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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.

## **Meeting Agenda**

Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee

**TO:** Transportation Advisory Committee Members

**FROM:** Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director

**DATE:** January 20, 2012 **SUBJECT:** January 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm. The meeting will be held in the Lord Spencer Compton Conference Room at City Hall in downtown Wilmington.

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes:
  - a. 11/15/11
  - b. 11/16/11
- 3) Public Comment Period
- 4) New Business
  - a. Resolution Supporting MTIP/STIP Amendments
  - 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
- 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 26, 2012
- 9) Next Meeting –February 29, 2012

#### **Attachments:**

- Minutes 11/15/11 meeting
- Minutes 11/16/11 meeting
- STIP/MTIP Amendments
- Resolution supporting MTIP/STIP Amendments
- NC Mobility Fund Solicitation
- NC Mobility Fund Candidate Project Submission Form
- 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
- Map 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)
- NCDOT Project Update

# **Meeting Minutes**

# Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee

Date: November 15, 2011

# **Members Present:**

Jonathan Barfield, Chairman, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Laura Padgett, Vice-chair, City of Wilmington
Jack Batson, Town of Belville
Pat Batleman, Town of Leland
Brian Berger, New Hanover County
Dean Lambeth, Town of Kure Beach
David Williams, Pender County
Earl Sheridan, City of Wilmington
Lonnie Lashley, Town of Carolina Beach

## **Staff Present:**

Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director Tara Murphy, Associate Transportation Planner Suraiya Rashid, Associate Transportation Planner Bill McDow, Staff Engineer

# 1. Call to Order

Mr. Barfield called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

# 2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the October 26, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

## 3. Public Comment Period

Ms. Mary Phillips spoke to members regarding Hampstead Bypass Corridor Official Map. She told members she and others attending the meeting are not in agreement with moving ahead on preservation of the corridor. She is concerned about property values and noise if the bypass is constructed.

Ms Denise Furr told members she also has the same concern regarding the Hampstead Bypass especially with the depressed real estate market.

# 4. Presentation

## a. Federal Highway Administration Review

Ms. Jill Stark gave a presentation on the WMPO review and action steps for improved collaboration for the Wilmington Area MPO.

# 5. Public Hearing

# a. Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Maps

Mr. Williams made the motion to open the public hearing. Mr. Berger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Kozlosky gave an overview of this item. He stated that NCDOT is currently going through the environment studies for the Hampstead Bypass. The draft Environment Impact Statement was signed in July 2011. He stated that the WMPO's preferred alignment is M1 alternative EH. Based on the direction from the TAC, staff has prepared the Transportation Corridor Official Maps for this preferred alignment, but the Merger Team has not yet officially selected the EH alignment as the preferred corridor. Mr. Kozlosky noted that the legislation for the filing of transportation corridor

official maps has changed effective December 1<sup>st</sup>. A public hearing must be held in each of the effective counties in which the corridor would be filed. Along with this public hearing, another public hearing will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> in Pender County. The next step will be a resolution from the TAC members directing staff to file the Transportation Corridor Official Maps.

Mr. Any Koeppel asked staff to point out the potential foraging area of the red-cockaded woodpecker. Mr. Kozlosky stated that the habitat is contiguous to the Holly Shelter Game Lands. Mr. Koeppel asked if the potential foraging ground will affect the route. Mr. Kozlosky said yes. Mr. Koeppel told members that it was his hope that a potential foraging area would not be allowed to delay the best route for the future highway.

Ms. Mary Phillips asked if there was an appeal process for the proposed route. Ms. Padgett stated that NCDOT has an appeal process in place on property issues. Mr. Kozlosky noted that there is a variance process will be presented at the meeting tomorrow at the Pender County Public Hearing meeting if the TAC board decides to file the maps.

Ms. Padgett told members the concerns that she has heard is that the access to Hampstead is seriously comprised because of the foraging area. Mr. Kozlosky said the current design would not allow south-bound movement on US 17. Ms. Padgett asked if there could be some type of south-bound movement engineered into that connection. Mr. Kozlosky stated that right now the design is based on the potential land available outside of the potential foraging habitat or foraging habitat. Mr. Williams told members he participated in a meeting where discussion were held regarding an alternative design that is a little bit south, but north of the school that may be easier to mitigate the wetlands than deal with the foraging habitat issues. They are trying to come up with an alternative route but the map needs to be filed. The proposed corridor map can be amended later to address needed changes. He stated that he was encouraged that the Department is looking for alternatives and the committee can amend the last portion of the northern section of the corridor map if necessary.

Ms. Agnes Bean asked if there are any alternatives to the west that are being considered. Mr. Kozlosky told the audience that the maps can change. The intent of the corridor preservation is to preserve an area for the bypass but it could move slightly.

Mr. Carter Mebin told members it seems like the eastern route M1-O seems much simpler, so why go northwest. Mr. Kozlosky said it was based on the Draft Environmental Impact (EI) study. Ms. Padgett asked what the impacts were in the M1-O route. Mr. Kozlosky referred to the draft environmental document for that information. He told members he would send out full copies of the draft EI after the meeting for their review.

