Special Meeting Agenda
Wilmington Urban Area MPO
Transportation Advisory Committee

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TO: Transportation Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: October 9, 2009
SUBJECT: October 14th Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 2pm. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber at City Hall in downtown Wilmington.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

1) Call to Order
2) Presentation-
   a. Cape Fear Skyway
3) Announcements
   a. Cape Fear Commutes meeting- October 21st
   b. Wilmington Bike/Pedestrian Committee meeting- December 10th
4) Adjournment -- Next Meeting –October 28, 2009
About Cape Fear Skyway
Project History

- “Southern Outer Loop”
  - Project from 1993 Thoroughfare Plan
  - Described part of this loop as the “Southern Bridge” – an extension from Independence Blvd. northward to Eagle Island to interchange with US 74/76
1993 Thoroughfare Plan

Proposed Southern Outer Loop
Project History

- Project described as “Southern Bridge” in *Greater Wilmington Urban Area Transportation Plan 1999-2025*
  - Revised description to have western terminus at existing US 17 and proposed Wilmington Bypass (I-140) interchange
  - 2025 Plan removed “Southern Outer Loop” project completely
Project History

- Included in current WMPO Long Range Transportation Plan (2030) as “Cape Fear Skyway”
  - Described as a project that extends east from US 17 at the proposed I-140 (Wilmington Bypass) interchange, across the Cape Fear River, to Independence Boulevard at US 421.
  - Listed as one of six priority projects in the 2030 Plan.
- Included in the Strategic Highway Corridor Initiative and the NC Intrastate System
2005 Thoroughfare Plan

Proposed Southern Bridge
The I-140 Loop
I-140 and the Cape Fear Skyway Study Area
Brunswick Forest – Current Development

Mallory Creek

Brunswick Forest

Proposed New Development
Mallory Creek

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Proposed New Development

Additional Preliminary Alignment Segments
Potential New Corridors

Brunswick Forest

Mallory Creek

Proposed New Development
Project History

- Feasibility Study in 2003 by NCDOT
- Current WMPO LRTP adopted in 2005
- Agency Scoping Meeting – January 13, 2006
- Citizen’s Informational Workshops – April 10, 2006 and April 11, 2006
- Notice of Intent – May 11, 2006
- Project included in NCDOT’s 2009-2015 STIP
Project Status

- Preliminary design and planning studies are currently being developed
  - Purpose and Need Statement
  - Alternatives Screening
**Project Status - Milestones Achieved**

- Prepared Draft Section 6002 Coordination Plan
- Prepared Draft Purpose & Need Report
- Prepared Draft Alternatives Screening Analysis
- Prepared Draft Bridge Study Report
- Conducted Preliminary Field Studies
- Prepared functional design plans for bridge crossing area
Project Status - Anticipated Milestones

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement    March 2011
- Final Environmental Impact Statement    March 2012
- Record of Decision                      September 2012