

## WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

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The mission of the Wilmington MPO is to develop and implement a comprehensive multi-modal transportation plan that supports the existing and future mobility needs and economic vitality of the Wilmington Urban Area. This shall be accomplished by protecting the environment, safe guarding the social equity, improving the quality of life for the citizens of the community, improving the local economy and providing for the safe and efficient mobility throughout the region. This is achieved through the long range transportation planning process which includes a comprehensive, continuous and cooperative approach from citizens and participating members.

#### Members:

City of WILMINGTON Lead Planning Agency

Town of CAROLINA BEACH

Town of KURE BEACH

Town of WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

NEW HANOVER County

Town of BELVILLE

Town of LELAND

Town of NAVASSA

BRUNSWICK County

PENDER County

CAPE FEAR Public Transportation Authority

North Carolina BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION

## Technical Coordinating Committee <u>Meeting Agenda</u>

**TO:** Technical Coordinating Committee Members

**FROM:** Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director

**DATE:** January 6, 2012

**SUBJECT:** January 11, 2012 meeting

A meeting of the WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Traffic Conference Room on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of 305 Chestnut Street in downtown Wilmington.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes:
  - a. 11/9/11
- 3) New Business
  - a. Resolution Supporting MTIP/STIP Amendments
  - b. Resolution supporting the NC Mobility Fund Projects for the Wilmington MPO
  - c. Resolution supporting the submittal of the 2012 Recreational Trails Program grant for the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail
  - d. Resolution supporting the submittal of the TCSP grant for the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail
  - e. Resolution supporting the submittal of a FTA Targeted Transit Assistance Program grant from Section 5317
  - f. Resolution adopting the US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study
  - g. Election of Officers
- 4) Discussion
- 5) Updates
  - a. City of Wilmington/Wilmington MPO
  - b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
  - c. NCDOT
- 6) Announcements
  - a. Wilmington MPO Bike/Ped meeting-January 26th
- 7) Next meeting –February 15, 2012

#### **Attachments:**

- Minutes 11/9/11 meeting
- STIP/MTIP Amendments
- Resolution Supporting MTIP/STIP Amendments
- Resolution supporting the NC Mobility Fund Projects for the Wilmington MPO
- Map of Proposed Gary Shell Cross-City Trail through Autumn Hall
- Resolution supporting the submittal of the 2012 Recreational Trails Program grant for the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail
- Map of Proposed Gary Shell Cross-City Trail Phase IIIE
- Resolution supporting the submittal of the TCSP grant for the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail
- Photo of Proposed Improvements at Front Street and Castle Street
- Resolution supporting the submittal of a FTA Targeted Transit Assistance Program grant from Section 5317
- US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study (www.wmpo.org)
- Resolution adopting the US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study
- City of Wilmington/Wilmington MPO Project Update (January 2012)
- NCDOT Project Update

# Wilmington Urban Area Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Notes for November 9, 2011

### **Members Present:**

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington Albert Eby, WAVE Transit Ashli Barefoot, Town of Leland Bill McDow, TDM Coordinator Don Bennett, City of Wilmington Ken Vafier, Pender County Pat Walsh, Town of Belville Sam Burgess, New Hanover County Sean Ryan, Town of Navassa Shane York, NCDOT Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports

### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 12, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

### 3. Presentation

### a. Federal Highway Administration Review

Ms. Jill Stark gave a presentation on the review and action steps for improved collaboration for the Wilmington Area MPO. Mr. Kozlosky noted that Ms Stark will be presenting the information to the TAC at their November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### 4. New Business

### a. Resolution Supporting the Filing of the Hampstead Bypass Corridor Preservation Maps

Mr. Kozlosky told members the MPO's preferred alignment is marked E-H on the corridor maps. It minimizes the impacts to human environment. A public hearing is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> in Wilmington and also November 16<sup>th</sup> in Pender County. The MPO has the authority to file the map for the Hampstead Bypass per General Statute 136-44.50 and the TAC has agreed to be the filing agency for the map.

Ms. Ayers made the motion to support the filing of the Hampstead Bypass Corridor Preservation Map and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Vafier seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### b. Resolution Adopting Hampstead Bypass Variance Procedures

Mr. Kozlosky told members when a proposal for building within the adopted corridor is submitted, there are certain exceptions that could be allowed. One possible exception could be if someone wished to build a shed in their backyard.

Mr. Kozlosky stated that the Statutes require development of variance procedures for filing of the maps. He said staff consulted with NCDOT and the City of Wilmington on variance procedures they have inplace and much of the information for consideration in the development of a Hampstead Bypass variance procedure.