Ms. Patty Hollifield asked if there was a process in place if she would like to build a garage on her property that lies in the corridor. Mr. Kozlosky told her that it could be considered under the variance procedures if the corridor map is filed.

Everyone being given an opportunity to be heard, Mr. Sheridan made the motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Padgett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

# 6. New Business

#### a. Resolution Support a Feasibility Study for the Cape Fear Riverway

Mr. Kozlosky told members the upgrade of River Road between Independence Boulevard and the Snow's Cut Bridge is recommended in the *Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan*. It recommends upgrading the facility to a four-lane divided facility with a multi-use path. The

resolution requests NCDOT complete a feasibility study to evaluate the Cape Fear Riverway. This would be the first step to get the project on the evaluation list for the TIP. He told members that the resolution supports completing a feasibility study to look at all the impacts associated with the Cape Fear Riverway corridor and determine if it is a feasible project to move forward.

Mr. Sheridan inquired about the time frame for this project. Mr. Kozlosky replied that it is the first step in a long-range planning process and it is many years out if it is deemed a feasible project.

Ms Padgett made the motion to support a feasibility study for the Cape Fear Riverway. Mr. Sheridan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Ms Padgett made the motion to approve the resolution supporting the Town of Wrightsville Beach's Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant Application. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Kozlosky told members the committee voted to de-obligate funding for the several projects within the MPO planning area boundary. The modification to de-obligate those funds in the STIP/MTIP requires holding a 30-day public comment period based on the public involvement plan.

Ms Batleman asked Mr. Kozlosky to explain the status of Old Fayetteville Road that is listed under STIP Deletions in the report. Mr. Kozlosky said it is his understanding is that it is just a STIP amendment to de-obligate the funding. The handout (Item N) from the Department is indicating that they will stop work on the project, which would cease all planning associated with it. He said he will follow up and get a response back to her as to why it is identified for deletion.

Ms. Batleman said she did not see how a vote on the item can take place today without the information. Ms. Padgett noted that we are just opening the 30-day comment period not making a decision. Ms. Batleman said she would rather have the record straight before going into a 30-day comment period. She told members this has a tremendous effect on the Town of Leland. Mr. Barfield asked if he understood it correctly that nothing will happen during this 30-day period. Mr. Kozlosky said that was correct. The amendments would not come back until the January meeting. He stated that he will have the answer for Ms. Batleman by tomorrow night's meeting.

Ms. Batleman made the motion to table the item. Mr. Batson seconded the motion. Mr. Sheridan asked Ms Batleman what time frame she was proposing in tabling the item. Ms. Batleman said to table it until all the information regarding how this decision was made to delete the project came about. She told members that the Town of Leland had no knowledge that Old Fayetteville Road was going to be on the chopping block. Ms. Batleman told members that in a comparison of the purpose and need statements for some of these projects, eliminating Old Fayetteville Road makes no sense.

Mr. Kozlosky suggested holding the item over until the meeting tomorrow. If the TAC is not satisfied with the answers he is able to provide, then the opening of the 30-day public comment period can be held over until the January meeting.

Ms. Padgett made a substitute motion to hold this item until tomorrow's meeting. Mr. Sheridan seconded the substitute motion. The motion to table until tomorrow's meeting carried in a 7 to 2 vote with Mr. Williams and Ms. Batleman voting in opposition.

#### 7. 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.

Ms. Batleman told members that there is an item regarding establishing a Park & Ride at the Food Lion parking lot on Mt. Misery Road in Leland included in the document. She asked when the decision to pursue a park and ride lot in that area was discussed and with whom. Mr. Kozlosky explained that it was identified as part of the *Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan* to look at a park and ride lot in that area. The plan did not specifically say the Food Lion. Staff identified the Food Lion as an opportunity because of the space available to sign a park and ride lot. The next step would be to contact the property owner to see if that is viable. This is a strategy and it has been identified as an opportunity and it will take further discussion and study. Ms. Batleman suggested that they meet with Leland town officials to discuss their ordinances. Mr. Kozlosky noted that they have not progressed that far yet and staff is just in the exploration stages.

## 8. Updates

Mr. Kozlosky noted that included in the monthly update is information regarding the Wilmington Collector Street Plan. He told members that he would like to ask TAC members to extend the 30-day Public Comment Period for the plan. Staff is working to get more participation in this planning effort up-front and has scheduled a second public workshop on December 13<sup>th</sup> to receive additional feedback from citizens.

Ms. Padgett made the motion to extend the 30-day Public Comment Period for the Wilmington Collector Street Plan until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### 9. Announcements

### 10. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted Mike Kozlosky Executive Director Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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# **Meeting Minutes**

# Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting in Pender County Date: November 16, 2011

# **Members Present:**

Jonathan Barfield, Chairman, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Laura Padgett, Vice-chair, City of Wilmington Jack Batson, Town of Belville Pat Batleman, Town of Leland Dean Lambeth, Town of Kure Beach David Williams, Pender County Earl Sheridan, City of Wilmington Lonnie Lashley, Town of Carolina Beach

# **Staff Present:**

Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director Tara Murphy, Associate Transportation Planner Suraiya Rashid, Associate Transportation Planner Bill McDow, Staff Engineer

### 1. Call to Order

Mr. Barfield called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

## 2. Public Comment Period

No speakers

# 3. Presentation

## a. WMPO Organizational Analysis

Mr. Dan Dorian with KPMG gave a presentation on the WMPO Organizational Analysis Report.

