

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Date: July 22, 2015

Members Present:

Laura Padgett, Chair, City of Wilmington
Pat Batleman, Town of Leland
Joe Breault, Town of Belville
Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Gary Doetsch, Town of Carolina Beach
Skip Watkins, New Hanover County
Hank Miller, Town of Wrightsville Beach
John Lennon, NC Board of Transportation
Jonathan Barfield, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority

Staff Present:

Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director

1. Call to Order

Ms. Padgett called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

2. Conflict of Interest Reminder

Ms. Padgett asked if any members had a conflict of interest with any items on the meeting agenda. No members reported having a conflict of interest.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June 24th meeting were approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment Period

No one requested to speak during the Public Comment Period.

5. Presentations

a. US 17 Business Corridor Study Update Preliminary Findings–Brock LaForty, Parsons Brinkerhoff

Mr. Brock LaForty, with Parsons Brinkerhoff gave a presentation on the US 17 Business Corridor study's preliminary findings. Following the presentation, Mr. LaForty told members that the findings from the study substantiates that a road diet is not recommended east of 16th Street without additional road network or other infrastructure improvements.

A question/answer and discussion session was held.

6. Public Hearing

Ms. Padgett announced the opening of the Public Hearing for the *Draft Cape Fear Transportation 2040 Plan*.

With there being no one present to speak, Mr. Doetsch made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Breault seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

a. Resolution approving the final Draft Cape Fear Transportation 2040 Plan

Mr. Williams made the motion to approve the final Draft Cape Fear Transportation 2040 Plan. Mr. Breault seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

7. Discussion

a. Prioritization 4.0 Existing Projects, Project Modifications and Deletions

Ms. Rashid told members that staff received information from the State Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) in June regarding the upcoming Prioritization 4.0 (P4.0) process. Included in the notification was a list of the Prioritization 3.0 (P3.0) projects. She noted that WMPO staff, TCC/TAC members and Division 3 were asked to review the projects listed to ensure agreement on the projects status or to request changes going forward into the P4.0 process.

Ms. Rashid explained that the projects listed in the table fall into three categories. The first category is Committed Project. These projects are funded in the first 4 years of the 10-year STIP. They will not need to go through the prioritization process again. The next category is Existing Projects. These projects will remain in the database; however, they may be switched out for another project if members so desire. The final category is Removed-placed in Holding Tank. They had been added to the list in an earlier version of Prioritization or by the Division 3 Office. These projects will not be kept in the SPOT database. However, there will be an opportunity to re-enter a limited number of these projects into the P4.0 process if desired. Ms. Rashid stated that the current understanding is that we will be allowed to add 13 projects per mode into the process.

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the deadline for project modifications is September 1st. Staff is seeking direction in order to bring a resolution to the Board for consideration.

He told members that the Independence Boulevard Extension project, the Hampstead Bypass project and the Crossing over the Cape Fear River project may score better in the prioritization process if broken into smaller segments. He noted that phasing for the Crossing over the Cape Fear River project will be more difficult because the corridor has not yet been selected and the draft environmental document has not been completed.

Consensus of the members was that staff bring a resolution to the August meeting requesting that the Hampstead Bypass project and Independence Boulevard project be broken into segmented projects. Modifications for the Crossing over the Cape Fear River project should be addressed in Prioritization 5.0 or a later date once the corridor has been selected.

b. Prioritization 4.0 Interchange/Intersection Projects

Ms. Rashid told members that SPOT requested that staff submit a comprehensive list of interchange/intersection projects that are anticipated to be submitted in order to allow them to start their data calculations. Staff developed a list of projects for consideration using information from P3.0 and the long range plan. Ms. Rashid noted that there will still be opportunities prior to the October deadline to add/remove any of these projects in P4.0.

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff is seeking input regarding 3 intersection projects that are included in the list that were not in the long range plan. The interchange a Blue Clay Road (R-112), intersections improvements at 210 and Island Creek (R-109), and the interchange improvements at 17 Business and Market Street (R-115).

The Board discussed the intersection projects and members decided to support submitting the interchange improvements at 17 Business and Market Street (R-115) to SPOT for scoring, but not the a Blue Clay Road (R-112), intersections improvements at 210 and Island Creek (R-109).

