



WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen Advisory Committee October 22, 2014, Meeting Notes

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Members in attendance:

Howard Loving
John Ellen

John Melia
David Hollis

Stuart Smith
Jim Smith

Others in attendance: Suraiya Rashid, Sr. Transportation Planner, Adrienne Harrington, Transportation Planner, Bethany Windle, Transportation Planner, Megan Matheny, WAVE Transit and Albert Eby, Executive Director, WAVE Transit.

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Mr. Loving called the meeting to order and asked the members to review the minutes. 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 discussed the Gant Chart and the CAC schedule. Ms. Rashid reminded the CAC of an upcoming meeting on Oct. 29, regarding the Governor's 25 year Strategic Plan. Ms. Rashid discussed the iterative nature of the development of 2040 MTP Plan and discussed TCC and TAC modifications to the project lists.

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. Mr. Eby also discussed progress on installation of Bus Shelters. The CAC was concerned about the integration of the Bus Amenities portion of the Mass Transit projects were integrated with cross walks, safety and infrastructure needs.

Prioritization of Projects Lists Part 2- Mass Transit, Roadway and Freight/Rail.

The CAC discussed the Prioritization of Projects List Part 2. Ms. Matheny presented the Mass Transit Modal Sub-Committee list and answered questions from the CAC. Ms. Windle gave an update on a Runway extension project on the Aviation Modal Sub-Committee list, which the CAC discussed in the Sept. meeting.

Ms. Rashid presented the Roadway Sub-Committee list and answered questions from the CAC. The CAC discussed how to deal with potential projects that ranked high on the list, but may need further evaluation; one example that was given was the Village Road Widening project. Mr. Loving reminded the committee to use the process the CAC has recommended and TCC and TAC will address scoring for specific projects. Ms. Rashid asked the CAC to highlight specific projects that need further review. Ms. Rashid discussed the Freight/ Rail Modal Sub-committee projects list.

The focus of these projects is improving access to markets for products, [the last mile strategy], which includes congestion around the port, and transportation near the port. The CAC requested clarification on specific projects on the list. The list includes projects which may not be funded based upon projected funding.

Fiscal Constraint Update

Ms. Rashid passed out an Alternative Funding Mechanisms handout that the TAC discussed. These would be potential Alternative Funding Mechanisms, which the CAC should consider. Mr. Loving and Committee discussed the need to modify the schedule to allow more time for adoption of the prioritization process. This may impact delaying the start of the public outreach meetings by one month.

Action Items and Next Steps

- CAC will provide Staff with specific projects which require additional examination.
- Staff will compile CAC revisions for the Prioritized Projects Lists Part 2.
- CAC will review the Alternative Funding Mechanisms Handout

Next Meeting Date: November 19, 2014 at 3 PM