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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: February 21, 2013
SUBJECT: February 27th Meeting

A meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 27th 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) Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder
- 3) Approval of Minutes:
 - a. 1/30/13
- 4) Public Comment Period
- 5) Old Business
 - a. Resolution supporting the adoption of the Alderman Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan
- 6) New Business
 - a. Resolution supporting the Greenfield Lake Culvert Replacement
 - b. Resolution supporting NC 133 as a Strategic Highway Corridor
 - c. Resolution supporting the Brunswick Riverwalk Project
 - d. Resolution adopting the Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable Funding Competitive Process
 - e. Resolution supporting the addition of an Accountant position within the Wilmington MPO
 - f. Opening of 30-day public comment period STIP/MTIP Amendments
- 7) Discussion
 - a. Crossing over the Cape Fear River
- 8) Updates
 - a. City of Wilmington/Wilmington MPO
 - b. Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
 - c. NCDOT
- 9) Announcements
 - a. Wilmington MPO Bike/Ped meeting- February 21st

10) Next Meeting –March 27, 2013

Attachments:

- Minutes 1/30/13 meeting
- Resolution supporting the adoption of the Alderman Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan
- Resolution supporting the Greenfield Lake Culvert Replacement
- Resolution supporting NC 133 as a Strategic Highway Corridor
- Brunswick Riverwalk Project Site Plan
- Resolution supporting the Brunswick Riverwalk Project
- Memo outlining Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable Funding Competitive Process
- Resolution adopting the Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable Funding Competitive Process
- Resolution supporting the addition of an Accountant position within the Wilmington MPO
- Proposed STIP/MTIP Amendments
- City of Wilmington/Wilmington MPO Project Update (January 2013)
- Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority Update
- NCDOT Project Update

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Date: January 30, 2013

Members Present:

Laura Padgett, Chair, City of Wilmington
Dean Lambeth, Vice-Chair, Town of Kure Beach
Pat Batleman, Town of Leland
Bill Sisson, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Earl Sheridan, City of Wilmington
Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Joe Breault, Town of Belville
Eulis Willis, Town of Navassa
George Brown, Pender County
Jonathan Barfield, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority

Staff Present:

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

1. Call to Order

Ms Padgett called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the November 26, 2012 and December 12, 2012 meetings were approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

Mr. Ricky Meeks addressed members regarding crosswalks at Greenville Loop Road and Oleander Drive. He told members that the bus stops are near the Arboretum and because of the heavy traffic he would like to request that pedestrian signals be installed to help citizens get across the road safely.

4. Presentations

a. Cape Fear Public Transportation Route Restructuring

Mr. Eby, Executive Director for the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority gave a presentation on their recently completed short-range transit plan. In an effort to better serve the needs of their passengers, the transit plan includes an update to the route structure. Since the last route restructure in 2008, they have experienced a huge increase in ridership. The new route structure will include service to the new VA Clinic, two busses traveling to Monkey Junction, and new service to Pleasure Island. They have also made changes to the

Brunswick Connector that will allow passengers access to more locations within Brunswick County. Mr. Eby noted that the new routes will be introduced on February 3rd.

Dr. Sheridan and Mr. Barfield expressed their concerns regarding the number of stops being eliminated in the Creekwood neighborhood as part of the restructuring. Mr. Eby said they will be closely monitoring the new route restructure. If they find that it has created an adverse impact on a significant numbers of passengers, they will make changes to address the problem.

b. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program

Ms. Harrington, Transportation Demand Coordinator for the WMPO gave a presentation on the efforts to revamp the TDM program. She told members that the TDM program will undergo some changes from the former Cape Fear Breeze TDM program. This will include modified outreach strategies and rebranding the program to create a closer connection to WAVE Transit. The carpooling website, transit, and walking and biking options will be promoted to various community organizations beginning in March 2013.

5. Old Business

No items

6. New Business

Mr. Sisson told members an item has come to his attention concerning the entrance into the Town of Wrightsville Beach. He requested adding the item to the agenda. Mr. Frank Williams made the motion to add Mr. Sisson's item of new business to the agenda. Ms. Batleman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

a. Election of Officers

Ms. Padgett opened the floor to nominations for Chair and Vice-chair of the TAC. Mr. Barfield nominated Ms. Padgett as Chair and Dr. Sheridan seconded the nomination. Mr. Williams made the motion to close the nominations and Ms. Padgett was elected as TAC Chairman unanimously.