# 4. Old Business

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

Mr. Kozlosky noted that TAC members voted to continue the opening of the 30-day public comment period for the STIP/MTIP amendments at the November 15<sup>th</sup>. He said that there were questions regarding the differentiation between modifications and deletions. He explained that modifications are de-obligating the funds but continuing planning and environmental work on the projects and deletion is to stop the planning and environmental work.

Mr. Pope told members the reason the item was placed on the agenda was because of the resolution that was passed by the TAC to take the funding away from these projects. They were projects that were already in the preliminary engineering phase, so they asked that the funds stay there until the Department got to a stopping-point and then close the project down or make it a shelved-project. The other projects had not yet begun. The Old Fayetteville Road interchange began in 2008 with a Citizen Information Workshop. After that, right-of-way funding was moved to 2019 and so all PE work had stopped. The project was scheduled to come back in 2014 to restart the PE fund work. The EA is scheduled to be due in 2016 if the funding stays in 2019. Mr. Pope stated that if the TAC would like, they can pull the item from consideration, remove it from the BOT's agenda and let it fall where it falls during prioritization.

Ms. Batleman said she would prefer that. Mr. Pope said at this time PE work is not being done on the Old Fayetteville Road interchange. Ms. Batleman told members that the project is important for the Town of Leland because it's going to be the main thoroughfare through the Town of Leland and the new Town Center is to be located on Old Fayetteville Road. She asked to have the Old Fayetteville Road interchange withdrawn from the list.

Mr. Kozlosky told members that based on the public involvement policy, the board could direct staff to remove the item from the STIP/MTIP amendment list and open the 30-day public comment period, recognizing that the item has been removed.

Ms. Batleman made the motion to open the 30-day public comment period for the STIP/MTIP amendments, excluding the deletion of the Old Fayetteville Road interchange and direct staff to put the project back on the list for prioritization. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

# 5. Public Hearing

# a. Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Maps

Mr. Williams made the motion to open the public hearing for the Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Maps. Ms. Padgett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Ray King asked the board if maps are available here at the meeting. Mr. Kozlosky gave him a copy of the corridor maps.

Mr. Mike Cordle told members he has concern regarding the north end of the bypass heading south. It appears that traffic will be forced to take the bypass and to get back on North 17 you will be forced to travel through the local neighborhoods. It seems like there should be a 17 Business and a 17 Bypass.

Mr. Williams told members that NCDOT has heard the concerns regarding the northern access into Hampstead. They are looking at potential options to create a better interchange. They are working to come up with something north of Topsail High School. It will not be a standard clover-leaf but it is a possible solution. He noted that it is important to vote to preserve an overall corridor and be able to come back in 2012 and modify the northern section of the corridor.

Mr. Gary Taylor told the board he would rather wait until we have an idea of something that is viable and acceptable to the people of Hampstead before we move on with the project.

Ms. Julia Jones asked if residents received a letters to attend the meeting means that they are in the path of where the road is going to go. Mr. Kozlosky stated that property owners who received letters would be directly impacted by the proposed corridor map.

Ms. Dawn Sage asked at what point residents that are living within the corridor would not be able to make improvements to their home. Mr. Kozlosky told her that there will be a variance process for residents that can be submitted for making improvements to their property. The requests are reviewed to determine if it will have a significant impact to the corridor.

Ms. Allie Shelfield, president of Pender Watch told members they support the Bypass. They are confident that the state and the people working on the project are doing the best possible job that can be done. As an environmental agency, they have concerns about the red-cockaded woodpecker, but are sure that all federal policies will be followed. She said they are hopeful that the northern end can be improved and a better solution can be found.

Ms. Joyce Owens asked why it is that in order to have a bypass there would also be a need to not have any traffic on the existing 17 going through Hampstead. What is the connection between those two elements of the plan? Ms. Padgett replied that because of the woodpecker's habitat, the problem is creating a connection between the existing Highway 17 and the bypass. That

connection is generally a large clover-leaf intersection, but due to the habitat they do not have that option. NCDOT must meet federal regulations and protect the bird and their habitat. They are working to find a better solution to give residents access into Hampstead.

Mr. Pope explained that the primary objective of the project is to take thru-traffic off Highway 17 through Hampstead and put it on the bypass. Because of the issues with the red-cockaded woodpecker, they are unable to fit a standard size interchange on the northern end of the project. A possible solution is an interchange south of the school along Grand Floral Drive to bring traffic back to downtown Hampstead.

