

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Date: April 25, 2012

Members Present:

Dean Lambeth, Vice-chair, Town of Kure Beach
Jack Batson, Town of Belville
Jon Tait, Town of Leland
Margaret Haynes, City of Wilmington
Steve Shuttleworth, Town of Carolina Beach
Bill Sisson, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Jonathan Barfield, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
Earl Sheridan, City of Wilmington
Jerry Merrick, Town of Navassa

Staff Present:

Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
Tara Murphy, Associate Transportation Planner
Suraiya Rashid, Associate Transportation Planner
Bill McDow, Staff Engineer

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lambeth called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the March 28, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

Mr. Andy Koepfel addressed members regarding the request for NCDOT to further evaluate the E-H-1 potential alignment for the Hampstead Bypass. He told members he is opposed to the request and would like to encourage TAC members to reject the resolution.

4. New Business

a. Resolution Adopting the 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Kozlosky told members the 2012-2013 UPWP includes tasks expected to be completed over the next fiscal year. The budget does include some special studies which were programmed in the current fiscal year, that include the Leland/Belville/Brunswick County Collector Street Plan, Wrightsville Beach Comprehensive Transportation Study, Comprehensive Greenway Plan and any other plans completed by the MPO. Those projects were funded in the current year; however, based on our anticipated expenditures, we de-obligated funding in the current year and have put funding into the upcoming fiscal budget year to complete those studies. This also includes the funding we anticipate receiving from NCDOT for Section 5303.

Mr. Barfield made the motion to amend the 2012-2013 UPWP. Mr. Shuttleworth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Resolution Adopting the Public Transportation MTIP/STIP Amendment

Mr. Kozlosky told members the required 30-day public comment period has ended and no comments were received. The amendments include the replacement of the LTVs, funding for routine capital, as well as some additional funding for the operations facility that is planned off Division Drive. The resolution will be support the amendment of the 2012-2018 State

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to fund these public transportation related initiatives.

No action was taken.

c. Resolution Requesting NCDOT Further Evaluate the E-H-I Potential Alignment for the Hampstead Bypass

Mr. Lambeth told members that Ms. Bean asked that we table the request. He said that she feels that she is going to get answers on down the road and requested that we skip it.

Ms. Haynes asked if the item is being tabled or withdrawn. Mr. Lambeth stated that she asked that the item be taken off the agenda and not voted on.

Mr. Shuttleworth made the motion to withdraw the resolution requesting that NCDOT further evaluate the E-H-I potential alignment for the Hampstead Bypass. Ms. Haynes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. Resolution Supporting the Naming of US 17 in Pender, New Hanover and Brunswick Counties as “The Colonial Highway”

Mr. Kozlosky told members the TAC heard a presentation from Mr. Bill Holt with the Colonial Highway and Revolutionary Trail Organization. The TAC requested that staff bring a resolution back to the board at their next meeting for consideration. When the request went before the TCC, the Pender County representative advised the committee that there are currently two other efforts under way through the US Highway 17 Association in naming the US 17 corridor. The members of the TCC recommended that the item be tabled to give the Highway 17 Association time to move forward with their efforts that are anticipated to be complete in June of 2012.

Mr. Barfield made the motions to table the resolution until September. Mr. Sisson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Discussion

a. 2010 Census Results and MPO Boundary

Mr. Kozlosky told members he wanted to make them aware that on March 27, 2012 the Census Bureau released their results for the urbanized area and urban clusters. The WMPO, based on the current transportation legislation, would be designated as a Transportation Management Area. There are additional reporting requirements associated with that designation. Jill Stark with the Federal Highway Administration will be coming to the next meeting to provide an overview of the additional requirements for the Transportation Management Area.

Mr. Kozlosky told members the MPO is required to update the MPO Planning Area Boundary to reflect where we anticipate to be urbanized within the next 20 years. Staff developed a few different scenarios for that expansion. We do not anticipate expanding into Brunswick County; however, the urbanized cluster for the Hampstead area of Pender County has expanded all the way up to near the Onslow County line. Discussion regarding becoming part of the MPO must be held with the municipalities in those areas and their boards must sign off on it.

Mr. Kozlosky stated that with the urban cluster going all the way to near the Onslow County line, Surf City could be impacted. He stated that he will meet with Mayor Guy from Surf City to determine if there is any interest in joining the MPO. NCDOT has requested that amendments and modifications to the boundary map be made by June 30th. Mr. Kozlosky said he will present a few different alternatives for review at the next meeting.

6. Updates

Project updates for the Wilmington MPO/City of Wilmington and NCDOT are included in the agenda packet.

Mr. Eby updated members on activities of the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority. He told members the Authority is taking public comments on their short-range transit plan. Changes to the routes are being proposed and those changes will be based on feedback from passengers. Mr. Eby told members that the full analysis for the short-range transit plan is located on the WAVE website. They anticipate implementing these changes sometime in the middle of August, 2012.

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 PM

Respectfully submitted

Mike Kozlosky

Executive Director

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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