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Mr. Burgess made the motion to recommend approval of the Hampstead Bypass Variance Procedures and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Vafier seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### c. Resolution Requesting a Feasibility Study for the Cape Fear Riverway

Mr. Kozlosky told members the Cape Fear Riverway is included in the long range transportation plan and ranks very high based on the criteria established by the Citizen Advisory Committee. The project will extend from Independence Boulevard down to the Snows Cut Bridge. The proposal is for a 4-lane divided facility with turn lanes, a multi-use path and pedestrian crossing at designated locations, and grade separation at Snows Cut. Approval of the resolution will begin the process by requesting the Department complete a study to determine if this is a feasible project to move forward in the future.

Mr. Burgess made the motion to request a feasibility study for the Cape Fear Riverway and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Barefoot seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### d. Resolution Supporting the Town of Wrightsville Beach Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant Application

Mr. Bennett made the motion to support the Town of Wrightsville Beach Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant Application and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Walsh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### e. Resolution Supporting the "Freedom Roads" Trail Program

Mr. Kozlosky told members "Freedom Roads" Trail Program recognizes roads, rivers and ports along scenic byways that were critical to African American salves seeking access to freedom during the Civil War. Mr. Kozlosky noted that the NCAMPO endorsed the "Freedom Roads" Trail Program. Mr. Kozlosky told members a presentation is be made to the TAC regarding the program.

Ms. Bunch made to the motion to support the "Freedom Roads" Trail Program and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### f. Opening of a 30-day Public Comment Period for the MTIP/STIP Amendments

Mr. Kozlosky told members the MPO is required to hold a 30-day Public Comment Period for the MTIP/STIP Amendments. The TAC approved de-obligating funds in the MTIP/STIP in order to fund the gap for the Military Cutoff Road extension and the bridges on the Causeway that are scour-critical. The TAC will consider opening of the Public Comment Period at their next meeting.

### g. Cancellation of the December Meeting

Mr. Eby made the motion to cancel the meeting December meeting. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### h. Adoption of the 2012 MPO Meeting Calendar

Ms. Bunch made the motion to recommend adoption of the meeting calendar. Mr. Burgess seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### 5. Discussion

### a. Strategic Business Plan Review

Mr. Kozlosky updated members on the progress being made on the goals established in the MPO's Strategic Business Plan.

### b. Wilmington MPO Organizational Analysis

Mr. Kozlosky told members a presentation on the organizational analysis will be made to TAC members at their meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The report is available on the MPO website.

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### 6. Updates

Project updates for the Wilmington MPO/City of Wilmington, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and NCDOT are included in the agenda packet.

### 7. Announcements

### 8. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57am.

THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE NOT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS ARE RECORDED ON A COMPACT DISC AS PART OF THIS RECORD.

### PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 2012-2020 STIP

### **HIGHWAY PROGRAM**

### STIP MODIFICATIONS

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1. R-4063 SR 1472 (Village Road), West of SR 1437 to SR 1438, Brunswick County. Widen to multi-lanes. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and

reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only

2. R-4708 SR 1573 (Dow Road), US 421 in Carolina Beach to US 421 in Kure Beach, New Hanover County. Widen to multi-lanes. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only

3. U-3338C SR 1175 (Kerr Avenue) Interchange at SR 2649 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway), New Hanover County. Construct Interchange. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only

4. U-3831A SR 2048 (Gordon Road), NC 132
Interchange Ramp to SR 2270, New
Hanover County. Add additional lanes.
Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for
Planning and Environmental Study Only
to address funding shortfall within the
Division and reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only

### ITEM N (HANDOUT)

5. U-4902 US 17 Business(Market Street), Colonial Drive to SR 1402, New Hanover County. Access Management Improvements. Project Unfunded and reprogrammed for

Planning and Environmental Study Only to address funding shortfall within the Division and reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Planning and Environmental Study Only

### **STIP DELETIONS**

#### **DIVISION 3**

1. U-5300 US 117-NC 132 (College Road), SR 1272 to SR 2048, New Hanover County. Widen

to multi-lanes. Project Unfunded and Scheduled for Reprioritization to address funding shortfall within the Division and

reflect MPO priorities.

Scheduled for Reprioritization

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT OF THE 2012-2018 METROPOLITAN AND STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Advisory Committee has found that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2012-2018 State Transportation Improvement Program on July 7, 2011 and the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization adopted the Statewide/Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program on August 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation identified a funding delta in the 10-year resource plan for projects located within the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's planning area boundary and the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee supported modifications to the 10-year resource plan in order to maintain the current schedule for Military Cutoff extension (U-4751) and increase funding for the scour critical bridges over the Brunswick River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization has conducted a 30-day public comment period to receive citizen input on these transportation projects.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved by the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee amends the 20012-2018 Metropolitan and State Transportation Improvement Programs to modify Village Road Phase II (R-4063), Dow Road (R-4708), Kerr Avenue Interchange (U-3338C), Gordon Road widening (U-3831A) and Market Street Access Management (U-4902) to Planning and Environmental Studies Only and delete the North College Road Upgrade (U-5300).

