completion date is November 1, 2005. The Contractor will not be allowed to work from May 27th to September 5th. **Work complete**
- **SR 1303 (Hickman Road)** from South Carolina State Line to US 17, widen 2' each side and resurface. There will be turn lanes placed at four locations; Indigo Farms, Hickman's Crossroads, Shingletree Road and Crow Creek. Letting is November 2004. The availability date is January 5, 2005 and the completion date is November 1, 2005. **Work complete**

2nd year NCMA Pender County:

- **NC 210** from US 17 to NC 50 (going to the beach) will be widen and resurfaced. Pipe replacement work has been completed. **Work is complete**
- **NC 133** from US 117 to NC 210 will be widen and resurfaced. State forces to place pipe in the lateral ditch at certain areas. Pipe replacement work has been completed. Project has been let and the availability date is February 7, 2005. Under construction
- **US 421** from NC 210 to Sampson County Line, resurface. Project has been let and the availability date is February 7, 2005. Under construction

1st year NCMA New Hanover County:

- **SR 1322 (Murraysville Rd) & SR 1402 (Edgewater Rd)** are in the December letting. These are widening and resurfacing projects. Project has been let and the availability date is February 7, 2005. **Work complete**

County Resurfacing Projects:

Brunswick County:

- **US 17** the Shallotte Bypass and ramps. The Contractor will not be allowed to work on the weekends. The Contractor is limited to night work from Monday to Thursday. The availability date is January 5, 2005 and the completion date is November 1, 2005. **Work complete**
- **NC 133** from SR 1190 to Oak Island Bridge and from Oak Island Bridge to 0.1 mile south of NC 211. The Contractor will not be allowed to work from May 27th to September 5th. The availability date is January 5, 2005 and the completion date is November 1, 2005. **Work complete**
- Turn lanes at four locations; SR 1210 (**Old Bridge Road**), SR 1101 (**Fish Factory Road**), SR 1217 (**Sea Pines Road**) and **Faith Boulevard**. The grading and asphalt widening work is complete and the resurfacing of NC 133 will cover this widening. **Work complete**
- **NC 133 Doshier Cutoff Road**, patch and resurface from NC 87 to NC 211. **Patching complete**, resurfacing to be complete summer 2006.

Pender County:

- **NC 210** from SR 1101 (Point Caswell Road) to US 421. Contractor will begin work in 2006.
- **NC 50 (South Topsail Drive)** from Roland Drive (City Street) to South Shore Drive (City Street). **Work complete**

US 17 Super Street Project (Leland): Work has begun; signal poles, drainage and grading. The contractor is on schedule to have temporary signals by Memorial Day. There will be days when the traffic is reduced to a single lane. The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph. Contractor has estimated that traffic will be in the final alignment soon after the Memorial Day weekend. **Estimated completion date is June 2006**

Upcoming resurfacing for New Hanover County:

NC 132 College Road from SR 1318 (Blue Clay Road) to the beginning of the divided highway. Letting summer 2006

Upcoming resurfacing for Brunswick County:

SR 1342 (Big Macedonia Road) patching and resurfacing from NC 211 to SR 1343 (Little Macedonia Road). Letting summer 2006