

**Wilmington Urban Area  
Technical Coordinating Committee  
Meeting Notes for April 14, 2004 (Revised)**

**Members Present:**

Michael Ballard, Town of Navassa  
Loretta Barren, FHWA  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County Planning  
Tom Cunningham, Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce  
Jonathan David, City of Wilmington  
Tracie Davis, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
Albert Eby, Wave Transit  
Dexter Hayes, New Hanover County  
Cameron Moore, Town of Leland  
Cris Mowrey, NC State Ports  
Jonathan Parker, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Mark Tinkler, City of Wilmington  
Penny Tysinger, Cape Fear Council of Governments  
Julie Wilsey, Wilmington Airport

**Special Guest:**

Dr. Tommy Hammer, PhD

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Tinkler called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

**2. Approval of Minutes from 3/10/04**

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Parker. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Old Business**

**a. TAC meeting 3/24/04**

Mr. Tinkler updated members on last TAC Meeting.

The Thoroughfare Plan Amendment to add Magnolia Street in Navassa as an Minor Thoroughfare was approved by the TAC. The TAC approved the designation of Old Mill Road as an Urban Collector on the Federal-Aid Functional Classification system. They also approved the TIP amendment to add the Transit Facility to the PWP and they passed a resolution to support making the entire intrastate system Trust Fund eligible.

**4. Recommend 2004-2005 PWP to TAC for adoption**

Mr. Tinkler told members this is the last chance to comment/modify the PWP for next fiscal year. The TAC did see the draft and there was some discussion. There was unanimous agreement on the consultant studies. There was discussion on the staff budget and the possibility of another staff member. After subsequent discussion, there is no opposition to it. Essentially the emphasis of the work program is the same, to get the long-range transportation plan done as quickly as we can.

Mr. Tinkler told members that he had conversations with Mr. Wilson and Ms. Padgett regarding the probable lapse in the long-range transportation plan till the end of December. The Transportation Planning Branch had identified one minor bridge replacement that might be affected, so it should not cause serious problems.

Mr. Mowrey made the motion to recommend approving the Planning Work Program and Mr. Eby seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Endorsement of Town of Leland application for NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant**

Mr. Tinkler asked Mr. Moore if he would like to describe the project to members.

Mr. Moore told members they are in the process of applying for this grant money. They have already sent in the application and are requesting letters of support. The next step is to try to get the MPO endorsement. He will have the documentation ready for presentation for the next meeting. The application is for \$20,000 - \$16 thousand from the state and \$4 thousand match.

**6. Presentation – Dr. Tommy Hammer – Regional Growth Forecasts for the four-county greater Wilmington area (Dr. Tommy Hammer)**

Mr. Tinkler introduced Dr. Tommy Hammer who subsequently made a presentation on his analysis and results of the Regional Growth Forecasting project he had just completed under contract to the MPO.

After the presentation, Dr. Hammer answered questions from TCC members.

**NOTE** (If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of Dr. Hammer's entire 40-minute presentation, please call Penny Bray at 341-3258 for a copy of the tape.)

**7. Developing TAZ-level future land use from regional growth forecasts (Tinkler)**

Mr. Tinkler stated that with Dr. Hammer's report and the existing residential and employment figures allocated by TAZ, they should have all the different pieces of the puzzle ready to conduct the exercise of allocating the forecasts by TAZ. Mr. Tinkler said they will be scheduling meetings with each of the member agencies in order to complete this.

**8. Presentation – NCDOT proposed Long Range Transportation Plan format (Parker)**

Mr. Tinkler turned the floor over to Mr. Parker. Mr. Parker distributed a copy of the ~~Long Range~~ Comprehensive Transportation Plan format example for the City of Locust, NC. He told members it is the sample Comprehensive Transportation Plan format that will be replacing the Thoroughfare Plan format. It gives a better overview of all modes of transportation. There will be a few minor changes to this draft, but this format illustrates more flexibility. Mr. Parker pointed out the additional sheets that depict other modes of transportation. There will eventually be a pedestrian map but they are still working on the scope for it. Mr. Parker told everyone to please contact him with any suggestions for improvements.

**9. Project Updates**

Mr. Tinkler told members the official completion date for the Military Cutoff widening is October '06. The contract has not yet been awarded.

**10. 2004 NCAMPO Conference Planning update**

The board is fine with the conference plans thus far. Mr. Tinkler said he is trying to get session suggestions together. Mr. Tinkler told members he would like to give credit to Don Eggert for pushing to start early. Thanks to him, logistics got finalized early and now the main concern is finalizing program topics.

**11. New Business**

There were no topics for new Business

**12. Announcements**

Mr. Tinkler told members there is going to be a NCDOT Enhancement Program Teleconference on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at UNCW at 1:30pm. He will email details as soon as he receives them.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 12, 2004, 10:00am. **NOTE: Meeting date later changed to May 25<sup>th</sup> to accommodate MPO endorsement of Enhancement Program applications.**

**13. Adjournment:**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:37am.