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. Dean Lambeth as Vice-chair and Mr. Sisson seconded the nomination. With no other nominations, Ms. Padgett made the motion to close the nominations and Mr. Lambeth was elected Vice-chair of the TAC unanimously.

b. Resolution supporting a study of a greenway between Fayetteville and Wilmington

Mr. Kozlosky told members that a collation of MPO and RPO directors, Town Managers, and other staff along the corridor between Fayetteville and Wilmington requested support to conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of developing a greenway to link Wilmington and Fayetteville.

Mr. Williams asked what the estimated cost of the study would be and who would pay for the study. Mr. Kozlosky said they do not have an estimate at this time and it has not yet been determined who pay for the study. This resolution is an effort to identify if there is support for conducting the study. He told members that the MPOs, RPOs and all the municipalities

along the corridor will also consider a resolution of support for the study. Ms. Padgett noted that the request to pay for a study would come back to the board if the study is supported.

Mr. Williams suggested making an amendment to the resolution. He said in the final paragraph, he would change the wording where it says “.....supports and recommends a study...” to “.....supports and recommends securing proposals for a study”. He made the motion to adopt the resolution with the changes as proposed. Mr. Breault seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. Resolution supporting the City of Wilmington’s application for the 2013 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant

Mr. Williams made the motion to approve the resolution supporting the City of Wilmington’s application for the 2013 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant. Mr. Sisson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. Resolution requesting the North Carolina Department of Transportation provide funding to assist with the construction of a walkway under the Hiede-Trask drawbridge

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the Gary Shell Cross-City Trail begins Wade Park and terminates at the Hiede-Trask drawbridge at Wrightsville Beach. Mr. Kozlosky noted that where it terminates creates a conflict point with limited shoulder width. The Wrightsville Sound Small Area Plan supports a public walkway underneath the drawbridge to provide an improved crossing for cyclist and pedestrians under Wrightsville Avenue. The resolution requests NCDOT to assist by providing some funding toward the construction of the facility.

Mr. Sisson told members the Town of Wrightsville Beach Board of Alderman support the project.

Mr. Barfield made the motion to adopt the resolution requesting the North Carolina Department of Transportation provide funding to assist with the construction of a walkway under the Hiede-Trask drawbridge. Mr. Breault seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

e. Resolution requesting US 421 be designated as a Strategic Highway Corridor between Wilmington and Dunn

Mr. Kozlosky told members the North Carolina Department of Transportation has a Strategic Highway Corridor Vision Plan for the State and Southeastern North Carolina. It identifies corridors that are strategic in nature for the movement of people and goods and evacuation routes. Currently the 94 miles of US 421 between Dunn and Greensboro are part of the North Carolina Strategic Highway Corridors; however, the section of US 421 between Dunn and Wilmington is not included in the vision plan. NCDOT will be updating the Strategic Highway Corridor Vision Plan and the resolution requests that they consider this section of roadway to be identified as a strategic highway corridor. Mr. Kozlosky told members the resolution originated with the Town of Clinton and is supported by the Mid-Carolina RPO.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the resolution requesting US 421 be designated as a Strategic Highway Corridor between Wilmington and Dunn. Mr. Sisson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Batleman told members she considers NC 133 to be a strategic highway because it provides access to Sunny Point and the nuclear power plant. She asked that NC 133 be considered for addition to the Strategic Highway Corridor Vision Plan. Mr. Kozlosky said staff will bring a resolution requesting NC 133 be included in the strategic plan to the next meeting.

f. Resolution adopting the Alderman Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan

Mr. Kozlosky told members this is a pilot project for a concept in looking at Safe Routes to School planning. Staff worked closely with the school community at Alderman Elementary to identify problems and solutions. New Hanover County Board of Education adopted the plan at their meeting in January. The long-term vision for the program is to take a more-holistic approach by involving other organizations such as law enforcement, the public health department, traffic engineering, along with the school community and the WMPO.