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee
Mike Kozlosky Secretary

### RESOLUTION SUBMITTING PROJECTS WITHIN THE WILMINGTON MPO FOR CONSIDERATYION FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA MOBILITY FUND

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

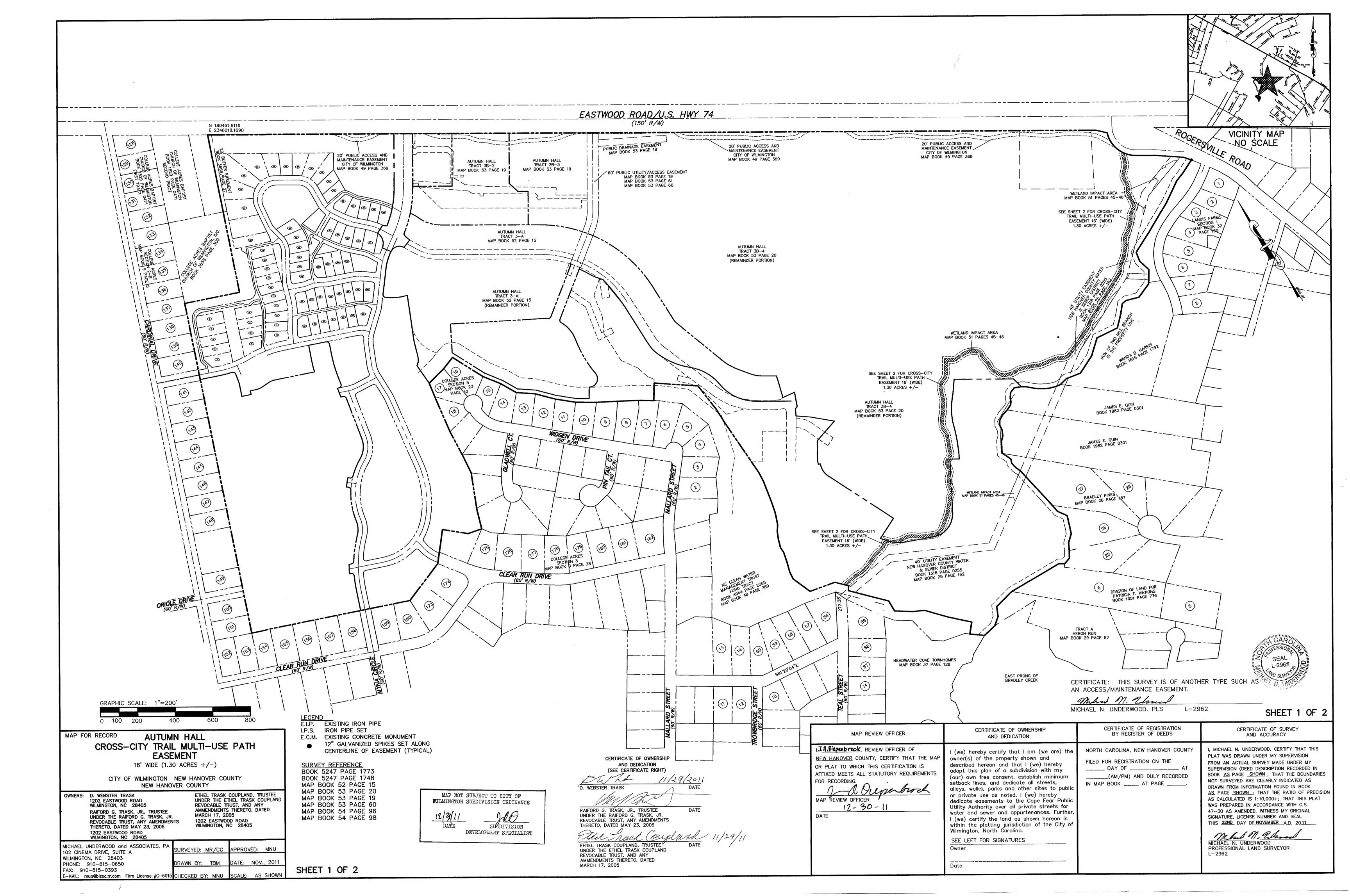
**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina 2009-2010 Appropriations Act established the North Carolina Mobility Fund to provide funding for transportation projects of statewide and regional significance that relieve congestion and enhance mobility across all modes of transportation; and

