



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen Advisory Committee January 15, 2014, Meeting Notes

Members:

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Members in attendance:

Howard Loving
Steve Stanton
John Melia
Terry Obrock

Howard Capps
Scott Cromartie
David Hollis
Eric Coffey

Stuart Smith
John Ellen
Al Freimark

Others in attendance: Suraiya Rashid, Assoc. Transportation Planner, Megan Matheny, WAVE Transit, Adrienne Harrington, Transportation Planner, Bethany Windle, Transportation Planner, Allison Fluitt, Kimley Horn & Associates, and Bill McDow, Staff Engineer

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Loving called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. The minutes were approved as submitted with minor corrections.

Update on MTP 2040 Plan Schedule and Public Outreach Survey Results.

Mr. Loving asked Ms. Rashid to provide an update on the schedule. Ms. Rashid informed the CAC that we are a little behind Developing Objectives for 3 modal subcommittees. We are in the middle of Data Analysis and starting Prioritization and Project Selection. Ms. Rashid introduced Bethany Windle to present results of the Survey. Mr. Loving asked Bethany Windle to tell the CAC about her background. Over 4200 Surveys have been received, which exceeded the goal of 4000. Bethany provided a handout with Takeaways from the survey results and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Members discussed the survey results. Mr. Loving asked staff to get survey demographics and number of paper surveys vs. electronic surveys be added as an action item. 12% respondents were identified as students and 93% as residents. The CAC asked staff to pull out data based upon age groups, income and other demographic categories, so it can be cross referenced with CFC 2035 results and to establish trend lines for the results. The committee discussed bus usage, ways to increase biking, and other survey results. The CAC plans to share results in the Modal Subcommittee meetings.

Update on Anticipated Funding Constraints & Introduction to Alternative Funding Scenarios

Ms. Rashid discussed changes in Statewide Transportation Funding. The Strategic Mobility Formula has replaced the Equity Formula. Two parallel processes, MTP planning and Strategic Mobility Formula. All Statewide transportation funding constrained by modes, with the Roadway project allocation set at 90% minimum and 96% maximum total funds. Direct Attributable Funds (STP-DA and TAP-DA funds) provided to the WMPO was discussed. Alternative Funding methods will be needed to augment Statewide Funding and address the need to provide additional funding for non-roadway projects. Allison Fluitt, Kimley Horn & Associates, discussed alternative funding scenarios that can be implemented at the Municipal and County level. Ms. Fluitt discussed regional and local

funding strategies. Some of the methods available are a Quarter Cent General Sales and Use Tax, Public Transportation Sales Tax (done per county), Transportation Utility Fees, Public Private Partnerships, Garvee Bonds and other Bonds, and Tolls, (which are generally project specific). The legislature allows some alternative funding methods with local voter approval; other methods can be done with approval at county level. Pros and Cons for each major option were discussed. It is difficult to get support for Sales and Use Tax without specific projects for the funding. One thing MTP could do is to provide a list of projects to use these types of mechanisms to fund.

Next Steps

Mr. Loving and Ms. Rashid asked the committee to review funding options and begin to identify which ideas for Alternative Funding will be best for our area. Members were asked to look at the Prioritization Methodology presentation in advance of Feb. 19 meeting.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2013 at 3:00 pm.