

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for June 11, 2014**

Members Present:

Helen Bunch, Brunswick County	Megan Matheny, WAVE Transit
Ashley Frank, Pender County	Trey Burke, Town of Navassa
Don Bennett, City of Wilmington	Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3
Adrienne Harrington, TDM Coordinator	Robert Waring, Town of Leland
Karyn Crichton, New Hanover County	Allen Serken, Cape Fear COG
Ed Parvin, Town of Carolina Beach	
Zach Steffey, Town of Wrightsville Beach	
Nora McCann, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch	

1. Call to Order

Mr. Bennett called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the May 21, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.

3. Presentation

a. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Ms Rashid gave a presentation on the status of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The Cape Fear Transportation 2040 Plan looks 25 years into the future. She noted that staff and the modal committees are developing project recommendations. The recommendations will go to the public in January.

4. Consent Agenda

a. Resolution supporting amendments to the 2014-2015 UPWP

b. Opening of the 30-day public comment period for STIP/MTIP Amendments and Modifications

Ms. Bunch made the motion to approve the items on the consent agenda and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Serken seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

5. Regular Agenda

a. Approve July TCC meeting date

Ms. Rashid asked TCC members to schedule a meeting for the month of July to consider the draft rankings and begin the public input process for the STI.

Ms. McCann made the motion to approve adding July 9th to the TCC meeting schedule. Ms. Serken seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Resolution regarding NCDOT's Strategic Transportation Corridors Initiative

Ms. Rashid told members that NCDOT's Transportation Planning Branch is working to update the Strategic Highway Corridors initiative. She noted that the Department is now referring to the initiative as the Strategic Transportation Corridors with the attempt to look beyond just highways by considering other modes of transportation. It will be used as a long-range planning tool to help guide transportation

investment and development decisions along specific strategic corridors that are noted to be of state-wide strategic importance.

NCDOT held regional workshops to receive input on the initiative and are taking comments until June 27th. Staff found several items of concern. Several key routes and STRAHNET connectors were overlooked. Ms. Rashid noted that the STRAHNET connector routes are the direct connections to key locations such as the airport and the port. The initiative doesn't include any facilities that are not currently constructed, such as a portion of the I-140 bypass. She told members that the initiative is not truly multi-modal in nature because it looks at highway and rail needs and does not look at other modes. Staff asked that members review the information and submit comments along with resolutions supporting any requested changes.

Ms. McCann told members that the future facilities were taken off the maps because the alignments had not been vetted through any type of process. Mr. Serken suggested making a distinction between funded and unfunded future projects. Ms. Rashid noted that from the MPO's prospective, this is not like functional classification, the Strategic Transportation Corridors Initiative is meant to be a long-range planning tool. It has been used in the past for justification in NEPA documentation and there is also a chance the initiative will be used in the future for Prioritization 4.0. Ms. Rashid noted that staff does not think it's appropriate to use this as a long-range planning tool when it doesn't look at future facilities.

Ms. Frank proposed adding the Hampstead Bypass as a future identified project to bullet point 7. Mr. Serkin proposed that bullet point 5 should include a statement saying that it is absolutely critical that the future/unconstructed facilities are evaluated and considered as part of this network, especially future funded facilities.

Mr. Riddle made the motion to support the resolution providing comments to NCDOT regarding the draft Strategic Transportation Corridors with the amendments to include a statement saying that it is absolutely critical that the future/unconstructed facilities are evaluated and considered as part of this network, especially future funded facilities as part of bullet point 5 and to add the Hampstead Bypass as a future identified project to bullet point 7 and forward to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Frank seconded the motion. The resolution carried with 12 members voting in favor and Ms. McCann voting in opposition.

6. Discussion

a. Strategic Transportation Investment Formula

Mr. Rashid distributed copies of the Strategic Transportation Investment project ranking spreadsheets. She told members that staff compiled the rankings according to the project's current score at the regional tier. The projects are also ranked in terms of the division score. She noted that members will have a total of 1,500 points for regional projects and 1,500 points for division projects. Ms. Rashid reminded members that the resolutions of support are due by June 20th. Ms. Rashid asked members to review the data to make sure it's correct. Staff is requesting that any corrections or errors be reported to staff before June 20th. The next step is to take the spreadsheets to the July 23rd TAC meeting to ask that they rank and score the projects and open the Public Comment Period.

b. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Tolling

Ms. Rashid told members that the TAC asked that the item be placed on the agenda for discussion.

7. Updates

Updates are included in the agenda packet.

8. Announcements

9. Additional Item

Ms. Crichton told members she has concerns regarding the need for a crosswalk at Carolina Beach Road and Antoinette Drive. A pedestrian was recently hit when trying to cross the road. She noted that it's a very dangerous location and she would like to see something done about it. Ms. Rashid suggested that the project be submitted for STP-DA funding. She told members she will also send an email to Mr. Gray with the NCDOT's Regional Safety Group and ask that they look for possible solutions.

10. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26am.

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