

**Wilmington Urban Area  
Technical Coordinating Committee  
Meeting Notes for October 15, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington  
Chris O'Keefe, New Hanover County  
Stephanie Ayers, NCSPA  
Don Eggert, Cape Fear RPO  
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington  
Shane York, NCDOT  
Coke Gray, NCDOT  
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT  
Travis Barnes, City of Wilmington  
Jill Stark, FHWA

**Others Present:**

Josh Mello, City of Wilmington  
Anthony Prinz, City of Wilmington  
Nora McCann, NCDOT

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes for the September 10, 2008 meeting carried unanimously.

**3. Old Business**

**a. Resolution supporting amendments to the functional classification system for U-4434, U-4758 and U-4751**

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Mr. York told members a workshop is scheduled on project U-4434 for November for citizens to make comments on what they would like to see on Independence Boulevard. The Department would like to see a four-lane divided facility. There would be interchanges at Market Street and the Martin Luther King Parkway Jr. Parkway. It functions as an urban-principal arterial on the northern part. There are questions about the southern section.

Mr. Kozlosky asked why are we going trying to reclassify this street. Mr. York stated that we can leave this as it is and reclassify it when the design comes out in 2010 or Wilmington can request the functional classification be reviewed for that portion to determine if it is minor or principal, but that would require the design, which we don't have yet. Mr. Kozlosky asked what is the impact from a financial aspect. Mr. York said at this point it is nothing because it would not actually occur any kinds of changes until they start construction. So for right now, it does not make any difference, it's just a piece of paper. Mr. Kozlosky again asked why are we reclassifying this street. Mr. Mello said we should be looking at the whole entire roadway as a major arterial and widen the southern portion. Mr. Kozlosky said it was his opinion that if we are going to reclassify the northern section from Martin Luther King Parkway to College Road, we reclassify the entire section as urban principal arterial.

Mr. York said the other item is the Skyway bridge. The Long Range Plan has it interstate. You can't have a toll road as interstate. So then we identify it as freeway expressway in the New Hanover and rural principal arterial on the Brunswick County section. Mr. Kozlosky said DOT had to reclassify I-540 in Raleigh because it was becoming a toll facility and so it could not be classified as interstate. Mr. Bennett asked if it is possible that by the time the Skyway bridge is built, is it possible that the development in Brunswick County would make it more urban in nature. Mr. Kozlosky said when the 2010 census comes out, they will identify what is considered our urbanized area boundary. It is based on population so at that time, we will likely have to come back and revisit this issue because our boundary will have expanded into Brunswick County. It is just how far into Brunswick County will the boundary be expanded.

Mr. York said the next project, U-4751, Military Cutoff. There is an issue with the word "other". When he asked why it said other instead of principal, he was told it that it just means it is a facility in an urban boundary other than a freeway or expressway. The rule states that it is to be called "other" rather than principal arterial and it carries the same weight. Mr. York said he will take this back for more clarification.

Mr. Serkin made the motion to table the items. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. Resolution Supporting Getting Connected's efforts in New Hanover County

##### b. Resolution supporting the Town of Caroling Beach's Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant

Mr. Kozlosky told members this resolution is supporting the

Ms. Ayers made the motion to support the feasibility study and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Eggert seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

##### c. Resolution supporting the Town of Kure Beach's Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant

Mr. Kozlosky told members

##### d. Resolution supporting the Town of Navassa's Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant

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##### e. Resolution Requesting the North Carolina Turnpike Authority, North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization Work Collaboratively to Secure Funding to Purchase the Property for the Proposed Madison Place Apartment Complex and also Work to Preserve the Future Corridor for the Cape Fear Skyway

#### 6. Project Updates

**a. Market Street Corridor Study**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that he met last week with the sub-consultant for Kimley Horn and Associates who is doing the market analysis on Market Street. The first public information workshop will be held October 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> and the second round of workshops will be held October 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. The meeting location has yet to be determined.

**b. Dow Road Corridor Study**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that at the last TAC meeting members voted to amend the scope of the project to reduce the scope to between Snows Cut Bridge and K Avenue. Staff is working with the consultant to develop a revised scope that is consistent with the TAC's recommendations.

**c. NCDOT Project Update**

attached

**d. Signal System Update**

**e. Pedestrian Ref**

**7. Announcements**

**a. Market Street Corridor Study Public Meeting – October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**b. Market Street Corridor Study Public Meeting – October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8. Adjournment**

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.