

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for May 11, 2005**

Members Present:

Lawless Bean, Cape Fear Breeze/City of Wilmington
Tom Cunningham, Chamber of Commerce
Albert Eby, WAVE Transit
Dexter Hayes, New Hanover County
Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington
Cameron Moore, Town of Leland
Melinda Powell, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT
Penny Tysinger, Cape Fear COG

1. Call to Order

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

2. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2005

Mr. Kozlosky called for any corrections or additions to the minutes.

Mr. Riddle said his name was not included on the members attending and asked that it be added. Mr. Moore noted that the adjournment time was incorrect for the meeting. With the changes noted, Mr. Cunningham made the motion to approve the April 13th meeting minutes. Mr. Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

a. 2006-2012 Draft TIP

Mr. Kozlosky told members he went to the public meeting in Jacksonville yesterday.

During that meeting, Mr. Kozlosky said he took the opportunity to publicly thank Mr. Lanny Wilson and Mr. Louis Sewell for all their hard work on behalf of Division 3. The Mayor of Wallace also took the opportunity to recommend that the railroad tracks be installed from Castle Hayne to Wallace to improve the mobility from the Ports to Raleigh and to the west.

The Board of Transportation will take action on this draft TIP in July. There is not much that will change between now and July but the residents of Charlotte and Raleigh are upset because they are losing money. The RPO identified about 3% in overall projects for this area and there was a significant decrease in the Raleigh and Charlotte areas. They are now pay back monies for the project lettings that occurred in '03 and '04 that were accelerated due to the environmental issues associated with our projects during that time.

b. NC 133 and US17 Area Collector Street Plan

Mr. Kozlosky told members the plan has been completed. The Towns of Leland and Belville, as well as the Brunswick County, have all adopted the plan. We now need to take the plan to the TAC for adoption.

Mr. Moore made the motion to forward the resolution to the TAC and Ms. Tysinger seconded it. With no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

4. Project Updates

a. College Road/Oleander Drive Study

Mr. Kozlosky told members Martin/Alexiou/Bryson made a presentation to the TAC at their last meeting. The presentation included traffic simulations through the intersection. The TAC voted to recommend the Quadrant Approach as the preferred option. That has now been forwarded on to Mr. Nathan Philips with NCDOT. There is funding in the Draft 2006-2012 TIP for the purchase of right-of-way and construction. Mr. Kozlosky said this project will likely be constructed by 2011.

b. Military Cut-off Extension

Mr. Kozlosky told members the City has hired the LPA Group and Arnold Carson to complete the Official Transportation Corridor Map and preliminary engineering for the interchanges at Market and I-40. The municipal agreement has been signed and a kick-off meeting was held. It looks like if the project goes as planned, the Official Transportation Corridor Map can be filed in August.

As part of the contract, DOT appropriated \$300,000 for the project. Based on the reduced scope, the project came in well under budget. Staff is exploring using the additional funds to purchase the right-of-way in that area where the lots are pending. Staff has sent a letter to the state requesting that the contract be modified "for the corridor preservation or any other actions resulting in preserving that corridor". That will broaden the scope so that DOT will be able to appropriate funding for right-of-way acquisition.

c. Leland Area Collector Street Plan

Mr. Kozlosky told members there was a kick-off meeting on April 28th with Kimley-Horn and Associates. They are working to collect data for the project which will fill in the gap between the Navassa Collector Street and the NC133/US17 Collector Street Plans. It is anticipated the project will be done in August.

Mr. Kozlosky asked if anyone had any projects they wished to update members on.

Mr. Eby said he would like to give an update on the JARC Grant request. Mr. Eby told members the new project is to be called the Columbus Connector. DOT has agreed to send the project to the CTAA for funding. They told DOT they will implement the project as soon as they have a contract. CFPTA hopes to get the project up and running by the end of this year. The City of Whiteville and Columbus County are very excited about the connector.

Mr. Kozlosky asked Mr. Riddle if he would update members on the DOT projects.

Mr. Riddle reviewed the list of projects.

5. New Business

a. Cape Fear Breeze Ride-matching Software

Ms. Bean told members the new Cape Fear Breeze ride-matching program is intended to provide and promote alternative transportation in southeastern North Carolina. This is actually part of a larger project that consists of the internet based ride matching software, which is a state-wide initiative. The second part of the project is a registration and incentive program for alternate mode commuters. The last component of the program is the employee benefits that some of the area employers are beginning to provide for their employees. They are starting with two pilot sites the City and Corning, to begin the database,. Ultimately, staff will begin to do a general public outreach which will include advertising to increase awareness. The website address can be found at www.capefearbreeze.com. Ms. Bean went on to give a power point presentation on the

information found when visiting the website and the registration process for participating in the program.

b. Local Planning Organization Partnership Procedures

Mr. Kozlosky told members the purpose of the partnership procedures is to advance projects in a timely manner and provide a smooth transition and flow of information. The procedures have been under development for about three years now. The merger team is typically made up of environmental agencies, DOT representatives, and someone representing the municipality or MPO/RPO region.

Mr. Kozlosky said DOT is requesting a resolution of endorsement from each of the MPOs and RPOs. Mr. Riddle moved the motion for approval of the resolution and Mr. Hayes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Announcements

- a. 2006-2012 Public Comment Meeting- May 10th in Jacksonville
- b. Bike to Work Week- May 9th -16th
- c. River to the Sea Ride- May 7th
- d. Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting- June 8th @ Northeast Library 5:30-7:30

Mr. Kozlosky told members he has two more announcements that were not on the list. The TAC will be prioritizing transportation projects at their June meeting, and so TCC members will need to be ready to make recommendations to the TAC.

Mr. Kozlosky told members he has copies of the Long Range Transportation Plan available in his office if anyone needs copies.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25.