

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for September 10, 2014**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Adrienne Harrington, TDM Coordinator
Ken Vafier, New Hanover County
Ed Parvin, Town of Carolina Beach
Megan Matheny, WAVE Transit
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Whitney Prease, Wilmington International Airport
Nora McCann, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

Trey Burke, Town of Navassa
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3
Robert Waring, Town of Leland
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear COG
Megan O'Hare, Pender County
Zach Steffey, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Athina Williams, Town of Belville

1. Call to Order

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the August 13, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Resolution approving the STIP/MTIP Modification (August)
- b. Resolution authorizing an agreement between the Wilmington MPO, City of Wilmington and Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority to provide funding to the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority for Long-Range Transportation Planning
- c. Opening of 30-day public comment period for STIP/MTIP Amendment (September)

Mr. Serkin requested that Item b be pulled for discussion.

Ms. Williams made the motion to approve the consent agenda excluding Item b. and forward the items to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

Mr. Serkin asked if 65% of the funding is allocated to WAVE transit, is the balance of the funding shared with other transit authorities not within the UZA. Mr. Kozlosky stated that the agreement is with the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority for long range transportation planning. The MPO doesn't contribute to the Brunswick Transit or Pender Transit systems. He noted that historically around 65% of the long range planning was done by CFPTA and 35% was done by the MPO. The agreement dates back to 2008. When it was approved, the TAC requested that it be brought back for consideration on an annual basis.

Mr. Serkin made the motion to approve Item b. on the consent agenda and forward it to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution encouraging NCDOT to incorporate a landscaped median and sidewalk/multi-use trail into the design plans for Market Street
- Mr. Kozlosky told members the Market Street corridor is identified for funding through the STI formula. He said the Department and developer are currently implementing a portion of the access management improvements in the Porters Neck area as part of the Walmart development. The Department is also

working to develop the design plans for the Market Street corridor between Eastwood Road and the terminus of the project. The plan recommends a landscaped median, sidewalks and a multi-use trail between Colonial Street and Porters Neck. In the initiation of the design, the Department did not anticipate adding additional sidewalks; they were only replacing the existing sidewalks. Mr. Kozlosky noted that staff felt it was important to incorporate landscaping and sidewalks/multi-use trail into the project in keeping with the Department's Adopted Complete Streets Policy.

Mr. Kozlosky told members that staff plans to bring an item for discussion to the November meeting on how counties operate and maintain these types of facilities outside municipal boundaries. He and Mr. O'Keefe discussed how New Hanover County maintains sidewalks in the un-incorporated area through agreements with their Park and Recreation Department.

Mr. Bennett made the motion to encourage NCDOT to incorporate a landscaped median and sidewalk/multi-use trail into the design plans for Market Street and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Matheny seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Resolution supporting the interim use of the rail corridor between McRae Street and 3rd Street for a trail and greenspace until the rail-line can be restored and encouraging a future rail with trail, if compatible, within the rail corridor

Mr. Kozlosky told members that NCDOT either owns or has easements to the rail line between McRae Street and 3rd Street. It's a vital corridor in re-establishing rail between Wilmington and Raleigh, but it's anticipated that it will be many years before rail can be re-established. The Comprehensive Greenway Plan includes a Downtown Greenway that identifies the proposed trail within the railroad corridor, dependent upon compatibility with future passenger rail service. The resolution encourages the utilization of the corridor as an interim trail corridor and greenspace.

Mr. Serkin made the motion to support the interim use of the rail corridor between McRae Street and 3rd Street for a trail and greenspace until the rail-line can be restored; and if compatible, encourage a future rail-with-trail within the rail corridor and forward the recommendation to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. Resolution requesting NCDOT to provide funding to assist with the construction of the Masonboro Loop Road Multi-use Trail

Mr. Kozlosky told members that Mr. Michael Lee, NC Board of Transportation member, approached staff regarding possible use of funds that had been identified by NCDOT for small construction projects. Mr. Kozlosky noted that after reviewing several projects, staff recommended constructing a multi-use trail along Masonboro Loop Road between Masonboro Sound Road and the City limits. That project had been identified in the Walk Wilmington: A Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan, as well as the Comprehensive Greenway Plan. The trail is part of the City of Wilmington's Potential Transportation Bond package and the funds would offer an opportunity to partner with NCDOT. If the Bond does not pass, the funds could be used to connect the school to the neighborhood.

Mr. Bennett suggested that because Masonboro Sound intersects Masonboro Loop at two points, it should be noted in the resolution that the project is from the northern terminus of Masonboro Sound Road to the City limits.

Mr. Vafier made the motion request that NCDOT provide funding to assist with the construction of the Masonboro Loop Road Multi-use Trail and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Discussion

a. Cape Fear Transportation 2040

- i. Financial Considerations
- ii. Bicycle/Pedestrian- Draft Project List
- iii. Aviation- Draft Project List
- iv. Roadway- Draft Project List

Ms. Rashid, Ms Harrington and Ms. Windle presented a comprehensive update on the progress made to date on the Cape Fear Transportation 2040 Plan. Ms. Rashid noted that the plan was kicked off in May of 2013 with the Public Input Process. During that time, staff received over 4,000 survey responses to the 16-question survey. The Citizen Advisory Committee members and the Modal Subcommittees reviewed the surveys and used the information to help compile project lists for the Plan. Staff presented the recommendations from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Modal Subcommittee, the Aviation Modal Subcommittee and the Roadway Modal Subcommittee, as well as an overview of potential alternative funding mechanisms. Ms. Rashid told members next month's meeting will include updates from the Ferry Modal Subcommittee, the Freight/Rail Modal Committee and the Mass Transit Modal Subcommittee.

b. MTIP/STIP Modifications (September)

Mr. Kozlosky told members the modification is to delay right-of-way and construction from 2014 to 2015 for the Middle Sound Loop Multi-use trail project. He noted that because it's a modification to the MTIP/STIP, it does not require a 30-day public comment period. He said staff will bring the proposed modification to the TAC in October.

c. College Road Corridor Improvements

Mr. Kozlosky told members that several projects are funded under the STI on College Road. The projects include the upgrade of College Road access management improvements between Gordon Road and Carolina Beach Road, the addition of a northbound through-lane from Shipyard Boulevard to Wilshire Boulevard, and the interchange at College Road and Oleander Drive. He noted that a project to add capacity on College Road from Gordon Road to New Center Drive with an interchange at Martin Luther King, Jr Boulevard may also be coming into the STI from the state-wide tier.

Mr. Kozlosky stated that staff met with NCDOT on September 9th to discuss how the Department will release the request for consultant services to develop the Environmental Document for the projects. He said staff will provide updates on the projects as they move forward.

6. Updates

Updates are included in the agenda packet.

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14am.

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