Ms. Padgett asked Mr. Pope why traffic forced to continue on to the overpass and not given the choice, even if you have to put a traffic signal there. Mr. Pope explained that the right-of-way needed for that would option would put the project at risk of encroaching on the woodpecker's habitat.

Mr. Mike Nadeau told members he submitted an alternate design to Jay McGinnis, the project engineer working on this project. He indicated that the ramp speed is the issue. If the ramp speed is lowered for the on and off ramps, it could be a possible solution.

Mr. Frank Taylor told members he works with Go Gas. He said he felt that the established businesses in the area will be adversely affected by the bypass and the possibility of a median installed on Hwy 17 in Hampstead to restrict left turns.

Mr. John Thomlinson told members that the area is only a proposed woodpecker habitat and he feels that tax payers are being put on the backburner in preserving that habitat.

Mr. Ray King suggested adding an on-ramp off the interchange so that it would connect to the US 17 as an alternative. Mr. Kozlosky said that the Department of Transportation is looking at that as a possible alternative.

Mr. Mike Cordle said he is concerned because of the drop in property values if the bypass is built and the committee needs to think about how the people will be affected financially. He would like to see a Hwy 17 alternate and a Hwy 17 bypass.

Mr. Lee Piver asked if there is a bird population in the area or is it only a habitat. Mr. Williams said it is a potential foraging habitat. Mr. Kozlosky stated that the determination was made by the US Fish and Wildlife.

Mr. Jermain Kemp told members he is stationed at Camp LeJeune. They have over 400 square miles of facilities and 20% of that has been shut down by the woodpeckers. He noted that this is a fight with the federal government that no one is going to win.

Ms. Carolyn Taylor told members her only concern is that this map is accepted in the hopes of moving forward and then not being able to find an answer to the north/south cul-de-sac. To do that does not seem sensible.

Mr. George Brown told members the red-cockaded woodpecker is creating a serious problem for everyone here today. He wanted to remind everybody that the decision on the access for the corridor is not up to the TAC members. The purpose of today's meeting is to establish a corridor. Everyone may not like the proposed interchange that is currently in place, but they are working to find a compromise for the interchange. He stated that we must first establish the corridor and he feels very confident that a better solution can be worked out for the interchange.

Everyone being given an opportunity to be heard, Mr. Williams made the motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Padgett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

# 6. New Business

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

Mr. Batson reminded members that we are here to mark the corridor, not redesign maps or interchanges but protect the corridor from encroachments in the future.

Ms. Padgett asked Mr. Kozlosky what was the justification for choosing the EH alignment section that is further west rather than building it straighter to the east. Mr. Kozlosky stated that it was selected because it had less impact to the human and business community and other endanger species impacts.

Ms. Padgett made the motion to file the Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Maps. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

# b. <u>Resolution Adopting Variance Procedures for the Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Maps</u>

Mr. Kozlosky explained the variance procedure proposed for the Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official maps.

Ms. Padgett made to motion to adopt the Variance Procedures for the Hampstead Bypass Transportation Corridor Official Maps. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

# c. Resolution Supporting the "Freedom Roads" Trails Program

Mr. Kozlosky told members the "Freedom Roads" Trails Program recognizes roads, rivers and ports and North Caroling Scenic Byways used in the critical efforts of the enslave African Americans seeking access to freedom and those that supported the freedom seekers. There are several sites located within the WMPO boundary that are recognized by the program. The trails program will help promote these sites and increase tourism to these locations.

Mr. Sheridan made the motion to support the "Freedom Roads" Trails Program. Mr. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## d. Cancellation of the December TAC Meeting

Ms. Padgett made to motion to cancel the December TAC meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

# e. Adoption of the 2012 Meeting Calendar

Ms. Padgett made the motion to adopt the 2012 meeting calendar. Mr. Batson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### 7. Updates

Project updates for the Wilmington MPO/City of Wilmington and NCDOT are available in the agenda packet.

# 9. Announcements

# 10. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM

Respectfully submitted
Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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## 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

# Mike Kozlosky

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Subject: Soliciation of Candidate Mobility Fund Projects -Due Date of February 29, 2012

Attachments: Mobility Fund Solicitation - Submission Template.pdf

Follow Up Flag: Follow up

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The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is now soliciting candidate transportation projects for the Mobility Fund. The North Carolina 2009-2010 Appropriations Act was approved to fund transportation projects, selected by the NCDOT, of statewide and regional significance that relieve congestion and enhance mobility across all modes of transportation. The funding for these selected projects (which is outside of North Carolina's Equity Formula) is to come from unused gap funds and reductions in the amount of money transferred from the Highway Trust Fund to the General Fund. The legislation designated the first project to be funded as the Yadkin River Bridge Phase II project. The Yadkin River Bridge Phase II is under construction. Subsequent projects are now being solicited.

The remaining amount of Mobility Funds available for qualifying projects is approximately \$45 million in State Fiscal Year 13 (July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013) and \$58 million every year thereafter.