No one made a motion regarding the resolution; therefore, the item will come back for consideration at the next meeting.

g. Resolution supporting “No Through Truck” restriction on certain streets in the City of Wilmington

Mr. Kozlosky told members the resolution originated from the North Carolina Department of Transportation. They have requested support from the MPO and the City of Wilmington on a “No Through Truck” restriction on certain streets within the City of Wilmington. He noted that if the truck driver has a destination along any of the routes, they would be permitted on those facilities; however, if they are just traveling through the city on the routes with no destination along the route, they will not be permitted. Mr. Breault told members he hoped there will be a grace period before sighting truck drivers with a heavy fine for an honest mistake. Ms. Padgett said this item will come before the Wilmington City Council and she will request that the police give a grace period.

Ms. Padgett made the motion to adopt the resolution supporting “No Through Truck” restriction on certain streets in the City of Wilmington. Mr. Sisson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

h. Opening of 30-day public comment period on the 2014 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Sisson made the motion to open the 30-day public comment period on the 2014 Unified Planning Work Program. Dr. Sheridan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

i. Creation of the Crossing over the Cape Fear River Work Group

Ms. Padgett told members she had notified members of the appointment Mr. Breault, Mr. Sisson and herself to form a liaison committee to work with NCDOT on the Crossing over the Cape Fear River Environmental Impact Statement. She said this sub-committee will bring back information from the merger process meetings and give the TAC an opportunity to voice concerns as the Department moves through the process.

Mr. Kozlosky told members he would like to ask that they formalize the workgroup with a motion and a vote. Mr. Williams made a motion to create a Crossing over the Cape Fear Work Group with Mr. Breault, Mr. Sisson and Ms. Padgett as the members representing the Transportation Advisory Committee. Mr. Lambeth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Lambeth asked that the work group update TAC members at each meeting. Ms. Padgett asked Mr. Kozlosky to add that to the monthly agenda.

7. Discussion

a. Workshop Date (Merger Discussion and NCDOT Division 3 Organization)

Mr. Kozlosky told members there were scheduling conflicts with holding the workshop on February 12th. He offered alternative dates of February 18th or February 21st. Members decided that Monday, February 18th was the best choice for the workshop.

Mr. Sisson made the motion to amend the calendar to hold the Merger discussion and NCDOT Division 3 Organizational Workshop on Monday, February 18th at 3:00pm. Mr. Willis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Ms. Rashid told members that the MTP is due in March of 2015 and staff will be bringing regular updates to the TCC and TAC on the plan's progress going forward. She noted that the most recent discussions on the MTP included the composition of the sub-committees that will develop the project recommendations for the plan, as well as the public involvement approach for the plan. These sub-committees will be based around the different modal units, Transportation Demand Management and Transportation Systems Management. The sub-committees will be responsible for collecting and analyzing data and coming up with initial recommendations for the projects and needs of the stakeholders in the different modal units. The public involvement process will include using local media, TV and radio if possible. The process will also rely heavily on a survey, similar to the one used for the 2035 LRTP, presentations to schools and PTAs, civic clubs and organizations, neighborhood associations, information booths at public outreach events and web-links to the plan information.

c. Transportation Alternatives Funding Discussion

Ms Rashid told members that the MPO will receive Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding in the amount of \$222,000 annually. It is similar to the STP-DA funding allocation and there is a requirement for a competitive process to be developed for these funds. TAP is a combination of several SAFETEA-LU programs (Safe Routes to School Program, Recreational Trails Program and the Transportation Enhancement Program) and there is broad eligibility for the funds. Staff is requesting direction on how to create a competitive process, to determine requirements and criteria, and develop how to prioritize the funding requests.

Ms. Rashid reviewed four options for creating the competitive process: 1.) excluding STP-DA Eligible Projects 2.) select one type of project 3.) exclude programmatic activities 4.) use existing STP-DA Modal investment targets. She told member that the TCC recommended using the existing STP-DA Modal investment targets for allocating the TAP funds. She noted that this process can be revised next year if desired.

The consensus of the TAC members was for staff to use the existing STP-DA competitive process developed and adopted for evaluation of bicycle and pedestrian projects for the FY

13 allocation of TAP-DA funds as recommended by the TCC. Mr. Kozlosky said he will bring the resolution to the next meeting for consideration.

d. MPO/RPO Ethics Information

Ms. Padgett reviewed the ethics requirements and deadline requirements for compliance to the new laws.

