

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for March 17, 2010**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington
Sam Burgess, New Hanover County
Robert Waring, Town of Leland
Shane York, NCDOT
Allen Pope, NCDOT
Eryn Moller, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Katie Hite, NCDOT
Travis Barnes, Town of Navassa
Ken Vafier, Pender County
Stephanie Ayers, NC State Ports
Jill Stark, FHWA

Others Present:

Joshuah Mello, City of Wilmington
Bill McDow, City of Wilmington

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2010 meeting carried unanimously.

3. Old Business

No items

4. New Business

a. Resolution Supporting MTIP and STIP Amendments for Public Transportation

Mr. Kozlosky told members these are administrative modifications in anticipation of the jobs bill. Mr. Pope made the motion to support the MTIP/STIP amendments and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Resolution Adopting the 2010 Wilmington MPO Legislative Agenda

Mr. Kozlosky told members at the last TAC meeting Mayor Futch asked that the items included on the legislative agenda be prioritized. With no questions regarding the prioritization of the list, Ms. Ayers made the motion to support the 2010 Wilmington MPO Legislative Agenda and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. Resolution Amending the 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the MPO has until March 31st to amend the adopted Unified Planning Work Program. Staff evaluated each of the line items that have funding allocated and identified if the MPO was on target to meet the funding in these line items. Based on the analysis, staff is proposing to reduce funding in traffic accidents, transit data, transit systems data, community goals and objectives, the forecast for future travel patterns, the transit element of the LRTP, the airport element of the LRTP, the collector street element of the LRTP, the waterway element of the LRTP, the freight element of the LRTP and financial planning of the

L RTP, condition management strategies, the environmental justice and the transportation enhancement projects line items.

Staff is proposing to increase funds in the travel model updates and the special studies line item. Mr. Kozlosky stated that a consultant can assist with special elements of the L RTP rather than using staff time by utilizing the special studies funding.

Mr. Pope made the motion to support amending the 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. Resolution Adopting the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Kozlosky told members the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was presented to the TAC and the 30-day public comment period was opened. The program includes \$75,000 for consultant services to complete a city wide collector street plan, as well as an organizational analysis. Mr. Pope made the motion to support adopting the 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Kozlosky told members the Transportation Planning Process must be in full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI Assurance executed by each State. Staff has prepared a resolution that certifies that the Wilmington MPO is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner which meets all the requirements for an adequate Transportation Plan. Mr. Vafier made the motion to move the resolution forward. Mr. Pope seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Discussion

a. Draft Cape Fear Skyway Resolution

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff has been in discussion with the elected state representatives regarding the Cape Fear Skyway. He said he has prepared a draft resolution that he is requesting each of the municipalities endorse for the project. It supports the filing of a corridor protection map for the northern alignment and requests the legislature provide the "gap" funding for the Skyway in the amount of \$49 million per year. We are asking the legislature to do what they have done with the other four turnpike authority projects, which is to allocate those funds in out-years.

Ms. Ayers asked what is considered an out-year. Mr. Kozlosky responded that they are looking at 2013 for the "gap" funding. Mr. Kozlosky said they would like to begin acquiring the right-of-way with the "gap" funding if it is available.

Mr. Pope said his only concern is the fact that we don't have a completed bypass. He asked if the Turnpike Authority is building the remainder of the bypass. Mr. Kozlosky told members that staff is still going through the comments regarding the *Urban Loop Prioritization Process* but he would like to at least get in line to get our share of funds. Mr. Pope said he did not disagree with that and it doesn't hurt to be designated. Mr. Kozlosky said it would probably be 2017 before the Cape Fear Skyway and the Wilmington bypass could be built. He said he felt it's important that we preserve a corridor because development in that area is occurring so rapidly, if we don't, all the corridors will be closed. Ms. Stark asked about the distance of the northern route. Mr. Kozlosky said it was about the same, between 9.5 and 10 miles.

Ms. Ayers said she would be happy to present a resolution to her boards. She said she is not comfortable designating a northern alignment when they haven't completed the environmental studies but would be happy to make the resolution in support of the "gap" funding.

Mr. Pope suggested separating the issues into two separate resolutions, the corridor preservation and the northern alignment separate from the funding issue. Mr. Kozlosky agreed and said he would present them to the TAC as two resolutions.

6. Updates

a. Cape Fear Commutes 2035 (Citizen Advisory Committee)

b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority

d. Wilmington MPO/City of Wilmington

e. NCDOT Project Update

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 am