See attached for the **NC Mobility Fund Candidate Project Submission Form.** Please complete this form with as much relevant information about each project as possible and limit your narrative for each

question. Please be sure to include a contact person in the need for NCDOT follow up. Remember the Minimum Eligibility Requirements for Mobility Fund projects are:

- Projects must be on Statewide or Regional Tier facilities ("Tier" designation is defined by NCDOT. Light
  rail, bus rapid transit, and commuter rail are all eligible for Mobility Funds. Tier descriptions and facilities
  are listed at: <a href="http://www.ncdot.gov/performance/reform/NCMINmaps/default.html">http://www.ncdot.gov/performance/reform/NCMINmaps/default.html</a>
- Projects must be ready to have funds obligated for construction within 5 years.
- Projects must be consistent with MPO/RPO transportation planning efforts; Projects must be included in an adopted transportation plan; and must be found to be consistent with local land-use plans where available.
- Projects must be in a conforming transportation plan in non-attainment or maintenance areas.
- Only project capital costs (right-of-way and construction) will be eligible for the Mobility Fund, not maintenance, operation, or planning costs.
- No minimum project capital cost will be established as a threshold for funding.

More than one candidate can be submitted however only a maximum of 5 candidate projects will be evaluated from any one Agency, Organization, or Municipality, County or other form of local/regional government. This submittal cap is due to the limited amount of available Mobility Funds, an anticipated large number of candidate projects and the NCDOT's desire to fund projects that are ready for construction within the next five years.

<u>Due Date For Submissions is February 29, 2012.</u> Submissions received after that date may not be scored. The NC Mobility Fund Candidate Project Submission Form can be accessed and submitted via the Mobility Fund website (<a href="http://www.ncdot.org/about/finance/mobilityfund">http://www.ncdot.org/about/finance/mobilityfund</a>), emailed to <a href="http://www.ncdot.org/about/finance/mobilityfund">ncmobilityfund@ncdot.gov</a> or sent via mail to North Carolina Department of Transportation, 1501 Mail Service Center, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh, NC 27699-1501 ATTN: Mobility Fund Project Submission. Project submissions will then be reviewed, data gathered and scored with expected release of scores in May 2012.

Questions can be directed to Don Voelker (919) 707-4740, Alpesh Patel (919) 707-4742 or David Wasserman (919) 707-4743.

Thanks, Don Voelker Director, Strategic Planning Office of Transportation North Carolina Department of Transportation Raleigh, NC 27699-1501

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# **Mobility Fund Candidate Project**

This form is being used by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to solicit candidate transportation projects for the North Carolina Mobility Fund. Please provide as much relevant information for each candidate project as possible in this form and check the certification box (bottom of page) prior to clicking the submit button. A maximum of 5 candidate projects per any one Individual, Agency / Organization, Municipality, County will be evaluated. Please email "ncmobilityfund@ncdot.gov" or call 1-877-DOT-4YOU if you have any questions or are experience problems with this form.

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# **Project Description**

Describe the proposed project improvement (i.e., widen roadway to four lanes, reconstruct interchange, construct new freeway, construct new rail connector, expand light rail corridor, etc.).

# **Project Purpose and Need**

Provide a brief explanation of the purpose and need for this project and how its construction will address existing congestion problems. Please provide any data or references to previous studies (feasibility studies, corridor studies, etc.) which show how this project provides improved mobility for the local area.

Cost Share
If applicable, provide the amount and a description (including the type of funds, i.e., STP, NHS, local, etc.) that your Agency / Organization, Municipality, or County is proposing to contribute to reduce the overall cost of your candidate project(s). If these are NCDOT equity-eligible funds from another project, please provide a statement of local support for the use of these funds and recognize that other equity funded projects may be affected.
Current Project Cost
If known, please provide the most recent estimated construction and right-of-way costs.
Construction:  Right-Of-Way:  Total Cost:
Project Status
If known, please provide the current status of project readiness, i.e. feasibility study, preliminary engineering, environmental document, right of-way, programmed for construction, etc.
Consistency with Local Transportation Plan
Please cite where your candidate project can be found in your local area Transportation Plan.
Reference to adopted Long Range Transportation Plan (plan website, plan page number, etc.): Plan adoption date:
Certification
Please check here to confirm you have reviewed this candidate project's ability to meet the minimum project eligibility criteria required evaluate it within North Carolina's Mobility Fund.