8. Updates

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

9. Announcements

Added agenda item

Mr. Sisson told members the drawbridge construction project at Wrightsville Beach is causing significant disruptions to traffic. He said Mayor Cignotti contacted Chief Evangelous and was told that the Wilmington Police Department has a plan to help deal with the disruptions. Mr. Sisson said he would like to ask for assistance in getting the two police departments to coordinate their efforts in dealing with the problem.

Mr. Sisson told members there was a serious accident on the west side of the bridge where vehicles are allowed to make a left turn onto Airlie Road. The left-turning movement often causes a traffic back-up on the east side of the bridge. Unfortunately vehicles have to stop at the bottom of the bridge which creates the potential for conflicts. Mr. Sisson said his Board is asking if it is possible to close the left turn onto and out of Airlie Road for the duration of the construction.

Ms. Fussell told members the Department will be looking at the issue and the suggestion to help alleviate some of the dangers at the construction site. Ms. Padgett suggested that Mr. Kozlosky send a letter on behalf of the TAC to the Department in support of the suggested closure.

Mr. Sisson made a motion to ask NCDOT to close the left-turn onto and off of Airlie Road until the project is finished. Mr. Breault seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM

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

**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.**

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE *ALDERMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAFE ROUTES TO
SCHOOL PLAN***

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 MPO and Alderman Elementary School collaboratively began the *Alderman Elementary School Safe Routes to School Plan* as a pilot project for a Safe Routes to School Planning Program in October 2011 to identify transportation issues and potential solutions for the Alderman Elementary School community; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Routes to School planning process included forming a steering committee of parents, teachers and staff to guide an investigation of existing conditions, identification of issues, and development of potential solutions for the Alderman Elementary School district which is facing significant barriers to walking and biking; and

WHEREAS, the *Alderman Elementary School Safe Routes to School Plan* provides recommendations for multiple entities to help improve multimodal transportation to and from Alderman Elementary School via Engineering, Education, Enforcement, Encouragement, and Evaluation solutions; and

WHEREAS, the *Alderman Elementary School Safe Routes to School Plan* will be used as a guide for multi-modal transportation improvements in the Alderman Elementary School district; and

WHEREAS, the New Hanover County School Board adopted the *Alderman Elementary School Safe Routes to School Plan* on January 8, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee hereby adopts the *Alderman Elementary School Safe Routes to School Plan*.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on February 27, 2013.

Laura Padgett, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE GREENFIELD LAKE CULVERT

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 Department of Transportation is planning for the replacement of the Greenfield Lake Culvert; and

WHEREAS, this culvert is located beneath the 5-lane section of US 421 and the 3-lane section of US 421 Truck (Front Street); and

WHEREAS, this site is located less than one-mile from the Port of Wilmington and serves as the main route for trucks to and from the Port; and

WHEREAS, the existing culvert was constructed in 1940 and was widened in 1955; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 during Hurricane Floyd the culver sustained significant damage that resulted in the temporary closure of US 421; and

WHEREAS, following the repairs from Hurricane Floyd, additional maintenance has been required for both the culvert and the road; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation intends to fund the culvert replacement utilizing bridge maintenance and small construction funds.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Greenfield Lake Culvert replacement project and the utilization of bridge maintenance and small construction funding to complete this replacement project.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on February 27, 2013.

Laura Padgett, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INITIATION OF A PROCESS TO ADD NC HIGHWAY 133
AS A NEW CORRIDOR ON THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIC HIGHWAY CORRIDORS VISION PLAN**

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 Strategic Highway Corridor designation represents an effort to preserve and maximize the mobility and connectivity on a core set of highway corridors, while promoting environmental stewardship through maximizing the use of existing facilities to the extent possible and fostering economic prosperity through the quick and efficient movement of people and goods; and

WHEREAS, NC Highway 133 is a critical highway fostering economic prosperity and efficient movement of people and goods between Wilmington, North Carolina and Southport, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, NC Highway 133 provides access between US 74/76/17, the Progress Energy Nuclear Power Plant and the federal government's Marine Ocean Terminal Sunny Point; and

WHEREAS, NC Highway 133 currently serves as an alternate evacuation route for individuals leaving the southern coastal areas of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, NC Highway 133 has been designated an All American Defense Highway but is not part of the NC Strategic Highway Corridors.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the initiation of a process to add NC Highway 133 (between US 74/76/17 and NC Highway 211) as a new corridor on the North Carolina Department of Transportation Strategic Highway Corridors Vision Plan.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on February 27, 2013.

