

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for April 11, 2007**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington, Chairman
Travis Marshall, NCDOT
Joey Raczkowski, Pender County
Don Eggert, Cape Fear COG
Pate Butler, NCDOT
Lawless Bean, Cape Fear Breeze
Cris Mowrey, NC Ports Authority
Melody Jennings, Town of Leland
Karen Thomas, Town of Belville
Albert Eby, WAVE Transit
Jill Stark, FHWA
Chris O'Keefe, New Hanover County

Others Present:

Joshuah Mello, City of Wilmington
Ken Vafier, Pender County
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports Authority
Steve Spruill, Town of Leland

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2007

Mr. Mowrey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Eggert seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation: Implications of SAFETEA-LU

Ms. Jill Stark gave a brief presentation on the changes in the SAFETEA-LU that will take effect July 1st. She told members to contact her if they have any questions.

3. Old Business

a. Old Market Street functional classification change

Mr. Kozlosky told members the MPO received a request from New Hanover County to amend the classification for (Old) Market Street. With the construction of the bypass, a portion of Market Street was realigned and the road now serves as a service road to some of the businesses and provides access to Futch Creek Road. (Old) Market Street does not function as an urban principal arterial. Recent traffic counts are showing about 2,000 vehicles per day. The right of way is 90-feet. Mr. O'Keefe told members it is important to New Hanover County because they have provisions in their zoning ordinance that allow for height restrictions based on floor-area ratio which development can accomplish an unlimited height and also for high density projects on major/minor arterials and collector streets. To keep (Old) Market Street classified as it is will allow a lot of uses that would not necessarily be allowed on a roadway that is only carrying 1,000 trips per day and it should be reclassified. Mr. Kozlosky told members the only issue is should it be changed to a local street or a collector street and what is the function of the street. He said he has a concern about the counties ordinances and the TCC not being a land use board. Mr. O'Keefe said the county feels this is a transportation issue and the current classification of urban principal arterial no longer fits this section of

Market Street. Ms. Stark told members she looked at how this fits into the system and this section does fit as a collector. Mr. O'Keefe made the motion to recommend amending the function classification to a collector street and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Eggert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. New Business

a. Special Highway Overlay District – US 17 Bypass

Mr. Kozlosky told members the town of Navassa and Brunswick County requested this board look at a special highway overlay zone for the US 17 Bypass between 421 and US 17 to preserve the integrity of the Bypass once it is complete. Staff has developed a draft ordinance that will allow for the preservation of the area. The zone will consist of an overlay for approximately 660 feet from the right-of-way. Certain regulations will apply to the area that would not apply county-wide such as structure height, right-of-way, setbacks, vegetative buffers, maximum impervious surface, parking and loading, outdoor storage, signage and exterior lighting. Mr. Kozlosky said this document will be going to all the interested parties for their review and input.

b. US 17 Business (Market Street) Corridor study

Mr. Kozlosky told members in the initial scope of work they looked at road diet measures on Market and the possibility of reverting 16th and 17th Street back to two-way traffic. The conversion of 16th and 17th Streets proved to not be possible so the study focused on "road diet" measures on Market Street. DOT has a project to look at access-management improvements from Colonial to Porters Neck. As part of the study, staff identified that once Independence Boulevard Extension and Military Cutoff Extension are complete, it would be feasible to revert Market Street back to more of a neighborhood street and implement a median island and decrease the number of lanes from two to one in each direction and install bike lanes and parking. A conceptual plan has been developed for those improvements as well as an implementation strategy. There has been strong support from the community for this project specifically in the area between 17th Street and Covil Avenue. The improvements were broken down into phases, with the first phase being between 17th Street and Covil Avenue. The second phase, between 17th Street to 3rd Street, will then follow as a separate project. Staff anticipates that the final report will be completed within the next few weeks and a presentation to the TAC will follow.

c. Request for NCDOT to appoint a permanent Safe Routes to School Coordinator

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff met with the New Hanover County PTA on January 30th to discuss potential improvements at area schools. Holly Tree and Parsley Elementary are very interested in participation in the program. However, NCDOT will not allocate funds until a permanent Safe Routes to School coordinator has been appointed. Today's resolution is requesting that the appointment be made so that we can begin to take advantage of the funding that has been allocated for these projects. Ms. Stark told members other MPOs have also passed similar resolutions in support of the appointment. Mr. O'Keefe made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Bean seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. Transportation Planning Brochure

Mr. Kozlosky distributed draft copies of the transportation planning brochure developed by staff. It was created to provide information for the general public on what the MPO does and how it functions. The final version will be printed in the next few weeks.

e. **Bicycle Maps**

Mr. Kozlosky distributed copies of the new bike maps that were produced with funding from the MPO, Cape Fear Breeze and the New Hanover BAC.

f. **Cape Fear Breeze – Commuter Challenge**

Ms. Bean updated members on activities taking place during the month of April for the Commuter Challenge.

5. **Project Updates**

a. **NCDOT Project Update**
(attached)

6. **Announcements**

- a. Public Informational Meeting - Hampstead Bypass - April 23rd
- b. Public Informational Meeting - Military Cutoff Road Extension - April 24th
- c. Public information Meeting - Kerr Avenue – April 17th

7. **Adjournment**

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.



