

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for April 12, 2006**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington, Chairman
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Albert Eby, Wave Transit
Monica Kerr, NCDOT
Chris O'Keefe, New Hanover County
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT
Penny Tysinger, Cape Fear COG
Julie Wilsey, Wilmington International Airport

Staff Present:

Joshuah Mello
Aruna Reddi

1. Call to Order

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:07am.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2006

Mr. Eby made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

There were no items of old business.

4. New Business

a. East Coast Greenway Designation

Mr. Mello told members the East Coast Greenway is an urban alternative to the Appalachian Trail. It is proposed to be an off-road facility stretching from Maine to Florida primarily for bicyclist and pedestrians. The NC route is proposed to enter from Virginia and travel down through Fayetteville, following the Cape Fear River down to Wilmington, and on to Myrtle Beach, SC through Brunswick County. Staff met with the Bicycle Advisory Committee and formalized the proposed route for the Wilmington urban area. Ms. Tysinger made the motion to recommend approval and to forward for adoption to the TAC. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Overnight Parking Facility in Belville

Mr. Kozlosky told members that a developer is proposing the use of new Federal Transportation funds in the SAFETEA-LU legislation for a truck stop and overnight parking facility. The developer is requesting a grant through the MPO and it be a private/public partnership. There is \$6.25 million appropriated annually in the legislation for 2006 through 2009 for these types of parking facilities. The developer is requesting that the TCC and TAC consider supporting his request by endorsing the grant application for \$750,000. The grant funds would not affect the equity formula because it is a competitive grant. The City of Wilmington, as a designated recipient for the MPO, has agreed to be the recipient on the project.

Ms. Tysinger told members because of a potential problem due to wetland issues and access to the facility, she suggested we table the item for now and invite the developer to attend the meeting and answer questions. Mr. Bennett agreed. Ms. Tysinger also suggested we get input from the NC Ports Authority regarding the project.

Mr. Riddle told member the developer will still need to get the driveway permit. The Department of Transportation will take a careful look at the area before the permit would be issued.

Mr. Kozlosky told members the developer would like to have a recommendation from this committee to proceed because he is going to need this resolution when he submits the grant application.

With the consensus of the group being that this was a poor site due to wetland conditions, as well as poor road access to the site, Ms. Wilsey made the motion to table the item until the developer can answer questions from members regarding the project and the committee can receive more information from the ports and the Department of Transportation on the project. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Removal of US 17 Business Designation of South 3rd Street

Mr. Kozlosky told members that Councilmember Padgett is working with residents along South 3rd Street. They are complaining about heavy truck traffic in the residential area. Currently, the US 17 designation is assigned to Market, 16th, 17th, Dawson and Wooster Streets and then to the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. US 17 Business is routed down Market Street from 16th Street to 3rd Street and on South 3rd Street to the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge. She is proposing to remove the US 17 Business designation on South 3rd Street and reassign this designation to North 3rd Street. In the future, the US 17 designation will be taken off Market, 16th, 17th, Dawson and Wooster Streets and put onto the Wilmington bypass, so this is a good time to look at the re-designation. It wouldn't restrict all trucks up South 3rd Street, but it would sign US 17 Business up North 3rd Street through the business district across the Isabela Holmes Bridge and to the US 17 designation on US 421. Ms. Tysinger moved to recommend the item and forward it to the TAC. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Upgrade of Proposed Median on Eastwood Road

Mr. Kozlosky told members with the Autumn Hall development, the developer will be required to install a median on Eastwood Road between Rogersville Road and Cardinal Drive. As part of this future median, we have been requested by Wilmington City Councilmember Thompson to consider upgrading the median to a landscaped median similar to the median near Landfall. The request for funding will go through Senator Boseman's Office. This item is being considered at the April 18th City Council meeting. Mr. O'Keefe made the motion to recommend the motion and forward it to the TAC. Ms. Wilsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Project Updates

a. Expansion of MPO Planning Area Boundary

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff is working on revising the MOU so that it would be in agreement with all parties. Once it is approved by the TAC, it will be presented to the local municipalities. If approved, It will then be forwarded to Statewide Transportation Planning Branch to get the Board of Transportation's approval. It should then be adopted in August.

b. Wilmington Transportation Model Development

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff submitted the employment data and in the process of submitting the certificate of occupancy data to the DOT and Martin/Alexiou/Bryson. It is anticipated the model will be completed in November.

c. Cape Fear Skyway

Mr. Kozlosky told members they are in the process of holding the public input meetings on the Skyway project. There has been good input by the local communities. There was not a lot of negative feedback unless the project was impacting personal properties. Most input was very positive and how necessary it is to the area. The NC Turnpike Authority anticipates having the Traffic and Revenue forecast back in June.

d. US 17 Corridor Study

Mr. Kozlosky told members the steering committee met on April 5th to discuss the installation for road diet measures on Market Street between Covil Avenue and 16th and 17th Streets. They are also looking at reverting 16th and 17th Streets back to two-way traffic with parking on each side. Data has been collected and will be provided to the consultant, Ralph Whitehead and Associates. The next steering committee meeting is in July.

e. Multi-modal Transportation Facility

Mr. Kozlosky said the BOT voted on April 6th to file the Transportation Official Corridor map and also appropriated \$855,000 for the map, environmental process and hardships. The City of Wilmington agreed on March 20th to contribute \$85,500 in funding. It is anticipated that DOT will begin appraisals immediately and start contract negotiations in August or September. They would like to have all 18 properties purchased by April of next year.

f. NCDOT Project Update (Riddle)

Mr. Riddle reviewed the project update. (attached)

7. Announcements

- a. Cape Fear Skyway Public Meeting- Codrington Elementary April 10th @ 4:30 pm
- b. Cape Fear Skyway Public Meeting- Belville Elementary @ April 11th @ 4:30 pm
- c. NC RPO Association Meeting- Leland- April 27th and 28th
- d. Bike to Work Week- May 1st -5th
- e. Thelma C. Bull Bridge Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- May 5th @ 9 am
- f. River to the Sea Ride- May 6th
- g. Dan Cameron Memorial Bridge Dedication- May 15th (Tentative)
- h. NC Turnpike Authority Meeting- Brunswick County- May 16th
- i. NCSITE- Wrightsville Beach- June 1st and 2nd

8. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36am.



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SECRETARY

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Subject: Projects Update

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

Open to traffic
Open to traffic

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/Summer 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)

In the Planning stage and the alignment has been selected.

Signing: Division and Raleigh Signing are revisiting the signing for the Parkway and the Bypass. Authorization for funding is being requested and will be in the June BOT agenda.

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

5. **B-3496:** "Bradley Creek", replace Bridge #10 over Bradley Creek. **Open to Traffic**

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 June 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. *(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**

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. Contractor about 95% complete with the work.
- **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.

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**

Pender County:

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

US 17 Super Street Project (Leland): Work has begun; signal poles, drainage and grading. The contractor is on schedule to have traffic in the “Super Street” alignment with 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.