

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for June 14, 2006**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington, Chairman
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Tom Cunningham, Chamber of Commerce
Monica Kerr, NCDOT
Chris O'Keefe, New Hanover County
Cris Mowrey, NC State Ports
Lawless Bean, City of Wilmington
Don Eggert, Cape Fear COG
Steven Spruill, Town of Leland
Jill Stark, FHWA
Melinda Powell-Williams, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT
Julie Wilsey, ILM Airport

Others Present:

Joshuah Mello, City of Wilmington
Aruna Reddi, City of Wilmington
Michael Herold, Pender County
John Evans, City View Development
Ramey Kemp, Ramey Kemp and Associates
Captain Dave Scheu, Battleship-North Carolina

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2006

Ms. Kerr made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

There were no items of old business.

4. New Business

a. Functional Classification Map modifications

Mr. Kozlosky told members Mr. Ramey Kemp and Mr. John Evans are here to request a modification to the functional classification system. They are requesting that SR 1352 and SR 1300 be classified as collectors. Mr. Kemp made a presentation to the group supporting his request. He said the road serves a number of businesses and the traffic alone is worthy of bumping this road up from a local to a collector system. Mr. Evans told members the road serves both New Hanover and Brunswick Counties. They are willing to pay for any improvements needed.

Mr. Kozlosky said per New Hanover County ordinances, the property must front on a major/minor arterial or a collector street in order for Mr. Evans to achieve the height for the project he is proposing. Mr. Kozlosky said the street currently is identified as a local street and in his professional opinion it serves as a local street. Mr. Spruill told members according to standards for the Town of Leland, collectors do not have driveway cuts. The local roads feed into the collector. This street will have direct driveway access by all the business.

Ms. Stark told members FHWA does not change the classification until the project is completed and functioning at a different level. If that shows a different level of traffic count, that is when the classification will change but not for traffic generated by a proposed project.

Mr. Kozlosky told member he felt this committee should stick with Federal Highway's policies and not change the road until it is actually functioning as a collector. This functional classification modification would go through DOT and the Federal Highway for their approval and based on our federal highway representative's answer, they would not change the classification until it actually functions that way. With no further discussion, Mr. Kozlosky made the motion to table the discussion until the committee has additional information from Federal Highway. Mr. Spruill seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. East Coast Greenway – Coastal Corridor Route

Mr. Mello told members on June 7th, the BAC recommended the pursuit of the East Coast Greenway Historic Coastal Corridor designation for the future multi-use path along Military Cutoff Road and the River to the Sea Bikeway. Staff is requesting support for the designation of the Wilmington Urban Area segment of the East Coast Greenway Historic Coastal Corridor. Ms. Williams suggested including a spur to Wrightsville Beach in the designation. Mr. Eggert made the motion to recommend approval of the resolution, with the inclusion of a spur to Wrightsville Beach, and forward for adoption to the TAC. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. Eat Smart – Move More Initiative

Mr. Kozlosky told members NC Representative Lucy Allen introduced legislation to provide \$3 million in additional state funding for local grants to support active living and walkable communities. Improvements can include constructing sidewalks, walking trails, greenways, bike lanes, safe streets and improving crosswalks. It is a state-wide initiative and they are seeking support for the resolution. Mr. Kozlosky made the motion to recommend approval and forward it on to the TAC. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. Delay of Transportation Project

Mr. Kozlosky told members some time ago this committee considered possible projects to delay due to the city receiving the \$4 million for the Randall Parkway widening. This group recommended delaying the Kerr Ave. widening project at that time. It was presented to the TAC and they decided that at the present time the MPO wouldn't delay any projects until we got a list of the environmental review process. Mr. Kozlosky provided an update on proposed projects.

Project	Project Name/Location	Status
U-4902	Market Street access management project	beginning the planning and environmental process
U-4733	Wrightsville & Independence intersection improvements	in right-of-way acquisition
U-4751	Military Cutoff Extension project	beginning stages of the environmental impact statement
U-3338	Kerr Avenue widening	midway through the environmental impact statement
U-4718	College & Oleander intersection improvements	beginning the planning environmental impact statement

Mr. Kozlosky said staff is proposing no action be taken at this time and recommends waiting for the outcome on the ½¢ sales tax legislation introduced by Representative Danny McComas.

5. Project Updates

a. Expansion of MPO Planning Area Boundary

Mr. Kozlosky told members the revised MOU is presently being circulated to the local municipalities. It should then be adopted in August.

b. Multi-modal Transportation Center

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff has provided DOT with property owner information within a quarter-mile radius of the project. They will be holding a public hearing to file the Official Transportation Corridor Map for the multi-modal transportation site. Once the date has been set, they will send out notification to the public.

c. Wilmington Transportation Model Development

Mr. Kozlosky told members the completion of the final model has been delayed until March 2007. NCDOT still plans on having the 2005 base year data by November.

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. 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.

e. NCDOT Project Update (Riddle)

(attached)

6. 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

7. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.