# 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

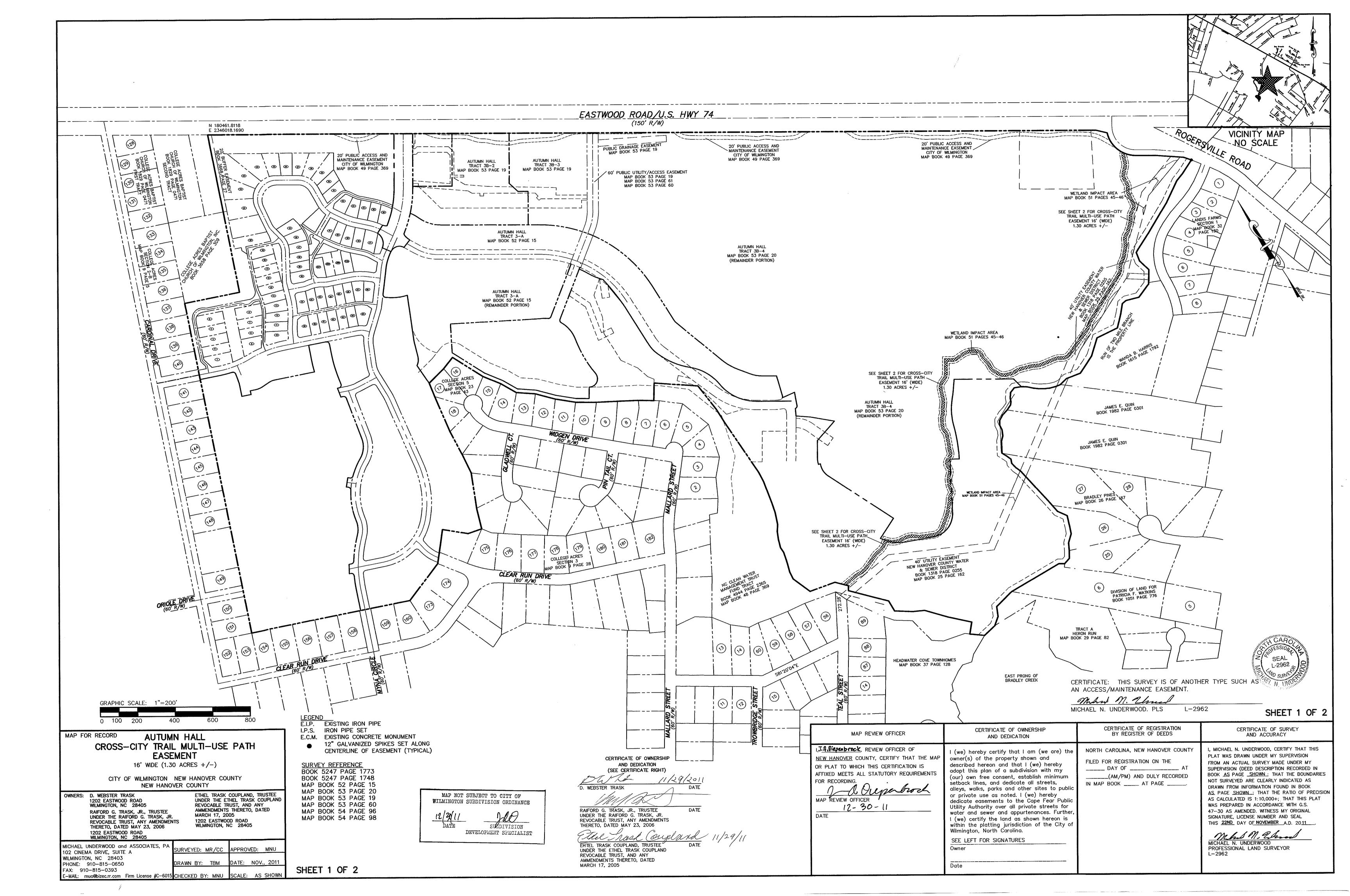
**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina 2009-2010 Appropriations Act established the North Carolina Mobility Fund to provide funding for transportation projects of statewide and regional significance that relieve congestion and enhance mobility across all modes of transportation; and

