

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Minutes for June 15, 2016**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington

Randall Glazier, City of Wilmington

Ed Parvin, Town of Carolina Beach

Adrienne Harrington, TDM

Zach Steffey, Town of Wrightsville Beach

Megan O'Hare, Pender County

Robert Waring, Town of Leland

Ken Vafier, New Hanover County

Helen Bunch, Brunswick County

Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT Planning Branch

1. Call to Order

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

2. Approval of Agenda

With no changes to the meeting agenda, Mr. Parvin made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Norowzi seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the May 18, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. **Resolution approving the STIP/MTIP Amendments (April and May)**
- b. **Resolution approving the STIP/MTIP Administrative Modifications (May)**
- c. **Opening of the 30-day Public Comment Period for STIP/MTIP Amendments (June)**

Mr. Norowzi made the motion to approve the consent agenda and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Harrington seconded to motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Regular Agenda

- a. **Resolution approving point sharing with the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization for the Regional Local Input Point Assignment**

Ms. Motsinger told members that NCDOT allows point sharing to occur between MPOs and RPOs if mutually agreed upon between both organizations. She said the Cape Fear RPO expressed a desire to share points with the Wilmington MPO. The resolution supports the transfer of points from the RPO to the MPO so long as the TAC approves of the allocation of points to the requested projects.

Mr. Norowzi made the motion to support the resolution to approve point sharing with the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization for the Regional Local Input Point Assignment and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Vafier seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. **Resolution approving the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Regional Local Input Point Assignment**

Ms. Motsinger told members that NCDOT adjusted the points to two of the projects that are within the Regional tier (H090215A and H090215B) which is the Hampstead Bypass. She said originally these points were in the 35 and 36 range. Now they are in the 37 and 42 range, which allows the B-section to score higher. She noted that the B-section is the section from Sloop Point Road to NC 210 and the A-section is from NC 210 down to US 17 Bypass.

Mr. Vafier asked why the change. Ms. Motsinger explained that after NCDOT originally released a draft set of regional input scores in April, they gave all MPOs and RPOs an opportunity to review the scores. In looking at the Hampstead Bypass project, staff requested that they re-run the travel demand model breaking the project into two sections.

Mr. Kozlosky explained that even though the Hampstead Bypass project has been separated into two sections, NCDOT scores new location facility projects as one project from a congestion standpoint. Staff was able to demonstrate that there was independent utility between the northern section (A) and the southern section (B). Because of that, the Department agreed to re-evaluate it as two separate projects. Mr. Kozlosky noted that there is more congestion and more delay on the northern section than the southern section. When scored as one project, the southern section was reducing the score for the northern section; however, when scored separately, it increased the score for the northern section.

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the draft Regional local input point assignment table also includes the point sharing from the RPO; however, that's subject to approval by the Cape Fear RPO. It will also have to go before the TAC for approval.

Mr. Norowzi made the motion to support the resolution to approve the Wilmington Urban Area MPO's Regional Local Input Point Assignment and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Bunch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. **Resolution supporting the deletion of U-5534R (Doral Drive sidewalk) and returning the funding to the STP-DA program**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that in January of 2015, Pender County requested STP-DA funding in the amount of \$212,000.00 for the Doral Drive sidewalk project. Based on unforeseen costs associated with the project, they are not able to move forward to complete the project and requested that the STIP/MTIP be amended to remove the project. The funds dedicated toward the project will be returned to the STP-DA program.

Ms. O'Hare made the motion to support the deletion of U-5534R (Doral Drive sidewalk) and returning the funding to the STP-DA program and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Harrington seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Discussion

a. Wilmington Downtown Greenway Phase I

Ms. Motsinger told members that staff is working with the City of Wilmington to develop a master plan for the section of inactive rail corridor between 3rd and McCrae streets. The process will kick-off this month with internal staff meetings to look at the project.

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the MPO received special legislation through Senator Lee in an effort to create a greenway and open space within this corridor. He said he wanted to make everyone aware that the master plan will be completed "in-house" and staff will be assisting the City of Wilmington in that effort.

b. Strategic Business Plan Development

Mr. Kozlosky told members that staff hopes to have a facilitated discussion with TAC members at the June 29th meeting.

7. Updates

Updates are included in the agenda packet.

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

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