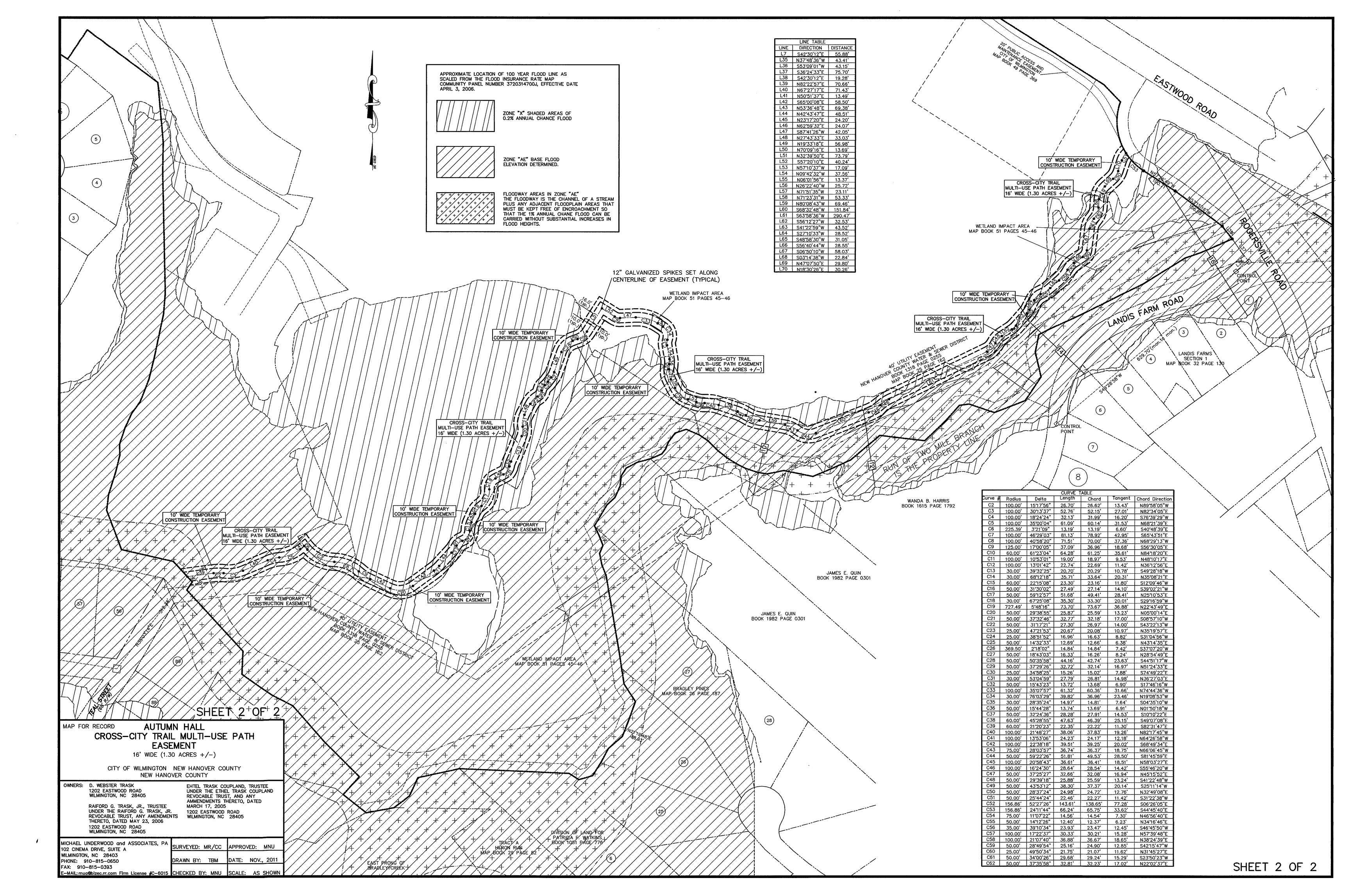
WHEREAS, the funding for the selected projects is to come from unused gap funds and reduction in the amount of money transferred from the Highway Trust Fund to the General Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is soliciting candidate transportation projects for the NC Mobility Fund; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby submits the Hampstead Bypass, Cape Fear Skyway, Independence Boulevard extension, Wilmington Multimodal Transportation Center and restoration of the rail line between Wallace and Castle Hayne.

