



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen Advisory Committee June 10, 2015, Meeting Notes

Members:

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Members in attendance:

Howard Loving
Stuart Smith

Steve Stanton
Howard Capps

Al Freimark
Earnest Mooring Jr.

Others in attendance: Suraiya Rashid, Sr. Transportation Planner, Adrienne Harrington, Transportation Planner, Bethany Windle, Transportation Planner and Bill McDow, Associate Transportation Planner

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Loving called the meeting to order and made a note that the group did not have a quorum. The CAC discussed the minutes, however, the minutes were not approved due to the lack of quorum.

Update on MTP 2040 Plan Schedule and Public Open House Results

Mr. Loving asked Ms. Rashid to provide an update on the remaining schedule for the year and discuss the results of Public Open House Meetings. Ms. Rashid discussed the schedule and discussed the Public Outreach Meetings. The Open Houses were held in April, and the Modal Sub-committees reviewed public input from the Open Houses, in May. The key milestones between June and December 2015 include, a Final Draft of the 2040 Plan will be finalized in July; CAC will meet with Municipal boards to seek adoption of the plan, in August and September; after the Municipalities adopt the plan, the TAC will adopt the plan in December. The CAC discussed attendance at the Outreach Meetings. The CAC discussed elected officials who attended the meetings, including TAC Chair, Laura Padgett. Ms. Rashid discussed responses received for the public survey given during the Outreach Meetings. There were approximately 137 persons who signed in at the open houses and 57 persons who submitted comments. The responses were reviewed by WMPO staff and the Modal Subcommittees. The respondents provided comments on the most important project by mode, least important project by mode and methods of funding the projects. Mr. Loving commended staff on the great work done on setting up and conducting the open houses.

Update on Modal Subcommittees and Proposed Revisions to Projects

Staff briefed the CAC on the Modal Subcommittee meetings and proposed changes to the project list for each mode. Ms. Harrington discussed Bike and Pedestrian Mode project revisions, Ms. Windle discussed the Aviation Mode and Ferry Mode project revisions, and Ms. Rashid discussed the Modal project revisions for Freight/ Rail, Roadway and Mass Transportation. The CAC asked questions about each mode, which were addressed by staff. Mr. Loving commended staff on the updates.

Update on Staff Transition and TDM Coordinator Position

Mr. Loving asked Ms. Windle and Ms. Harrington to give an update on Staff Transition. Ms. Windle announced to the CAC that she would be going to Long Range Planning within the City. The CAC thanked Ms. Windle for her contributions to the 2040 Plan and Modal Subcommittees. Ms. Harrington announced that she will be going to UNCW to work as a full time Transportation and Sustainability Coordinator for the University, which is lead employer for the TDM employer group. The CAC thanked Ms. Harrington for her contributions to the 2040 Plan and Modal Subcommittees.

Action Items and Next Steps

- CAC will meet in July to review the Draft Plan.
- CAC will start presenting Draft of Final 2040 Plan to Municipalities in August/September.

Next Meeting Date: Tentatively scheduled for July 22, 2015 at 3 PM