Laura Padgett, Chair
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Brunswick Riverwalk

Concept Rendering



**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BRUNSWICK RIVERWALK PROJECT

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, Brunswick County owns the largest and only piece of publicly accessible waterfront property on the west side of the Cape Fear River from Navassa to Southport; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Belville is proposing a riverwalk development project including a 40' fishing pier, a kayak pier, boardwalk, viewing towers, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, the *2009 Brunswick County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan* calls for an increase in the number and variety of non-athletic/non-traditional programs for all age groups, including nature-based and outdoor activities such as day trips for kayaking, hiking, environmental education and wildlife viewing; and

WHEREAS, the *2009 Brunswick County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan* acknowledges Brunswick's natural resources not being used to their full potential and a deficit in their current trail system and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Brunswick Riverwalk project could provide economic and health benefits while improving the quality of life of the region's residents.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the Brunswick Riverwalk Development project.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on February 27, 2013.

Laura Padgett, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary



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To: WMPO Technical Coordinating Committee
From: Suraiya Rashid, Associate Transportation Planner
Re: FY2013 Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable Funding Competitive Process

On October 1, 2012 the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) received an allocation of Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable (TAP-DA) funds in the amount of \$222,151.50. TAP-DA funds are allocated to Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) through Section 213 of MAP-21 (23 U.S.C.) for the programming of eligible projects by eligible entities through a competitive process. On January 30th, 2013 the WMPO staff presented four options for approaches to creating a competitive process for selecting TAP-DA projects to be programmed. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) instructed staff to use the existing STP-DA competitive process developed and adopted for evaluation of bicycle and pedestrian projects for the FY13 allocation of TAP-DA funds.

This memo outlines the competitive process for the selection of TAP-DA funds by the WMPO.

WMPO FY13 Eligible TAP-DA Projects:

Eligible activities include: sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle signals, rails-to-trails projects, pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements, on-street bicycle facilities, off-street bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

WMPO FY13 TAP-DA Project Evaluation Criteria:

Projects submitted for consideration of WMPO FY13 TAP-DA funding will be evaluated based on how they address the following criteria:

1. Missing Link
2. Major Obstacle
3. Safety Concern
4. Goat Path
5. Adopted in Plan/Policy by Resolution
6. Local Match
7. Project Phase
8. Proximity of a School
9. Proximity of other BikePed Generators
10. Connection to a Bus Stop or Park & Ride
11. WMPO Functional Classification
12. Right of Way/Easements Acquired

Further guidance for evaluation of criteria and a submittal guide will be released with the call for projects for TAP-DA. This guidance and submittal guide will be based on the guidance and submittal guide created for the call for FY13 WMPO STP-DA bicycle and pedestrian projects.

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM-DIRECT
ATTRIBUTABLE FUNDING COMPETITIVE PROCESS**

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 July 18, 2012 the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) designated the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization as a Transportation Management Area (TMA); and

WHEREAS, Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable (TAP-DA) funds are available for all designated TMAs; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee has the ability to directly program TAP-DA funds on eligible projects submitted by eligible entities through a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has developed the TAP-DA Funding Competitive Process for the distribution of the TAP-DA funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee hereby adopts the Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable Funding Competitive Process.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on February 27, 2013.