Ionathan Barfield Jr., Chair
Γransportation Advisory Committee
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary





## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S SUBMITTAL OF A NORTH CAROLINA 2012 REGIONAL TRAILS GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCITON OF THE GARY SHELL CROSS-CITY TRAIL THROUGH AUTUMN HALL

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina 2012 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) is intended to help fund trails and trailrelated recreation needs at the state level; and

WHEREAS, funding for the RTP comes from federal gas taxes paid on non-highway fuel used in off-highway vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail is the core trail in a developing city-wide greenway system which will make alternative transportation in Wilmington a safer, more convenient option for every citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail is to provide residents and visitors with an amenity that provides opportunities for recreational use, physical activity and alternative transportation; and

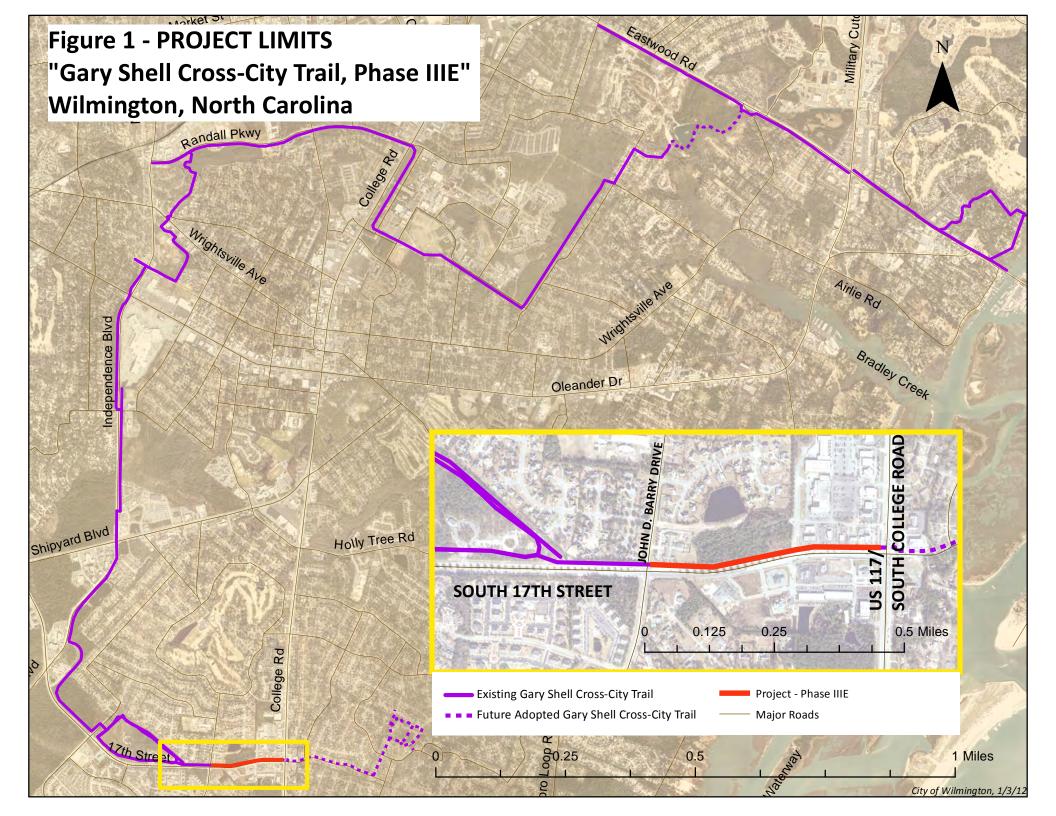
**WHEREAS**, once completed the trail will traverse the City of Wilmington from Wade Park in south Wilmington to the drawbridge at Wrightsville Beach and will provide a significant benefit to the quality of life for the entire Wilmington community and its visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** the eight to ten foot multi-use path will commence at the bridge spanning the Bradley Creek Floodway, extend within the eastern portion of Autumn Hall, and terminate at the existing path on Eastwood Road, closing a significant gap in the trail system; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the project is \$400,000 and the City of Wilmington will be providing the local match.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the City of Wilmington's application for the RTP grant for the construction of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail commencing at the bridge spanning the Bradley Creek Floodway to extend within the eastern portion of Autumn Hall and terminate at the existing path on Eastwood Road.

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chair Transportation Advisory Committee
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary
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## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S SUBMITTAL OF A TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNITY AND SYSTEMS PRESERVATION GRANT FOR THE CONSTRUCITON OF THE GARY SHELL CROSS-CITY TRAIL FROM JOHN D. BARRY DRIVE TO SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2011 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced a call for projects for FY2012 Transportation, Community and Systems Preservation(TCSP) Program; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the TCSP Program is to provide funding for a comprehensive transportation initiatives; and

WHEREAS, TCSP discretionary grants are available to plan and implement strategies which (1) improve the efficiency of the transportation system; (2) reduce environmental impacts of transportation; (3) reduce the need for costly future public infrastructure investments; (4) ensure efficient access to jobs, services and centers of trade; and (5) examine development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns which achieve these goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail is the core trail in a developing city-wide greenway system which will make alternative transportation in Wilmington a safer, more convenient option for every citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail is to provide residents and visitors with an amenity that provides opportunities for recreational use, physical activity and alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, once completed the trail will traverse the City of Wilmington from Wade Park in south Wilmington to the drawbridge at Wrightsville Beach and will provide a significant benefit to the quality of life for the entire Wilmington community and its visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Wilmington has identified the construction of a multi-use path from John D. Barry Drive to South College Road, to complete a portion of Phase IIIE of the adopted Gary Shell Cross City Trail, as a candidate project for these grant proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost of the project is \$325,000 and the City of Wilmington will be providing the local match.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the City of Wilmington's applyication for the TCSP grant for the construction of the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail from John D. Barry Drive to South College Road.

