

**Wilmington Urban Area  
Technical Coordinating Committee  
Meeting Notes for December 3, 2008**

**Members Present:**

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington  
Chris O'Keefe, New Hanover County  
Don Eggert, Cape Fear RPO  
Shane York, NCDOT  
Coke Gray, NCDOT  
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT  
Travis Barnes, City of Wilmington  
Jill Stark, FHWA  
Ken Vafier, Pender County  
Allen Serkin, Town of Navassa  
Melody Jennings, Town of Leland  
Travis Barnes, City of Wilmington  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Albert Eby, WAVE

**Others Present:**

Joshuah Mello, City of Wilmington  
Sam Burgess, New Hanover County  
Anthony Prinz, City of Wilmington  
Bill McDow, City of Wilmington

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The motion to approve the minutes for the October 15, 2008 meeting carried unanimously.

**3. Old Business**

None

**4. New Business**

**a. Resolution Supporting the allocation of State Transportation Improvement Program funds for stormwater improvements on S. College Road**

Mr. Kozlosky told members last month the TAC members voted to reallocate the \$38 million that was programmed for the improvements to the College Road and Oleander Drive intersection to the Wilmington Bypass. Included in the College/Oleander project were stormwater improvements that are being coordinated with the City's Cedar Avenue out-fall project. Staff is proposing to leave \$500,000 in the College/Oleander intersection improvement project for the completion of those stormwater improvements. Mr. Eggert made the motion to recommend endorsement of the resolution and forward to the TAC for approval. Mr. O'Keefe seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**b. Resolution supporting the City of Wilmington's application for Safe Routes to School grant funding**

Mr. Mello told members there has been another call for infrastructure grants. Applications are due January 31, 2009 and staff is proposing to submit an application for Holly Tree Elementary School. The project is to continue a sidewalk that was partially extended and make improvements to the

pedestrian and bicycle entrance at the rear of the property. Mr. O'Keefe made the motion to recommend endorsement of the resolution and forward to the TAC for approval. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**c. Resolution supporting the use of NCDOT funding to partner with the City of Wilmington for the construction of sidewalks along Wooster Street**

Mr. Mello told members the City of Wilmington has completed the design for sidewalks on Wooster Street between S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Oleander Drive. The City of Wilmington has budgeted \$150,000 for the construction of the project. Staff is proposing to partner with NCDOT to install these sidewalks using Pedestrian Safety funding. This project is consistent with the pedestrian plan staff is currently work on right now. Mr. Eggert made the motion to recommend endorsement of the resolution and forward to the TAC for approval. Mr. Eby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**d. Meeting Schedule for 2009**

Mr. O'Keefe made the motion to approve the proposed meeting schedule for 2009. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**e. Resolution Supporting a Privately-Constructed Air Force One Museum and White House Photo Gallery on North Carolina Department of Transportation Property Near the Intersection of North Kerr Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the North Carolina Aeronautics Council commissioned an economic impact and feasibility study to locate a Air Force One museum and White House photo gallery in the Wilmington region. The study indicates that the museum would create new jobs and have a positive economic impact on the region and state of North Carolina.

The museum board of directors determined that property adjacent to Wilmington International Airport near the intersection of North Kerr Avenue and Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway would be a suitable location for the museum. The property is currently owned by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Representatives from the museum board presented information on the proposed museum and photo gallery to the TAC at a special meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. They indicated that the museum and photo gallery would be constructed with private financing and would not require any public money. Following the presentation, the TAC directed staff to draft a letter indicating their intent to endorse this concept prior to their regular board meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Staff will also be requesting resolutions of support for the museum from all the municipalities and counties of the Wilmington Area MPO. Mr. Riddle made the motion to recommend endorsement of the resolution. Mr. Eby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**5. Discussion Item**

**a. Dow Road Corridor Study**

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff received a revised scope on the project for \$35,000. They are still in negotiations and plan to bring the proposal to the TCC in January.

**6. Project Updates**

**a. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Committee**

Mr. Kozlosky told members the slide-presentation on prioritizations and recommendations from the Intergovernmental Subcommittee and the Finance Subcommittees is included in the meeting packet. The committee will be making the final recommendations at their December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Once the report is finalized, it will go to the General Assembly for consideration during the long

session. Mr. Kozlosky said once it's finalized, staff will review the report and decide which recommendations to support.

**b. Market Street Corridor Study**

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff plans to have the final recommendations from the corridor study in February and will present the report to this committee in March or April.

Mr. Kozlosky said staff is working on an innovative design for the Kerr/Market intersection. Staff is evaluating the removal of the left-over turns at the intersection of Kerr Avenue and Market Street. The new design will assign those turns to a new road that would connect from McClelland Drive to Market Street, as well as utilize Cinema Drive. It will improve capacity and level of service will be greater than the DOT widening project. Staff has asked NCDOT to delay the public hearing map presentation scheduled for January so that staff can further evaluate this innovative design concept. Mr. Kozlosky suggested setting up a meeting next week to review the corridor study recommendations from the consultant then provide direction to the consultant.

**c. Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Mr. York reported that the CAC elected new officers for the coming year. Members also discussed access to the new International Port in Southport. CAC members requested a joint meeting with the TAC in December.

**d. Bike/Pedestrian Committee**

Mr. Mello told members the Bike/Ped Committee is currently working on getting Wilmington designated as a Destination City along the East Coast Greenway. The committee has purchased bike map holders for all the WAVE transit buses.

**e. NCDOT Project Update**

attached

**f. Castle Hayne Community Plan**

Mr. O'Keefe told members the county has completed its plan for the Castle Hayne community. He thanked the MPO staff for their assistance with the collector street plan. He said he would like to present the plan to the TCC and TAC and get a formal recommendation from both committees at their January meeting.

**7. Announcements**

- a. Election of officers – January TCC meeting
- b. Special TAC meeting – December 1st at 3:00pm
- c. Bike/Pedestrian Committee Holiday Gathering - December 11th at 5:15pm
- d. TAC meeting – December 17th at 4:00pm
- e. Citizen Advisory Committee Holiday Gathering - December 17th at 5:30pm
- f. Wrightsville Beach Bicycle Study Open House – January 12th at 5:30pm

**8. Adjournment**

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