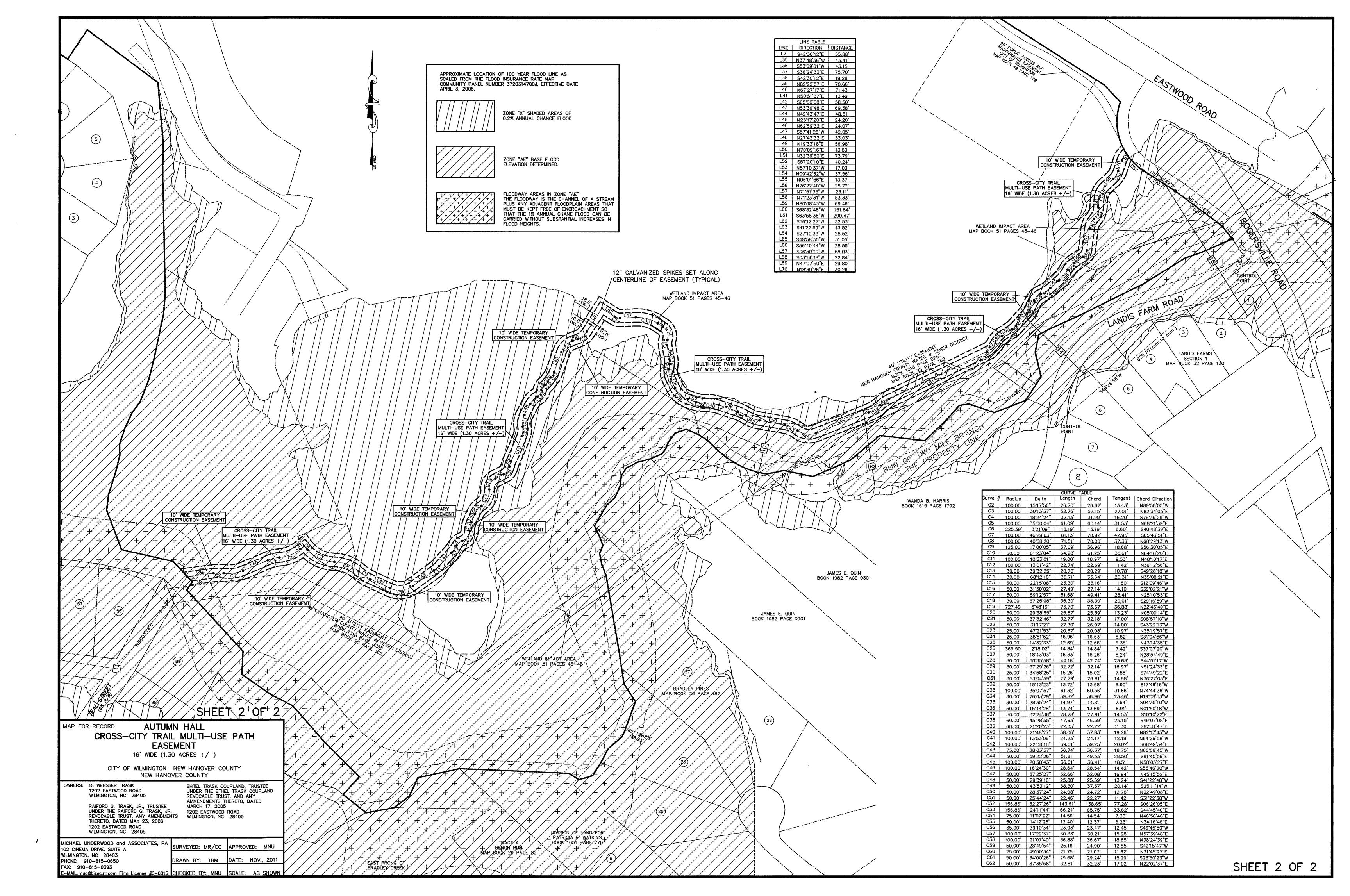
**WHEREAS**, the funding for the selected projects is to come from unused gap funds and reduction in the amount of money transferred from the Highway Trust Fund to the General Fund; and

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

**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.

Jonathan Barfield Jr., Chairman
Fransportation Advisory Committee
Transportation 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

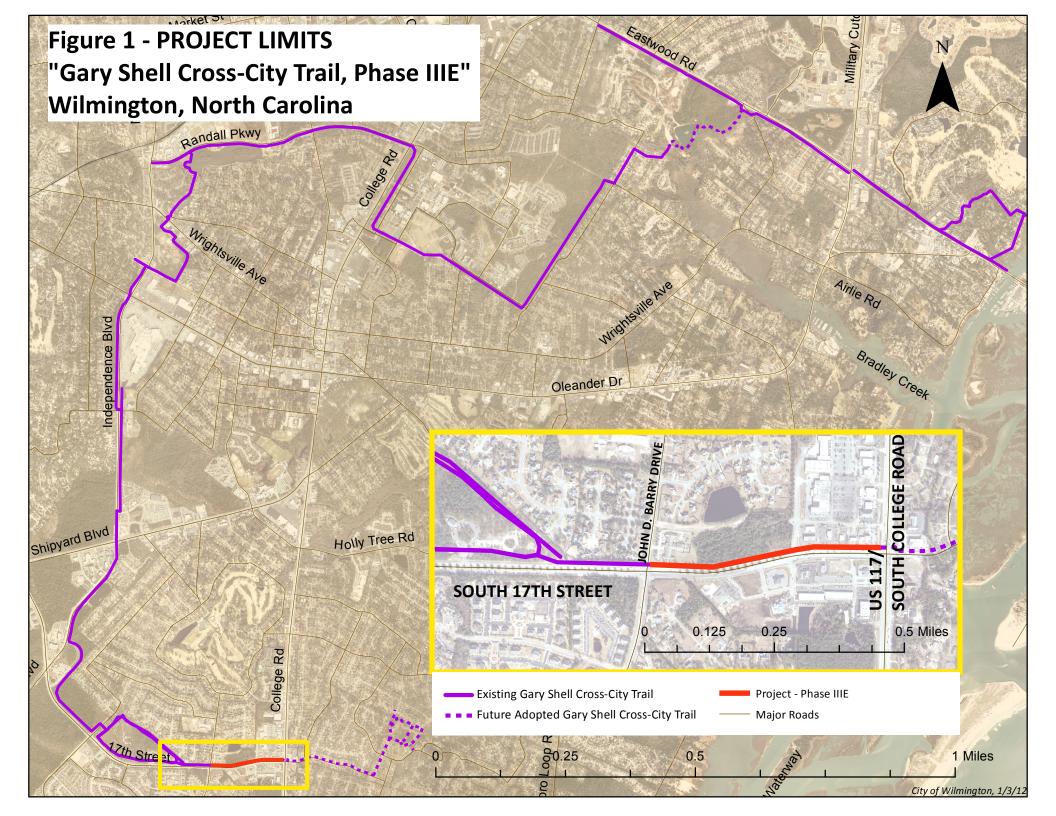
**WHEREAS**, once completed the trail will traverse the City of Wilmington from Wade Park in south Wilmington to the drawbridge at Wrightsville Beach and will provide a significant benefit to the quality of life for the entire Wilmington community and its visitors; and