Advisory Committee on January 25, 201	2.	
Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chair	_	
Transportation Advisory Committee		
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Mike Kozlosky, Secretary		



## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF WILMINGTON'S SUBMITTAL OF A NORTH CAROLINA SECTION 5317 GRANT FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT CASTLE STREET AND FRONT STREET

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 1, 2011 the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) announced a call for projects for the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Targeted Transit Assistance Section 5317 Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of Section 5317 program is to reduce barriers to transportation services and to expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities beyond the requirements of the American Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990; and

WHEREAS, Section 5317 accomplishes this goal by providing funding assistance that supports new public transportation services and/or new public transportation alternatives beyond those required by the ADA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wilmington has identified pedestrian crossing improvements at Front Street and Castle Street as a candidate project for this grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the intersection improvements will benefit residents and visitors to Historic Downtown Wilmington and particularly the elderly and disabled residing in Solomon Towers which is owned and operated by the Wilmington Housing Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, these intersection improvements are identified in the adopted Cape Fear Historic Byway Corridor Management Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the City of Wilmington's application for the Section 5317 grant funding for construction of intersection improvements at Castle Street and Front Street.

onathan Barfield Jr., Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

#### RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE US 17/NC 210 CORRIDOR STUDY

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Pender County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Organization and the North Carolina Department of Transportation commissioned the US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study to identify near term strategies to address safety and mobility deficiencies on US 17 and NC 210 in Hampstead, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the study's purpose was to identify practical strategies that are consistent with the vision for Hampstead, that reduce the rate of injuries and fatalities in traffic crashes, reduce travel delay, and improve travel for pedestrians and bicyclists; and

**WHEREAS**, the study describes a preferred access plan for US 17 from Washington Acres Road to Sloop Point Loop Road, a distance of 5.54 miles, and for NC 210 from US 17 to Island Creek Road, a distance of 3.65 miles; and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations of the study contain a preferred access plan for US 17, a preferred access plan for NC 210, an updated collector street network, and an increase in traffic law enforcement along the identified corridor.

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby adopts the US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study.

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chair Fransportation Advisory Committee
Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

### CITY OF WILMINGTON MPO STATUS UPDATE JANUARY 2012

### WILMINGTON BYPASS (No Significant Changes)

**Project Description/Scope:** Construct the Wilmington Bypass from US 421 in New Hanover County to US 17 in Brunswick County.

**Current Status:** NCDOT has let the design and construction of the Wilmington Bypass Section "A" from US 17 to US 74/76 as a "design-build" project. They anticipate completing this section of the Bypass in 2013. The Wilmington Bypass "Section B" is funded from FY 2013 through 2020. All of the municipalities and counties within the Wilmington MPO adopted resolutions encouraging NCDOT to explore funding options to accelerate the "B" section of the Wilmington Bypass. On September 7th the Governor announced the acceleration of the Bypass and a new expected completion date of 2016.

#### CAPE FEAR COMMUTES 2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

**Project Description/Scope:** Cape Fear Commutes 2035 is a federally-mandated assessment of the current and future transportation needs of people and goods within the Wilmington MPO area.

Current Status: The MPO's Transportation Advisory Committee adopted *Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan* on December 15<sup>th</sup>. All municipalities and counties have formally adopted the plan. The Wilmington MPO has completed the 2011-2012 Wilmington MPO Strategic Business Plan. The plan was adopted by the TAC on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Staff will utilize this plan to track the implementation of the Cape *Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan*. Staff presented the first quarter status to the CAC on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Staff will update the Citizen Advisory Committee and Transportation Advisory Committee of the progress in February.

### <u>CAPE FEAR SKYWAY</u> (No significant change)

**Project Description/Scope:** Construct the Cape Fear Skyway that will link from in the vicinity of US 17 to Independence Boulevard and Carolina Beach Road.

**Current Status:** The NHC Board of Commissioners, Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and Wilmington City Council passed resolutions supporting the preservation of the potential northern route and directed staff to work with the MPO to file a map for the potential northern alignment. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Town of Leland voted to decline to approve a transportation official corridor map for the Cape Fear Skyway within the Town of Leland. The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) held a public workshop on March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Brunswick County and March 24<sup>th</sup> in New Hanover County.

