



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen Advisory Committee February 19, 2014, Meeting Notes

Members:

City of
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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, Transportation Planner, Megan Matheny, WAVE Transit, Adrienne Harrington, Transportation Planner, Bethany Windle, Transportation Planner.

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Loving called the meeting to order at 3pm. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Update on MTP 2040 Plan Schedule.

Mr. Loving asked Ms. Rashid to provide an update on the schedule. Ms. Rashid informed the CAC that we are on-track after amending our schedule. Ms. Rashid stated that over the next few months CAC would not be meeting frequently as a group but rather participating in their individual modal subcommittees to develop project recommendations for each mode.

Prioritization Methodology Approval

Ms. Rashid described the draft prioritization process using a PowerPoint presentation and the memo that was included in the CAC agenda packet. Ms. Rashid described the process for the overall prioritization which would involve developing individual project lists for each mode, then applying a fiscally constrained amount project by the base scenario to find the official project lists for the 2040 MTP. The alternate funding mechanisms would be used to supplement the base scenario and would be applied to the prioritized project lists after the base scenario was applied to determine what could be funded through alternative mechanisms. Ms. Rashid then asked the CAC members to look through the prioritization criteria specific to each mode and provide comment. Mr. Loving asked that each CAC member review the proposed prioritization percentages and respond to WMPO staff with their impressions.

Alternative Funding Scenarios Additional Data

Ms. Rashid gave a presentation providing more detail on the alternative funding scenarios as requested by CAC members at their January meeting. She gave additional information on local sales and use taxes, transportation utility fees, transportation improvement bonds, and vehicle registration taxes. CAC members responded that when the financial chapter is written it should state that several funding mechanisms were reviewed and that several options were not included in the plan because North Carolina lacks the enabling legislation to allow them to occur.

Action Items & Next Meeting Date

Mr. Loving asked Ms. Rashid to revise the memo to include a comparison to the *Cape Fear Commutes 2035* criteria and to send that out to CAC by February 21st. CAC members were asked to respond to staff with suggestions by February 28th.

CAC members were told that they would be contacted for meetings with their modal subcommittees over the next few months to develop the modal project lists. CAC will reconvene towards the end of the summer.