Laura Padgett, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HIRING OF AN ACCOUNTANT WITHIN THE WILMINGTON
MPO BEGINNING IN FY 2013-2014**

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 MPO currently receives Section 104 (f) PL funding and Section 5303 funding and can also apply for other NCDOT grants as they become available; and

WHEREAS, the new TMA designation will also provides a direct allocation of Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable (STP-DA) and Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding to the Wilmington MPO; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding streams require additional staff time to properly monitor, verify, properly record expenditures allocated between the multiple funding sources and to bill the multiple member jurisdictions for their share of the administrative costs and costs related to the programs directly administered by the Wilmington MPO; and

WHEREAS, the workload for the existing grants and additional direct allocations requires additional staff time not currently available in the Wilmington MPO; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that one additional employee with a financial background is needed to manage this workload; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee adopted a modal target investment strategies for the use of Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable funds that included 15% off the top for administrative costs and to create a reserve; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funding exists to assist with the hiring of this new Accountant position.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee hereby supports the hiring of an Accountant beginning in FY 2014 to assist in the additional responsibilities of the Transportation Management Area designation.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee on February 27, 2013.

Laura Padgett, Chair
Transportation Advisory Committee

Mike Kozlosky, Secretary

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 2012-2020 STIP
PROGRAM**

STIP/MTIP ADDITIONS

DIVISION 3

* U-5525 BRUNSWICK PENDER NEW HANOVER	VARIOUS, WILMINGTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PLANNING ALLOCATION AND UNIFIED WORK PROGRAM. ADD PLANNING IN FY 13 AND FY 14 NOT PREVIOUSLY PROGRAMMED.	FY 2013 - \$56,000 (STPDA) FY 2013 - \$14,000 (L) FY 2014 - \$200,000 (STPDA) FY 2014 - <u>\$50,000</u> (L) \$320,000
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Public Transportation

TG-4796 New Hanover	Four (4) expansion vanpool vans for the WAVE Pool Program	FY 2013 - \$80,000 (STPDA) FY 2013 - \$10,000 (S) FY 2013 - \$10,000 (L)
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TA-5102	Routine Capital to include bus stop signage and capitalized route restructuring items which may include shelters, IT equipment, non-revenue vehicles, etc	FY 2013 - \$80,000 (STPDA) FY 2013 - \$20,000 (L) FY 2014 - \$80,000 (STPDA) FY 2014 - \$20,000 (L) FY 2015 - \$80,000 (STPDA) FY 2015 - \$20,000 (L) FY 2016 - \$80,000 (STPDA) FY 2016 - <u>\$20,000</u> (L) \$400,000
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TM-5120	Operating Routes above and beyond American Disabilities Act (ADA)	FY 2013 - \$179,000 (FNB) FY 2013 - \$179,000 (L) FY 2014 - \$179,000 (FNB) FY 2014 - \$179,000 (L) FY 2015 - \$179,000 (FNB) FY 2015 - \$179,000 (L) FY 2016 - \$179,000 (FNB) FY 2016 - <u>\$179,000</u> (L) \$1,432,000
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WILMINGTON MPO/CITY OF WILMINGTON
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
JANUARY 2013

CROSSING OVER THE CAPE FEAR RIVER

Project Description/Scope: Construct a new crossing over the Cape Fear River that will link from in the vicinity of US 17 to Independence Boulevard and Carolina Beach Road.

Next Steps:

- **December 12th- Transportation Advisory Committee endorsed a resolution requesting NCDOT/NCTA complete the environmental document to determine the best transportation solution to link New Hanover and Brunswick Counties.**
- The NCTA continues to work through the environmental review process.

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.

Next Steps:

- **February –March 2013 adoption by local municipalities and New Hanover County**

CONNECTING NORTHERN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Project Description/Scope: Create a Collector Street Plan for the Towns of Leland, Belville, Navassa and a portion of northern unincorporated Brunswick County.

Next Steps:

- **January Steering Committee Meeting #5 to review final recommendations**
- First draft of plan released February 2013
- Presentations to Town Councils and Brunswick County Commissioners in February/March 2013
- Second Public Workshop to be scheduled February/March 2013
- Final Plan Presented to jurisdictional boards March/April 2013
- Final deliverables and adoption by local entities April 2013

MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER (No significant change)

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

Next Steps:

- NCDOT identify the necessary funding for construction and amend the STIP/MTIP to appropriate the construction funding
- Completion of the Environmental Document

N. 3RD STREET CORRIDOR STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

Project Description/Scope: The North 3rd Street Streetscape Improvement project will upgrade North 3rd Street between Market Street and Davis Street. The project could include decorative mast-arm traffic signals and street lighting, underground utilities, pedestrian improvements, a landscaped median, street trees, and other aesthetic improvements. The water and sewer work has been completed. The mill and resurface has been completed.