**Next Steps:** The NCTA continues to work through the environmental review process.

### CITY OF WILMINGTON COLLECTOR STREET PLAN

Project Description/Scope: Complete a city-wide area collector street plan including Monkey Junction.

**Current Status:** The Steering Committee met on April 5th to discuss the plan and street cross-sections. Staff has received and reviewed a draft of the report. The Consultant continues to revise the draft based on comments provided by the City.

Next Steps: A public workshop was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> with 31 residents in attendance. Staff is reassessing the schedule. Staff will conduct an additional public workshop on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Following the completion of the workshop, staff will present the plan to the City of Wilmington Planning Commission, City Council and Transportation Advisory Committee for adoption.

### **COMPREHENSIVE GREENWAY PLAN**

**Project Description/Scope:** Complete a Comprehensive Greenway Plan for the City of Wilmington and New Hanover County. The greenway plan would lay the foundation for a comprehensive greenway network throughout the community.

Current Status: The Wilmington MPO, City of Wilmington, New Hanover County and North Carolina Department of Transportation selected Alta/Greenways to complete the Comprehensive Greenway Plan. The contract was awarded to Alta/Greenways in the amount of \$200,000 on January 3, 2012.

Next Steps: A "kick off meeting" will be held on January 19th at Halyburton Park to officially begin the development of the Comprehensive Greenway Plan.

### MARKET STREET CORRIDOR STUDY (No significant change)

**Project Description/Scope:** Develop a corridor plan for Market Street from Colonial Drive to the Pender County line.

**Current Status:** The Market Street Corridor Study was adopted by the TAC on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The Wilmington MPO, City and County will now begin the process to vet the "draft" ordinances in an effort to implement the plan.

#### MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER

**Project Description/Scope:** Purchase right-of-way, develop design plans and construct the Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center between N. 3<sup>rd</sup>, N. 4<sup>th</sup>, Hanover and Red Cross streets.

NCDOT hired Moffit & Nichol Associates and Ko & Associates to complete the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Wilmington Multi-modal Transportation Center. **NCDOT** has secured an option on the U-Haul property until October 31, 2012. **NCDOT** is continuing the development of the EA.

### N. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET CORRIDOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

**Project Description/Scope:** In May 2006, a transportation bond referendum was approved that included \$5 million in improvements to the North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street corridor.

Current Status: The City Council awarded the construction contract to Sealand Contractors. Kimley-Horn is currently re-designing the section north of the bridge to place the street trees back of sidewalk instead of back of curb. The Contractor has been installing water, sewer, conduit, storm drain and signal foundation improvements between Market Street and Grace Street. The contractor is currently installing water and sewer between Grace Street and Walnut Street.

### TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**Project Description/Scope**: The Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) is undertaking an effort to re-establish the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program.

Current Status: The WMPO held a meeting on October 12th to further discuss the TDM Program with several stakeholders. The meeting brought leaders from the top employers in Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender Counties for the purpose of re-establishing the TDM program for our area. Staff is currently assembling data and continues the development of the TDM program.



## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

EUGENE A. CONTI, JR. SECRETARY

January 4, 2012

### **TIP Projects:**

**U-3462:** Town of Shallotte, SR 1357 (Smith Avenue) extension from West of US 17 Business to NC 130. Under construction and funded by stimulus.

**Work Complete** 

**R-4002:** widen SR 1472 (Village Road) from SR 1437 (Old Fayetteville Road)/SR 1435 (South Navassa Road) to east of US 17 Interchange ramps, to a 4-lane divided facility. Work Complete

W-5104 – NC 132 (College Road) from US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) to US 117 (Shipyard Blvd.) construct various safety improvements at 10+ intersections.

Work Complete

W-5103 – US 421 (Carolina Beach Road) from George Anderson Road to SR 1100 (River Road) construct various safety improvements at 20+ intersections.

Estimated Contract Completion Date July 1, 2012

**Memorial Bridge** – painting of the Memorial Bridge.

Lane closures are not allowed from Memorial Day to Labor Day (fall/winter time) for the following times: 5:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Lane closures are not allowed from Memorial Day to Labor Day (spring/summer time) for the following times: 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday thru Thursday

Contractor will be allowed to completely close the bridge for the following times:

April 13, 2010 to June 11, 2010 from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

**Estimated Contract Completion Date Spring 2012** 

R-2633 AA & AB: Construction of I-140 (Wilmington Bypass) from US 17 to US 74/76.