Mr. Kozlosky noted that this is a preliminary submittal to allow the Department to begin work on the data calculations for the intersection submittals. Mr. Kozlosky noted that staff will bring a resolution to the August meeting for consideration.

c. Prioritization 4.0 Region B and Division 3 Potential Alternative Criteria

Ms. Rashid told members that the SPOT office released the approved weighting for scoring P4.0 projects. She said MPOs, RPOs and the Division Offices have the option of submitting an agreed-upon alternative weighting that may better serve Regional Impact and Division Needs projects for the P4.0 process. Staff has been in consultation with staff from MPOs, RPOs and the Division Offices to discuss the development of alternative percentages.

Mr. Kozlosky told members that there has to be agreement among all MPOs, RPOs and the Division Offices to use the alternative criteria.

Consensus of the Board was to support staff's recommended changes to the criteria weighting.

d. Prioritization 4.0 Local Input Methodology and Point Transfers

Mr. Kozlosky told members that in going through the P3.0 process, staff recognized that there may be opportunities to improve the methodology used for P4.0. He noted that updates to the methodology must be adopted by April 1, 2016. Staff will bring an updated version for the Board for review.

e. Federal Functional Classification Maps

Ms. Rashid noted that the maps in the packet demonstrate the adopted Federal Functional Classifications that were approved by FHWA and coordinated through NCDOT's Transportation Planning Branch. She told members it is very different from what was adopted by the TAC in December of 2013. Ms. Rashid said following discussions at the last TCC meeting regarding those changes, staff will bring maps back to the TAC for review that reflect the adopted local functional classification maps from December 2013. She stated that it will allow the WMPO to have our own locally designated functional classification maps.

8. Updates

Project updates for the Crossing over the Cape Fear River Work Group, Wilmington MPO, CFPTA and NCDOT Division are included in the agenda packet.

Closed session

Ms. Padgett told members there is a need to waive the rules and enter into a closed session pursuant to the provisions of GS #143-318.11 A3 in order to consult with Attorney Matt Nichols regarding the following legal matters: Jamestown Pender, LP v. North Carolina Department Of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 14CVS528 filed in Pender County, North Carolina; Noelle Holdings, LLC v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 14CVS1036 filed in Pender County, North Carolina; Hanpen Land Co. LLC v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 433 filed in Pender County, North Carolina; Buyers Brokers &

Consultants v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 494 filed in Pender County, North Carolina, Hanpen Land Co. LLC v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 1579 filed in New Hanover County, North Carolina, Earnest Bryant Jr. and Rose Bryant v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15CVS554 filed in Pender County, North Carolina, Gerald Dean Hardison Jr. and Hardinson Rentals LLC v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15CVS 0624 filed in Pender County, North Carolina, Charles E. Bryant v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 0556 filed in Pender County, North Carolina, Martin J. Evans and Francesca M. Evans v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 0557 filed in Pender County, North Carolina, Roger A. Wood and Barbara K. Wood v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 1923 filed in New Hanover County, North Carolina, Stephen Gale and Marilyn J. Gale, Trustees of the Steve Gale and Marilyn Gale Revocable Living Trust and Steven and wife Marilyn J. Gale in their individual capacities v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 1562 filed in New Hanover County, North Carolina, Norma C. Moore v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 0555 filed in Pender County, North Carolina and C. Robert Stroud, Jr. v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 15 CVS 2046 filed in New Hanover County, North Carolina.

Mr. Williams made the motion to waive the rules and enter into a closed session. Mr. Barfield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Call back to order

Ms. Padgett called the meeting back into open session. She stated that no action was taken other than to update members regarding the MPO's responses to the legal matters of Jamestown Pender, LP v. North Carolina Department Of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Noelle Holdings, LLC v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Hanpen Land Co. LLC v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization; Buyers Brokers & Consultants v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Hanpen Land Co. LLC v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Earnest Bryant Jr. and Rose Bryant v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Gerald Dean Hardison Jr. and Hardinson Rentals LLC v North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Charles E. Bryant v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Martin J. Evans and Francesca M. Evans v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Roger A. Wood and Barbara K. Wood v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Stephen Gale and Marilyn J. Gale, Trustees of the Steve Gale and Marilyn Gale Revocable Living Trust and Steven and wife Marilyn J. Gale in their individual capacities v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Norma C. Moore v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization,

and C. Robert Stroud, Jr. v. North Carolina Department of Transportation and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

11. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted

Mike Kozlosky

Executive Director

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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