

**Wilmington Urban Area  
Technical Coordinating Committee  
Meeting Notes for April 16, 2014 (Revised 5-21-14)**

**Members Present:**

Mike Kozlosky, Wilmington MPO  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Kyle Breuer, Pender County  
Chris May, CFCOG  
Pat Walsh, Town of Belville  
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports  
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington  
Nora McCann, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

Adrienne Harrington, TDM Coordinator  
Karyn Crichton, New Hanover County  
Ed Parvin, Town of Carolina Beach  
Megan Matheny, WAVE Transit  
Michelyn Alston, Town of Navassa  
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3  
Robert Waring, Town of Leland

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

**3. Presentation**

**a. Wilmington MPO Travel Demand Model**

Mr. Roberto Miquel, with CDM Smith gave a presentation on the Wilmington Travel Demand Model. He reviewed the key features offered with the new update of the model. Mr. Miquel told members that the travel demand model will be completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**a. Resolution approving the STIP/MTIP Amendments**

Mr. Breuer made the motion to approve the STIP/MTIP Amendment and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**5. New Business**

**a. Resolution adopting the minimum problem statements for projects in Prioritization 3.0**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that a few of the projects in Prioritization 3.0 do not have problem statements because they were previously either loop or toll eligible projects. He noted that problem statements were also needed for some of the projects now within the WMPO's boundary expansion area that had previously been submitted by the RPO.

Mr. Bennett suggested that a statement noting that the US 117/NC 132 (College Road) is "the only continuous north-south corridor in New Hanover County" should be added to that problem statement. Mr. Kozlosky said the US 117/NC 132 College Road problem statement also needs to include a note that the project was submitted by NCDOT and is not included in a WMPO adopted plan. Ms. Rashid suggested adding the statement to all projects submittals from the Department. They are the US 17 Bypass (Wilmington Bypass) & US 17 Business (Market Street) interchange, US 17 improvements through Hampstead and US 117/NC 132 (College Road).

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the US 17 improvements through Hampstead is included in the WMPO's adopted US17/NC210 Corridor Study and that information should be included in that problem statement.

Mr. Rashid told members there was an error on the statement for I-74 Alternate. She said the problem statement notes that the I-74 Alternate is currently proposed to traverse through the Green Swamp in Columbus and Brunswick counties to ~~Ocean Isle~~ Myrtle Beach. (Corrected at the May meeting)

Mr. May told members that the I-74 Alternate project was submitted in the early 1990s by elected officials. He said the project is opposed by the RPO due to environmental issues. Mr. May noted that the RPO supports the Port's request that the project connect to I-140 (Wilmington Bypass). Ms. Rashid told members that this project is on the books in the SPOT system and a minimum problem statement must be provided for the project so that the TAC can vote to rank the project in Prioritization 3.0 or not.

Ms. Ayers told members the NC Ports Authority made an effort to have the project removed entirely and was told the NCDOT did not want to do that because they wanted to keep the studies that they had done for it as an alternative in the system.

Mr. Breuer made the motion to adopt the minimum problem statements for projects in Prioritization 3.0 with amendments to reflect the I-74 Alternate additional information; and, that the US 17 Bypass (Wilmington Bypass) & US 17 Business (Market Street) interchange was submitted by the Division and it is not in an adopted plan; and, that the US 17 improvements through Hampstead were submitted by the Division and is included in the WMPO's adopted US17/NC210 Corridor Study; and, that the US 117/NC 132 College Road widening statement indicate that the facility is the only "the only continuous north-south corridor in New Hanover County", the project was submitted by the Division and the project is not included in an adopted plan. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## **6. Discussion**

### **a. Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable (STP-DA) and Transportation Alternatives Program-Direct Attributable (TAP-DA) Selection Criteria**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that the TAC held discussions on the selection criteria for the STP-DA and TAP-DA at their last meeting. The TAC members noted that the process was working well and the only criteria they wanted to include was the ability for multiple jurisdictions to submit on a single project. Ms. Harrington said staff will be adding language in the guidance document on how to submit a joint application.

Mr. Breuer asked if points could be awarded to projects in which a partnership has been formed with a developer where they have completed portions of the design work prior to the application submittal. That would allow additional consideration to be given to projects that have a reduced financial cost to the jurisdictions. Mr. Knight reminded members that any design work would have to be done to Federal guidelines.

Mr. Kozlosky told members staff will bring this back to the next meeting for consideration.

## **7. Updates**

Updates are included in the agenda packet.

**8. Announcements**

**9. Adjournment**

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

**THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE NOT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS.  
THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS ARE RECORDED ON A COMPACT DISC AS PART OF THIS RECORD.**