**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 \$480,000 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., Chairma	n
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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

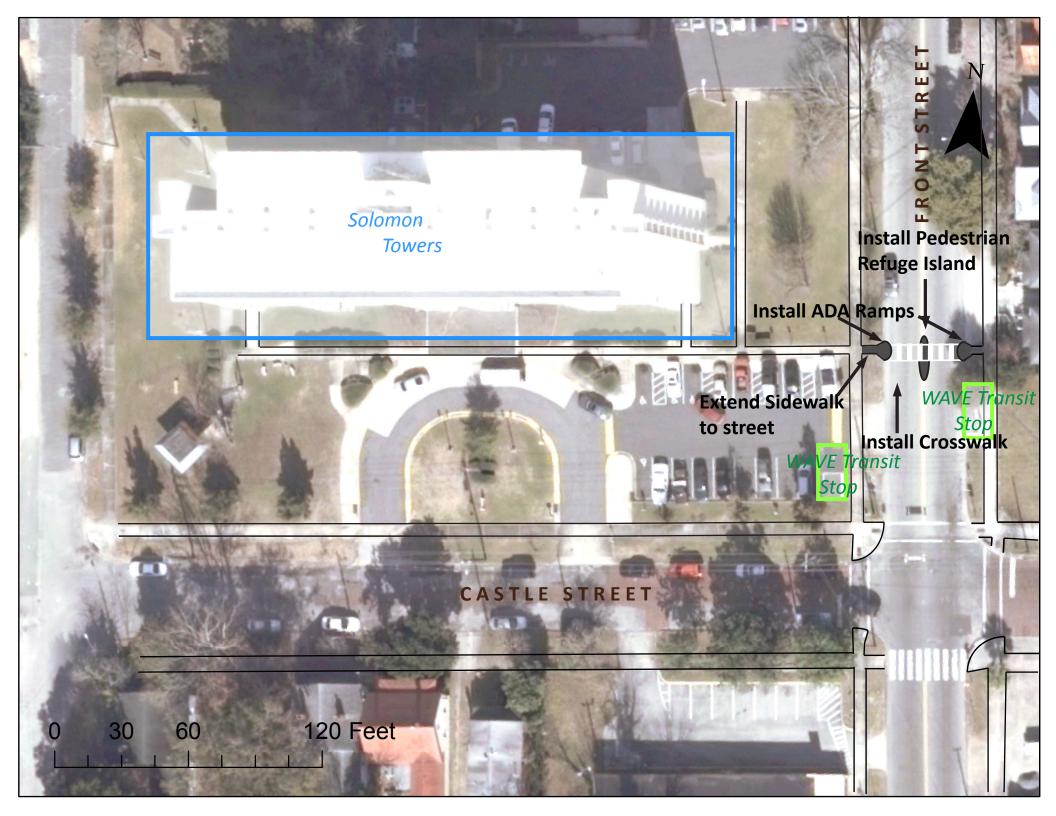
WHEREAS, once completed the trail will traverse the City of Wilmington from Wade Park in south Wilmington to the drawbridge at Wrightsville Beach and will provide a significant benefit to the quality of life for the entire Wilmington community and its visitors; and

**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 funds; 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	12.		-
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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 FRONT STREET AND CASTLE 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 Front Street and Castle Street.

onathan Barfield Jr., Chairman	
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 and for NC 210 from US 17 to Island Creek Road; 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., Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee
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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

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January 20, 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.

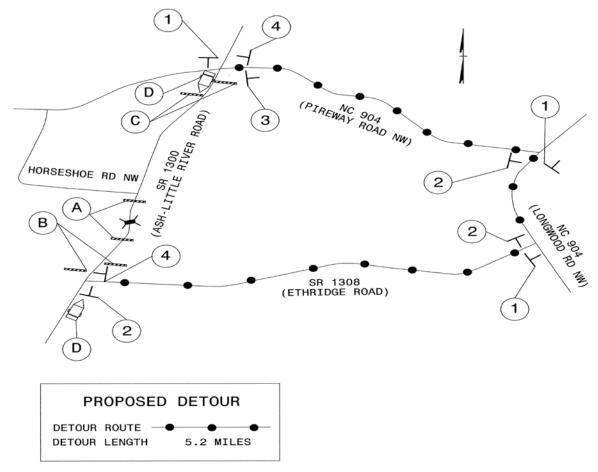
Post Year

**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** 

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Patrick Riddle: <a href="mailto:priddle@ncdot.gov">priddle@ncdot.gov</a>