

**Wilmington Urban Area  
Technical Coordinating Committee  
Meeting Notes for March 15, 2006**

**Members Present:**

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington, Chairman  
Lawless Bean, Cape Fear Breeze  
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington  
Tom Cunningham, Chamber of Commerce  
Albert Eby, Wave Transit  
Don Eggert, Cape Fear COG  
Yvonne Hatcher, Brunswick Transit  
Monica Kerr, NCDOT  
Cris Mowery, NC State Ports  
Lee Nichols, Town of Leland  
Chris O'Keefe, New Hanover County  
Melinda Powell, Town of Wrightsville Beach  
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT  
Jill Stark, Federal Highway Administration  
Ken Vafier, Pender County  
Julie Wilsey, Wilmington International Airport

**Staff Present:**

Joshuah Mello  
Aruna Reddi

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2006**

Ms. Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Presentation – NC Strategic Highway Corridors**

Mr. David Wasserman from NCDOT's Transportation Planning Branch gave a presentation on Strategic Highway Corridors.

**4. Old Business**

There were no items of old business.

**6. Projects Update (moved ahead)**

**a. Expansion of MPO Planning Area Boundary**

Mr. Kozlosky told members the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the 13<sup>th</sup> member appointed from the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority carried with six members voting in favor and Commissioner Kopp voting against the motion. Staff will be presenting on the new MOU to the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. All member jurisdictions must approve the document before it can be approved by the NC Board of Transportation.

**b. US 17 Corridor Study**

Mr. Kozlosky told members Ralph Whitehead and Associates and the City of Wilmington entered into a contract to complete the US 17 corridor study. The study will analyze the

potential of installing a median on Market Street while reducing the number of lanes in each direction from Colonial Drive through to 16<sup>th</sup> Street. It will also analyze the feasibility of converting 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Streets back to two-way traffic. It is anticipated that the final report will be completed by January 2007.

c. **NCDOT Project Update (Riddle)**

Mr. Riddle reviewed the project update. (attached)

5. **New Business**

a. **Adoption of Revised Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ)**

Mr. Kozlosky told members the transportation model is anticipated to be completed in November of this year. He showed members the maps identifying the proposed street network and Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ) for the model. As part of the development of this model, the revised zones and street network must be adopted. The design year of this model is 2035. Mr. Kozlosky told members he is requesting that this committee endorse these revised TAZs. This model will help transportation planners and traffic engineers to identify valid transportation projects and do time travel studies. The zones are based on census and land use data. Mr. Mowery made the motion to recommend approval and to forward the resolution to the TAC. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

b. **Delegation of Authority – Section 5303 Funds**

Mr. Eby made a motion that this item be tabled until further discussions can be held. Mr. Eggert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

c. **Section 5303 Funding share**

Mr. Eby made a motion that this item also be tabled. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

d. **NC Safe Routes to School Program**

Mr. Kozlosky told members Secretary Tippet appointed Terry Canales as the Statewide Coordinator for the Safe Routes to School Program. The monies appropriated for the program can be used to install sidewalks, street-crossing improvements, safety and ITS improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities within two miles of schools that are K-8. Staff is looking at potential projects for submittal. This program is 100% federally funded and projects will most likely have to be endorsed by the MPO. Mr. Eggert told members Ms. Canales will be making a presentation to the RPO meeting in July. Mr. Kozlosky said she has also been invited to attend the MPO and RPO conference in October. Mr. Kozlosky told members staff is requesting projects to be considered for this program.

e. **Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center**

Mr. Kozlosky told members over the past couple weeks, staff has received a preliminary site plan application for a proposed 15-unit development on two of the sites that were selected for the multi-modal center. Staff has been working with NCDOT and the State Attorney General's (AG) office to preserve the corridor. The AG's office is planning to file an Official Transportation Corridor Map for the 18 parcels which are identified as Site # 5 in the Wilmington Multi-modal Site Evaluation Report. Congressman McIntyre's office has an appropriation in the SAFETEA-LU transportation bill of \$836,000 for the Multi-modal Center and there is also a possibility that some of these funds may be used for right-of-way acquisition. It is anticipated that this map will be filed within the next 60 days. The map will preserve this area for a three-year period from the time the developer submits a building permit or subdivision plat. A letter has been drafted for the Mayor's signature requesting that the City

of Wilmington endorse the filing of the maps and that the City is in agreement to preserve the area for the Multi-modal Center.

**7. Announcements**

- a. Columbus Connector Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4pm
- b. Cape Fear Skyway Public Meeting- Codington Elementary April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm
- c. Cape Fear Skyway Public Meeting- Belville Elementary April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm

**8. Adjournment**

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07am.



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3/22/06

1. **MLK Pkwy:** U-0092 A  
**MLK Pkwy:** U-0092 B

**Open to traffic**  
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2. **US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2405 A Scheduled Comp. **Date 6-16-2006**  
Prime-Barnhill (US 17, near Scotts Hill to I-40)

**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. Spring 2006**  
Prime-GLF (Big Bridge portion)

**US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2633 B Brunswick County  
(From US 421 to US 74/76)

The plans are in the Planning Unit and are getting ready to move to Design.

**US 17 Wilmington Bypass:** R-2633 A Brunswick County  
(From US 74/76 to US 17)

We are in the Planning stage.

**Signing:** Division and Raleigh Signing are revisiting the signing for the Parkway and the Bypass.

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. "Allen Creek" (**B-3116**): completed the bridge replacement, but on the approaches the pavement is settling and cracking on the causeway. We will utilize the same detour route. Project was let on August 9, 2005, availability September 12, 2005.

**Open to Traffic**

5. **B-3496:** "Bradley Creek", replace Bridge #10 over Bradley Creek, by utilizing an off-site detour and closing the roadway. Open to Traffic within a week.

**Estimated Contract Completion Date May 15, 2006**

6. **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 March 2006**

**NCMA:**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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. *(This is a revision from the original contract. 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. The portion of the project from NC 133 (Long Beach Road) to the Entrance of the Town of St. James, will be completed by 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. **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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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. The widening is complete and the contractor is placing the overlays.
- **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. Contractor will begin work in 2006.
- **US 421** from NC 210 to Sampson County Line, resurface. Project has been let and the availability date is February 7, 2005. Contractor will begin work in 2006.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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**

**Pender County:**

- **NC 210** from the Bladen County line to US 421. Contractor will begin work in 2006.

**US 17 Super Street Project:** Meeting at Leland, Wednesday 22, 2006.