Next Steps

- Continue the sidewalk, conduit installation, tree pits, brick pavers, street light foundations, etc. on both sides between Market and Front Streets.
- **Removal of overhead utilities.**
- **The project is expected to be completed in February 2013.**

SEE, SHARE AND BE AWARE (No significant change)

Project Description/Scope: Several community and government organizations including the City of Wilmington and Wilmington MPO have come together to create a safety and awareness campaign called "See Share Be Aware." The website has been updated, three additional educational videos are in production, and four audience-specific distribution plans have been created.

Next Steps:

- Distribute safety campaign videos to local media, local government websites, local interest groups, etc.
- Secure funding for supplies and materials identified in four distribution plans and event opportunities

SITE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW-PENDER COUNTY TRC

Project Descriptions/Scope: The Wilmington MPO assists with site development and transportation impact analysis review for the MPO's member jurisdictions. During the last month, staff has reviewed the following development proposals:

- **Pender County Development Plan Reviews: 3**
- **Development Plan Reviews: 20**
- **Concept Plan Reviews: 4**
- **TIA Scoping's/Due Diligence: 2**
- **TIA Reviews: 2**
- **Development Inquiries: 6**
- **Projects Released for Construction: 6**

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Project Description/Scope: UNCW is taking the role as lead employer for the Cape Fear region. The WMPO will coordinate with UNCW to work with other major employers in the region to identify opportunities for ride sharing.

Next Steps:

- Make final payment for **www.ShareTheRideNC.com** – NC's carpooling website

- Clean up and consolidate existing employers and participants on Share The Ride NC
- Schedule meetings with employers, private and charter schools, and interest groups to promote carpooling website
- Data collection for UNCW bike map
- Schedule meetings to discuss TDM needs with New Hanover Regional Medical Center and PPD
- Attend monthly meetings with consultant and lead employer

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Project Description/Scope: Complete a Community Transportation Plan for the Town of Wrightsville Beach and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, which includes all modes of Transportation (Biking, Walking, and Driving), and considers the Town's Critical Intersections and develops plans for Access, Safety and Congestion. The WB CTP plan would lay the foundation for a comprehensive transportation plan throughout the town, create a vision for the future and identify incremental steps to achieve it.

Next Steps:

- **Consultant plans to present the Final Plan by the end of January.**
- **Steering Committee Meeting in early February after Final Plan is presented.**
- **Present plan to the Wrightsville Beach Board of Alderman in February.**



Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority

Project Update

February 2013

- 1. Operations Center** - Construction of \approx 35,000 square foot maintenance and operations facility located on Castle Hayne Road which will serve as operation center for all Wave Transit fixed route and Paratransit operations. Will include compressed natural gas fueling station. Estimated completion, May 2014.
Construction bids let on January 11, 2013 due February 14, 2013. Project budget currently \approx \$12,000,000. (no significant change)
- 2. Wavepool Program** - vanpool program currently serving Elizabethtown and Jacksonville. Two additional vanpools requested in Elizabethtown. Funding for additional vehicles being identified. STP-DA funding for the program is underway. Working with MPO to coordinate vanpool and TDM efforts. Estimated completion, March 2013.
- 3. Short Range Transit Plan route restructuring** - minor modification of some fixed routes and addition of four trip per day bus to Pleasure Island. The changes will alter routes to ensure on time adherence and minimize duplication of services. Estimated implementation, February 03, 2013. Routes restructures as planned. Currently working through areas of concern including minor adjustment to the restructured routes. Bus stop signs and real time data are still being worked through.
- 4. Fare Increase** - Thirty three percent fare increase to prevent elimination of Sunday service in New Hanover County. Estimated implementation, February 05, 2013. Implemented as planned. No significant implementation issues.
- 5. Fleet Replacement Vehicles** - nine body on chassis light transit vehicles to replace Paratransit vans. Vehicles delivered and in process of being decaled, cameras installed and vehicles registered. Some vehicles placed in service in January. Vehicle decaling continuing. Driver training complete. Estimated vehicle in-service date, March 2013.
- 6. Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) Medicaid** - NC DHHS plan to broker Medicaid transportation. NEMT is currently provided through local DSS offices by public transportation providers. Proposals for brokers due January 23, 2012. Proposal due date changed to February 06, 2013. Awaiting status update from DHHS.



