



## WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

### Citizen Advisory Committee September 10, 2014, Meeting Notes

#### Members:

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#### Members in attendance:

Howard Loving  
Steve Stanton  
Terry Obrock

Scott Cromartie  
John Melia  
David Hollis

Stuart Smith  
Al Freimark  
Jim Smith

Others in attendance: Suraiya Rashid, Sr. Transportation Planner, Adrienne Harrington, Transportation Planner, Bethany Windle, Transportation Planner, Megan Matheny, WAVE Transit and Bill McDow, Staff Engineer.

#### Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Loving called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. The minutes were approved as published.

#### Update on MTP 2040 Plan Schedule and Project Prioritization Update.

Mr. Loving asked Ms. Rashid to provide an update on the schedule. Ms. Rashid Gant Chart and how CAC schedule interacts with TCC and TAC schedule and prioritization process. Ms. Rashid reminded the CAC that due to differences in their meeting schedules, items requiring action at the December TAC meeting must be submitted for the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> TCC meeting.

#### Discussion of Project Lists for Mass Transit Modal Subcommittee

Staff presented the Projects List from the Mass Transit Modal Subcommittee. Ms. Rashid and Ms. Matheny discussed the projects on the list and answered questions from the CAC. The CAC was concerned about the Express Routes projects list and how Mass Transit projects were integrated with cross walks, safety and infrastructure needs.

#### Prioritization of Projects Lists Part 1- Bike/Ped, Aviation and Ferry.

Staff presented the Prioritization Projects List for the first three Modal Subcommittees. Ms. Harrington presented the Bike/Ped Modal Sub-Committee list and answered questions from the CAC. We have comprehensive lists, which do not focus on a particular funding source. Ms. Windle presented the Aviation Modal Sub-Committee list. The CAC asked Staff to clarify the Runway extension projects on the list. Ms. Windle presented the Ferry Modal Sub-Committee list and answered questions from the CAC. The CAC discussed the connection between purchasing ferry vehicles and the construction of the Belville Hub; these items are linked and could form one project. The CAC was interested in how Transportation Bond projects will be included on the prioritized lists. If projects have the same ranking, the cost of the project should be included to help determine final ranking status.

#### Fiscal Constraint Update

Ms. Rashid presented the Fiscal Constraint process and Alternative Funding Mechanisms. After the list of fiscally constrained project list is developed, then Alternative Funding Mechanisms will be evaluated to see if additional projects can be funded. These mechanisms included Tolls, Impact Fees, Bonds and Local Sales Tax for Transportation. All Alternative Funding Mechanisms could be considered for funding, however, Transportation Utility Fees may be impractical. Specific projects must be identified with the funding source, when they are presented to the public for approval. Some methods may be less viable in certain counties because WMPO area includes only a portion of the county.

**Action Items and Next Steps**

- Staff will follow up on CAC questions regarding Projects Lists.
- Prioritized Projects Lists Part 2- Roadway, Mass Transit and Freight/ Rail
- Alternative Funding Mechanisms Next Steps

**Next Meeting Date:** October 22, 3 pm.