

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for January 11, 2012**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington
Albert Eby, WAVE Transit
Robert Waring, Town of Leland
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Ken Vafier, Pender County
Pat Walsh, Town of Belville
Karyn Crichton, New Hanover County
Sean Ryan, Town of Navassa
Shane York, NCDOT
Don Eggert, CFRPO/COG
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Allen Pope, NCDOT
Bill McDow, TDM Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. New Business

a. Resolution Supporting the MTIP/STIP Amendments

Mr. Kozlosky told members in August 2011 the TAC voted to de-obligate funding for several projects within the MPO. The resolution reflects those changes. A public comment period was held to receive comments regarding the amendments.

Mr. Pope made the motion to support the MTIP/STIP amendments and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Ayers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Resolution Supporting the NC Mobility Fund Projects for the Wilmington MPO

Mr. Kozlosky told members NCDOT is soliciting projects for submittal for NC Mobility Funding. Projects must be ready to have funds obligated within 5 years and must be consistent with the MPO and RPO transportation planning efforts. The projects must also be included within the adopted transportation plan and consistent with local land use plans where available. All project capital costs including right-of-way and construction will be eligible for the mobility funds. Each MPO is allowed to submit up to 5 projects. Mr. Kozlosky told members staff reviewed the Long Range Transportation in developing the list of projects that met the criteria established for using NC Mobility Funds. The recommended projects that met the criteria are the Hampstead Bypass, the Cape Fear Skyway, the Independence Boulevard extension, the Multi-Modal Transportation Center and the restoration of the rail line between Wallace and Castle Hayne.

Mr. Waring asked if the connection between NC 133 and US 17 would qualify as regional significance. Mr. Kozlosky said it does not.

Ms. Ayers made the motion to recommend submittal of the list of qualifying projects to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Pope seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. Resolution Support the Submittal of the 2012 Recreational Trails Program Grant for the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail

Mr. Kozlosky told members the NC 2012 Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds trail-related recreation needs at the state level. The funding comes from federal gas tax paid on non-highway fuel use for off-highway vehicles. The City of Wilmington was deeded an easement through the Autumn Hall development last month. The easement will connect out to Eastwood Road. The resolution supports the submission of a grant application in order to obtain RTP funds to construct that portion of the trail.

Ms. Crichton made the motion to recommend approval of the resolution supporting the submittal of the 2012 RTP grant for the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. Resolution Supporting the Submittal of the TCSP Grant for the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail

Ms. Rashid told members this grant submittal is to extend the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail from where it currently terminates/originates at John D. Berry Drive just east of Halliburton Park down 17th Street to South College Road. It will include crossing improvements on John D. Berry Drive and the extension of the multi-use path to South College Road. It will also give public transit access to the commercial node at South College Road.

Mr. McDow made the motion to support the resolution to submit the TCSP grant and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Walsh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

e. Resolution Supporting the Submittal of a FTA Targeted Transit Assistance Program Grant from Section 5317

Ms. Rashid told members the grant program is for construction of transit improvements beyond ADA accessibility requirements. The grant application is for a mid-block crossing on Front Street just north of the intersection of Front and Castle Streets. The pedestrian refuge island and crosswalk will connect the sidewalk at Solomon Towers to the transit stops on both sides of Front Street. The mid-block crossing will include ADA ramps.

Ms. Crichton made the motion to support the submittal of a FTA Targeted Transit Assistance Program grant application and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Vafier seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

f. Resolution Adopting the US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the Wilmington MPO and NCDOT completed a corridor study on US 17/NC 210 in Pender County. It identified near-term strategies to improve safety and mobility along the corridor. The Pender County Board of Commissioners adopted the study at their January 3rd meeting. Staff is requesting the TCC and the TAC also endorse the study.

Mr. Pope made the motion to recommend adopting the US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

g. Election of Officers

Mr. Eggert made the motion to retain Mr. Kozlosky for Chairman and Mr. Bennett as Vice-chairman for 2012. Mr. Pope seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Discussion

No items

5. Updates

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

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43am.

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