Wilmington Urban Area Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Notes for April 13, 2011

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington Sam Burgess, New Hanover County Ken Vafier, Pender County Shane York, NCDOT Pat Walsh, Town of Belville Helen Bunch, Brunswick County Allen Pope, NCDOT Bill McDow, City of Wilmington Eryn Moller, Town of Wrightsville Beach Robert Waring, Town of Leland Travis Barnes, Town of Navassa Albert Eby, WAVE Transit

1. Call to Order

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 16, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Presentation

a. Interstate - 74

Mr. Dan Ryan, Southeast Coastal Plain Program Director for The Nature Conservancy gave a presentation on alternative routes developed for the proposed Interstate-74 corridor that would bypass the Green Swamp and Juniper Creek Preserves.

b. Hampstead Bypass

Mr. Kozlosky told members the Public Meeting for the Hampstead Bypass has been rescheduled for August and the presentation will be given to both the TCC and TAC closer to that meeting dated.

c. NCDOT Prioritization 2.0

Mr. David Wasserman from NCDOT's Strategic Planning Office gave a presentation on the Prioritization 2.0 (P 2.0). He told members that the Department is building off the foundation of Prioritization 1.0 and expanding the criteria based on input sessions and feedback received last fall. P2.0 will rank projects for years 2018 through 2022.

Following Mr. Wasserman's presentation, Mr. Kozlosky told members the presentation will be posted to the WMPO website.

4. Old Business

a. 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the public comment period for the 2011-2012 draft Unified Planning Work Program opened on March 21st and will close on April 19th. A Public Hearing will be held on April 20th at the TAC meeting.

5. New Business

a. Amendment to the Wilmington MPO Bylaws

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff was directed by the TAC to look at how items are added to the agenda by TCC and TAC members. The TAC approved recommended changes to the bylaws that stated that members "may add items along with all pertinent information to the agenda by submitting them no later than 5 PM the first business day of the calendar month in which the item is requested to be considered. Items may also be placed on the agenda for consideration at the end of the meeting by a majority vote of the members present." Mr. Kozlosky noted that changes to the bylaws will require passage by a two-thirds vote and the amendments being considered must be received by each member by at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Mr. Pope made the motion to accept the changes and Mr. Burgess seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion

a. Public Involvement Policy

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff is reviewing the process to get information out to the public regarding transportation projects and meetings. Some of the possibilities to get the word out are direct mailing, variable message signs, reverse 911 calling, posters and email blitzes. Staff would like to receive feedback from members on suggestion for the Public Involvement Policy.

Mr. Pope noted that the Department is also struggling with message boards and postings within the right-of-way. We need to make sure any changes regarding the use of variable message signs are compatible with NCDOT's policies. Mr. Pope reminded members that budget will also be a consideration when advertising public meetings.

Mr. Kozlosky stated that he will bring some ideas back to the next meeting for discussion.

7. Updates

a. Wilmington MPO/City of Wilmington

Mr. Kozlosky updated members on projects within the City of Wilmington.

- US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study in Pender County Mr. Kozlosky told members the steering committee will meet tomorrow. A public workshop is scheduled for May 12th at Topsail High School.
- Market Street Corridor Study Mr. Kozlosky told members staff will be conducting two
 additional informational workshops on the corridor study. The meetings will be held May 9th and
 10th.
- **Multimodal Transportation Center** Mr. Kozlosky told members work is continuing on the environmental assessment.

b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority

Mr. Eby updated members on the projects for the transit authority. He also noted that the Harry Forden Station will be dedicated on Monday, April 18th.

c. NCDOT Project Update

Mr. Riddle updated members on the projects for NCDOT.

8. Announcements

The next TCC meeting will be held at Forden Station.

9. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20am

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