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March 28, 2007

TIP Projects:

1. **MLK Pkwy:U-0092 A**, awaiting signal mast arms before completing signal work and opening the second left turn lane onto the Isabel Holmes bridge, off 3rd Street, from downtown Wilmington.
2. **US 17 Wilmington Bypass: R-2405 A** US 17 north of Wilmington, near Scotts Hill to I-40 contractor has recently opened the "Super-Street" section from Porter's Neck interchange to approximately 0.5 mile north of SR 1571 (Scott's Hill Road). We are still awaiting right of way for the completion of all the bulb-outs, for U-turn movements.

This opens the corridor from US 17 north of Wilmington to US 421 northwest of Wilmington.

3. **Military Cutoff (U-2734)**, constructing a multi-lane facility from US 17 (Market Street) to US 74 (Eastwood Drive). The traffic has been shifted near Mayfaire Town Center to construct the other half of the culvert. **Estimated Completion August 2007**
4. **R-3601 US 17/74/76**: Widening across the "causeway", between Leland and Wilmington. Just beginning the planning process. We will move into the merger process afterwards and then to design. A scoping meeting will be held in the next couple of months. The TIP schedule has R/W for 2011 and Construction for 2012
5. **U-4902 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 Spring 2007**
6. **U-4902 B**: construct a concrete median island from SR 1402 (Porter's Neck Road) to Colonial Drive (non-system road). Project is in the planning process. **A Public Workshop was held on February 13, 2007 at Noble Middle School.**
7. **B-0682**: Bridge to Sunset Beach over the intercoastal waterway. Letting date 4/17/2007.
8. **R-2245**: Second bridge to Oak Island over the intercoastal waterway. Letting date 5/15/2007.

NCMA Brunswick County:

- **NC 211** We will be widening & resurfacing NC 211 from the entrance of St. James to NC 133 (Doscher Cutoff). 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 \$3,610,000.00. **Work Complete**

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. **Work Complete**
- **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. **99% Complete (Placing the pavement marking Spring 2007)**
- **US 421** from NC 210 to Sampson County Line, resurface. Project has been let and the availability date is February 7, 2005. **99% Complete (Placing the pavement marking Spring 2007)**

Brunswick County Resurfacing Projects:

- **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 Doshier Cutoff Road**, patch and resurface from NC 87 to NC 211. **Work complete**
- **US 17 Super Street Project (Leland)**: signal poles, drainage and grading. The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph. **Work complete**
- **SR 1342 (Big Macedonia Road)** patching and resurfacing from NC 211 to SR 1343 (Little Macedonia Road). **Work complete**
- **SR 1426 (Mt. Misery Road)** resurface from northwestern city limit to SR 1419 (Northwest Road). **Work complete on all these maps**
 - Also included in the same contract:**
 - SR 1443 (Broadway Street)** widen and resurface from SR 1434 (Main Street) to SR 1435 (Navassa Road).
 - SR 1423 (Vernon Road)** resurface from SR 1426 (Mt. Misery Road) to SR 1422 (Blue Banks Loop).
 - SR 1190 (Oak Island Drive)** resurface from 46th Street to 65th Street.
- **NC 87 (Maco Road)** patch and resurface from 0.3 miles north of US 17 to 0.03 miles south of US 74/76. The patching is almost complete on NC 87.
 - Also included in the same contract: (Completion Date 8/1/2007)**
 - SR 1167 (Persimmon Road)** resurface from US 17 to NC 179.
 - SR 1120** (Sabbath Home Road) resurface from 0.06 miles northeast of NC 130 to SR 1122 (Varnamtown Road).
 - SR 1513** (Danford Road) patch and resurface from US 17 Business to east Bolivia City Limit.
 - SR 1245** (Maple Creek Road) patch and resurface from SR 1115 (Stone Chimney Road) to the end of state system.

New Hanover County:

- **NC 132** College Road from SR 1318 (Blue Clay Road) to the beginning of the divided highway. **Work complete**
- **Signing Project:** Division and Raleigh Signing are revisiting the signing for the Parkway and the Bypass. Authorization for funding has been approved. Sign structures are in design and we have ordered the signs. Let on August 8, 2006. Under construction Completion Summer 2007
- **SR 1272 (New Center Drive):** widening the 4-lane portion of the roadway to 5-lanes. **Estimated completion date Summer 2007.**

- **US 421** mill and resurface from West Lake Shore Drive (non-system) to Greenfield Street (non-system).
Also included in the same contract: (Let Date 12/19/2006...Comp. Date 6/1/2007)
 - SR 2048 (Gordon Road)** resurface from SR 1175 (Kerr Ave.) to SR 2698 (Netherlands Drive).
 - SR 1411 (Wrightsville Ave.)** resurface from US 117 to West Huntington Road (non-system).
 - NC 210** mill patch from I-40 to 0.2 miles northwest of US 17. (Length 13.05 miles)

Pender County:

- **NC 210** from SR 1101 (Point Caswell Road) to US 421. **Work complete**
- **SR 1571 (Scott's Hill Loop Road)** widen and resurface from US 17 to US 17.
Work complete
- **NC 210** resurface from Bladen County line to SR 1101 (Point Caswell Road). Awarded to S. T. Wooten.
Revised Completion Date 5/15/2007