Availability Date March 29, 2010

Estimated Contract Completion Date July 2013

**U-3338 B:** Widening of Kerr Ave. from Randall Parkway to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway. Start Date March 2014

**U-4434:** Independence Blvd. Extension from Randall Parkway to MLK Parkway. Post Year

**R-3601 US 17/74/76:** Widening across the "causeway", between Leland and Wilmington. Start Date July 2013

**R-3432** – **SR 1163** (**Georgetown Road**) extend from SR 1184 (Ocean Isle Beach Road) to NC 179.

Start Date June 2013

**R-3324 – Long Beach Road Extension** construct a 2-lane, 2-way roadway on new location from NC 211 to NC 87. Start Date of February 2013

R-3434 – SR 1500 (Midway Road) and SR 1401 (Galloway Road) widening Midway Road from NC 211 to US 17 Bypass.

Post Year

R-2633 B: Construction of I-140 (Wilmington Bypass)

R-2633 BA construct I-140 from US 74/76 to SR 1430 (Cedar Hill Road).

Start Date September 2013

R-2633 BB construct I-140 from SR 1430 (Cedar Hill Road) to US 421.

Let Date September 2013

**R-5021:** NC 211 widening, from NC 87 to SR 1500 (Midway Road). Start Date January 2019

**R-4063:** widen SR 1472 (Village Road) from SR 1435 (South Navassa Road) to SR 1438 (Lanvale Road).

Military Cutoff Road Extension (U-4751): extending Military Cutoff Road from Market Street to the Wilmington Bypass, with an interchange at the Bypass.

Start Date December 2016

**R-3300 Hampstead Bypass:** extending from Wilmington Bypass to US 17 north of Hampstead.

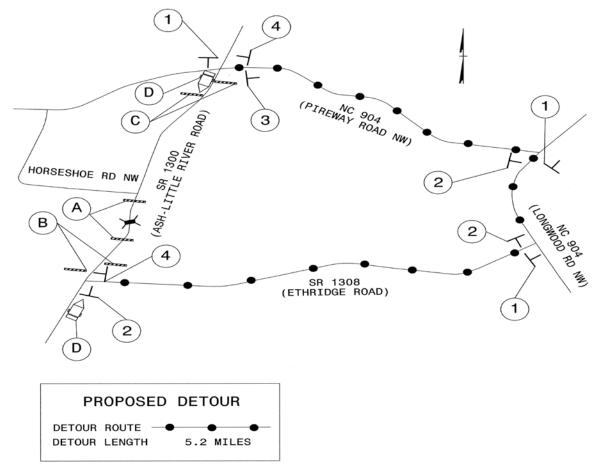
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**U-5300: NC 132 (College Road)** from SR 1272 (New Center Drive) to SR 2048 (Gordon Road) widen to multi-lanes. Start Date March 2022

### **Low Impact Bridge Program:**

BD-5103B (Brunswick County) – replace Bridge #77 on SR 1300 (Ash-Little River Road) over Scippeo Creek.

**Estimated Contract Completion Date – April 15, 2012** 



### **Resurfacing Projects:**

Brunswick, New Hanover & Pender contract:

**NC 904** milling & resurfacing from NC 179 to East/West Second Street at Ocean Isle Beach

**SR 1331 (Mill Branch Rd)** resurfacing from NC 130 to SR 1335 (Big Neck Rd) **SR 1143 (Brick Landing Rd)** resurfacing from NC 179 to end of system

**US 17 Business (Market Street)** milling & resurfacing from 0.206 miles south of SR 2251 (Barclay Hills Drive) at CSX RR tracks to 0.223 miles north of US 74 (MLK Parkway) intersection at the end of the curb & gutter

**US 17/US 421** milling & resurfacing from 0.091 miles south of US 74/NC 133 intersection at new pavement joint to 0.208 miles north of I-140 overpass at "new" pavement joint

**Wilmington Bypass** leveling courses, at various locations: @ bridge approaches, @ CSX RR fly-over, & @ low areas around interchange of US 17 and US 17 Bus.

**SR 1175** (**Kerr Ave.**) resurfacing from NC 132 to 0.14 mile south of Randall Pkwy **SR 1402** (**Edgewater Club Rd**) resurfacing from SR 1491 (Porter's Neck Rd) to end of system

SR 2127 (Judges Rd) resurfacing from US 17 Bus. to SR 2213 (Albemarle Rd)

**SR 2219 (Green Meadows Rd)** resurfacing from US 117 Bus. to SR 2281 (Spicewood St)

SR 1002 (Holly Shelter Rd) mill patch from US 117 to Pender Co. line

**US 117** resurfacing from New Hanover County line at Northeast Cape Fear River Bridge to 0.30 mile north of NC 210

**NC 53** milling & resurfacing from 0.53 miles west of SR 1400 (North/South Smith Street) to 0.03 miles east of US 117Business in Burgaw

**Estimated Contract Completion Date Spring 2012** 

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