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TIP Projects:

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

Estimated Contract Completion Date July 2013

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

Let Date of March 19, 2013

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

Let Date September 20, 2013

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

Let Date September 20, 2013

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

Let Date December 17, 2013

R-3601 US 17/74/76: Widening across the “causeway”, between Leland and Wilmington.

Start Date February 2014

U-3338 B: Widening of Kerr Ave. from Randall Parkway to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway.

Start Date May 2014

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-5021: NC 211 widening, from NC 87 to SR 1500 (Midway Road).
Post Year

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

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

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

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.
Post Year

Division Project:

Dow Road: SR 1573 (Dow Road) widen roadway for pave shoulders and left turn lanes at three locations, from US 421 to curb & gutter located on K Avenue.

Estimated Contract Completion Date May 1, 2013 for all work except plantings & Reforestation

Wrightsville Beach Draw Bridge: Replacing the grates, bridge tender's house and other internal mechanical and electrical upgrades.

March 15, 2012 to October 1, 2012 (SUMMER) contractor will not be allowed to close a lane of traffic, during the following times:

from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

& from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

& from 7:00 AM Friday to 6:00 PM Sunday

October 2012 to March 2013 (WINTER), Traffic will be in a two-lane, two-way pattern (on the bridge) for the replacement of the grates. Contractor will not be allowed to close a lane of traffic:

from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM

& from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

& from 7:00 AM Friday to 6:00 PM Sunday

Estimated Contract Completion Date July 2013

Memorial & Isabel Holmes Bridges: Mechanical (replacement of lock assemblies, auxiliary drive, brakes & gears) and electrical repairs (terminal cabinets, auxiliary drives and switches)

Estimated Contract Completion Date Fall 2012

W-5306 Castle Hayne Roundabout: construct a roundabout at the intersection of US 117/NC 132/NC 133. Also widen US 117 to include a second lane northbound from the roundabout to SR 1002 (Holly Shelter Road).

Let Date October 2013

Resurfacing Contracts:

Contract: C202680

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

SR 1175 (Kerr Ave.) resurfacing from NC 132 to 0.14 mile south of Randall Pkwy

Estimated Completion Date Spring 2013

Brunswick & New Hanover Counties: C202916

Brunswick County:

US 17 NBL & SBL from US 17 Business (south end of Bolivia) to US 17 Business (north end of Shallotte)

NC 211 from US 17 to Lockwood Folly River Bridge.

US 17 Bus. (Shallotte) from US 17 to NC 179.

SR 1402 (Randolphville Road) from US 17 Bus. to SR 1401 (Galloway Road).

SR 1137 (Boones Neck Road) from NC 130 to end of system.

SR 1345 (Royal Oak Road) from US 17 to SR 1342 (Big Macedonia Road).

SR 1141 (Kirby Road) from SR 1139 (Seashore Road) to NC 130, 2' widening.

New Hanover County:

US 74/US 76 from 0.04 mile east of Summer Rest Road to US 76.

US 74 from US 76 to westside of Banks Channel Bridge #24.

SR 1002 (Holly Shelter Road) 2' widening, mill & resurface from US 117 (Castle Hayne Road) to Pender County line.

SR 1521 (Piner Road) patching & resurface from 0.13 mile east of US 421 to SR 1492 (Masonboro Loop Road).

SR 1520 (Grissom Road) patching & resurfacing from SR 1521 to SR 1492. SR 1492 patching & resurface from SR 1520 to Whiskey Creek bridge (Wilmington City Limits).

SR 1695 (Shannon Road) patching & resurface from SR 1492 (Myrtle Grove Road) to end of system.

SR 1336 (Sidbury Road) mill & resurface from SR 1318 (Blue Clay Road) to SR 2181 (Dairy Farm Road).

SR 1336 2' widening, patching & resurface from SR 2181 to Pender County line.

Work Complete

Pender County: C202927

SR 1572 (Sidbury Road) mill patch, widen & resurface from US 17 to New Hanover County line.

Work Complete

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