

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for February 13, 2008**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports Authority
Albert Eby, WAVE Transit
Sam Burgess, New Hanover County
Allen Serkin, Town of Navassa
Lawless Bean, Cape Fear Breeze
Ken Vafier, Pender County
Jill Stark, FHWA
Julie Wilsey, ILM Airport
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Tom Cunningham, Chamber of Commerce
Michael Zehner

Others Present:

Anthony Prinz, City of Wilmington
Joshuah Mello, City of Wilmington
Bill McDow, City of Wilmington
Joey Raczkowski, Pender County
Than Austin, Martin/Alexiou/Bryson
Graham James, Martin/Alexiou/Bryson
Peggy Hayes, Hayes Planning Associates
Whitney Prease, ILM Airport

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

With the correction noting that Ms. Stark is the representative for FHWA the motion to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2007 meeting carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

There were no items of old business.

4. New Business

a. Resolution adopting WAVE Satellite Station Site Evaluation Study

Mr. Mello introduced Mr. Graham James from Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, who made a presentation on the WAVE Satellite Station Evaluation Study.

Mr. James told members the recommended locations selected are for the transfer stations are the Independence Station at Independence Mall, the East Station near Mayfaire and the Monkey Junction Station near Wal-Mart. Ms. Peggy Hayes told members they surveyed transit passenger to request input on the amenities needed at these bus transfer stations. They are also finalizing an internet survey for public input. This information will help determine how to design a better transfer station for riders. Mr. James requested approval of the plan.

Mr. Burgess made the motion to adopt the WAVE Satellite Station Site Evaluation Study and forward the study to the TAC for consideration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilsey and the vote carried unanimously.

b. Approval of Section 5303 Agreement between WAVE and Wilmington MPO

Mr. Kozlosky told members Mr. Eby is requesting changes to the 5303 Agreement between WAVE and the MPO. Mr. Eby said he and Mr. Kozlosky have had discussions regarding the percentage of work that WAVE Transit completes vs. what the MPO does. Mr. Eby told members he is requesting the MPO pay the Authority 65% of its allocation of 5303 planning funds.

Mr. Kozlosky said one of the things they talked about is, if this goes forward, WAVE will provide staff to participate in the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan and the long range plan for the multi-modal center to identify the future transportation needs at that center for 50 years out. This will be developed so that we can determine if there is enough property to proceed with the development of the center.

Mr. Eggert made a motion to approve the Public Transportation Planning agreement and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Serkin seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

a. Long Range Transportation Plan and Citizen Advisory Committee

Mr. Kozlosky told members they received 33 applications for the Citizen Advisory Committee. Staff will be meeting with each of the TAC representatives to appoint a member to the committee and hold the first committee meeting in March.

6. Project Updates

a. Cape Fear Historic Byway

Mr. Mello told members staff received the preliminary draft from the consultant last month. Staff provided comments and we will be presenting the draft to the steering committee in early March. This will also be presented to the TCC and TAC. Mr. Mello said staff is working on applying for a grant for streetscape improvements on S. 3rd Street between Market Street and Castle Street.

b. Blue Clay Road Bicycle Corridor Study

Mr. Mello told members staff provided comments to the consultant. The report should be presented to the TCC in March. The study is looking at an off-road facility between I-140 to the Blue Clay Farms Development, then along a sewer easement along Blue Clay Road to Kerr Avenue, cross a small piece of the airport property to 23rd Street. Staff met with the airport staff this morning and will bring a resolution to the Airport Authority's Board of Directors at their next meeting. Mr. Kozlosky said staff is also working with Mr. Trask in developing a connection from Blue Clay Farms over to Laney High School.

c. Dow Road Widening and Extension

Mr. Kozlosky told member staff is currently negotiating a contract with Wilbur Smith and Associates to complete the evaluation of the Dow Road widening and extension through the Sunny Point blast zone and down to Fort Fisher Boulevard. Staff is working to have the agreement in place to pursue the project should funding become available.

d. Monkey Junction Collector Street Plan

Mr. Kozlosky told member the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners endorsed staff proceeding forward with the Monkey Junction Collector Street Plan at their meeting last Monday

night. The plan will develop a guide for future interconnectivity in southern New Hanover County from the city limits down to Veterans Parkway, bound by Myrtle Grove Road and the Cape Fear River. Staff has developed some conceptual ideas on proposed future connections with the existing and proposed developments. The first public informational meeting will be held on February 28th at Bellamy Elementary School.

e. Market Street Corridor Study

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff has been working with NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch, Roadway Design, and PDEA to develop a scope for an interlocal agreement between the Department of Transportation and the MPO. There will be an agenda item on the March Board of Transportation agenda that will provide \$270,000 to the Wilmington MPO from Department of Transportation's project U4902B for the completion of this study. Staff will look at opportunities to provide interconnectivity between existing and future development, developing a collector street plan in the Porters Neck area, develop a plan for the location of future traffic signals and analyze the capacities to develop the amount of storage necessary to accommodate left turns at those signalized intersections.

f. NCDOT Project Update

attached

7. Announcements

- a. **21st Century Transportation Committee meeting- Wilmington, Feb. 20-21**
- b. **Monkey Junction Collector Street Plan – Feb. 28th**

8. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.