

**Wilmington Urban Area
Technical Coordinating Committee
Meeting Notes for September 16, 2015**

Members Present:

Mike Kozlosky, City of Wilmington	Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Suraiya Rashid, TDM Coordinator	Don Bennett, City of Wilmington
Ed Parvin, Town of Carolina Beach	Allen Serkin, CFCOG
Ken Vafier, New Hanover County	Megan Matheny, WAVE Transit
Robert Waring, Town of Leland	Zach Steffey, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Megan O'Hare, Pender County	Adam Snipes, NCDOT Planning Branch
Trey Burke, Town of Navassa	
Whitney Prease, Wilmington International Airport	

1. Call to Order

Mr. Kozlosky called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the meeting August 12, 2015 were approved unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. **Resolution supporting Prioritization 4.0 Project Deletions**
- b. **Resolution supporting STIP/MTIP Amendments (August)**
- c. **Resolution supporting the utilization of UPWP funding in the amount of \$5,500 for development of a conceptual floor plan for the Thomas Grocery Building**
- d. **Resolution supporting an improved access to North Creekwood, Creekwood and other undeveloped properties in this area**

Mr. Vafier asked that item 3.a. be pulled for discussion.

Mr. Serkin made the motion to approve items 3 b, c, and d on the consent agenda and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Vafier seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Vafier asked what the specific scope was for the US 17 Access Management project and the reasoning behind the recommended deletion.

Ms. Rashid told members the project is an access improvement project that extends from US 74/76 in Brunswick County down to the South Carolina state line. She said the RPO indicated that there is no need for an additional super-street within the MPO boundaries along that stretch. She noted that there is already an existing super-street along that section.

Mr. Vafier made the motion to approve item 3.a. and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Parvin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Regular Agenda

a. Resolution supporting the Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Submittals for Prioritization 4.0

Ms. Rashid told members the projects on the list represent a recommendation that came from the WMPO Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. She noted that staff developed the list by taking projects from the Cape Fear Transportation 2040 bike project list that were not already completed or had funding associated with them. That list was presented to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee and they made a few changes to allow for more geographic diversity.

Mr. Waring made the motion to support the Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Submittals for Prioritization 4.0 and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Vafier seconded to motion and it carried unanimously.

b. Resolution supporting Ferry Projects Submittals for Prioritization 4.0

Ms. Rashid told members the list of Ferry projects was developed in consultation with the NCDOT Ferry Division and in looking at the draft Cape Fear Transportation 2040 Plan.

Ms. Bunch made the motion to support the Ferry Project Submittals for Prioritization 4.0 and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

c. Resolution supporting Roadway Projects Submittals for Prioritization 4.0

Ms. Rashid told members that the WMPO can submit up to 13 new Highway projects for prioritization in Prioritization 4.0 (P4.0). Staff developed the project list (listed below) using the draft Cape Fear Transportation 2040 Plan, as well as projects listed in the NCDOT Prioritization 3.0 process.

- R-4 NC133/Castle Hayne Road Widening
- R-32 Rice Gate Way Extension
- R-33 Kerr Avenue Widening
- R-34 Old Fayetteville Road Widening
- R-35 N 23rd Street Widening
- R-36 NC210 Improvements
- R-37 Wilshire Boulevard Extension
- R-39 Country Club Drive/Doral Drive & Sloop Point Loop Road
- R-40 Kerr Avenue Extension
- R-42 NC133/Castle Hayne Road & 23rd Street Roundabout
- R-46 Greenville Avenue & Oleander Drive Intersection Improvements
- R-52 US17 to NC133 Connection
- R-55 Magnolia Drive Extension
- R-57 River Road Widening

She reminded members that NCDOT Division 3 can submit up to 7 new highway projects. She noted that staff participated in discussions with the Division and a list of projects (listed below) was developed using the draft Cape Fear Transportation 2040 Plan, and projects listed in the NCDOT Prioritization 3.0 process.

- R-43 Front Street & Carolina Beach Road Intersection
- R-45 New Centre Drive & Market Street Intersection
- R-47 Shipyard Boulevard Access Management
- R-48 Carolina Beach Road & Shipyard Boulevard Intersection Improvements
- R-49 Shipyard Boulevard Widening
- R-50 Burnett Boulevard Widening
- R-51 Shipyard Boulevard Speed Sensors and Warning activation at NC Port of Wilmington

Mr. Waring made the motion to support the Roadway Projects Submittals for Prioritization 4.0 and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Snipes seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

d. **Resolution encouraging NCDOT to reduce the laneage on Market Street in advance of Middle Sound Loop Road in order to minimize the impacts to the Mt. Ararat AME Church Cemetery and to preserve the Ogden oak tree near the intersection of Market Street and Middle Sound Loop Road**

Mr. Kozlosky told members that NCDOT's Military Cutoff Road Extension project goes out from Market Street out to the Wilmington Bypass. The project includes a continuous north-bound through lane that ends with a right-turn lane at Middle Sound Loop Road. Mr. Kozlosky told members that there is a desire to minimize the impacts to the Mr. Ararat AME Church Cemetery and to preserve the Ogden oak tree near the intersection of Market Street and Middle Sound Loop Road. He noted that the resolution asking that the Department to stop the project in advance of Middle Sound Loop Road in order to minimize those impacts was requested by the TAC Chair.

Mr. Bennett asked how it would affect the Lendire Drive realignment. Mr. Kozlosky said staff was told if the project was stopped short, the realignment would not be included in the Military Cutoff Extension project.

Ms. O'Hare asked if the City of Wilmington supported the resolution. Mr. Kozlosky told members that the City Council has not yet considered a resolution regarding the matter.

Mr. Serkin asked if there was any indication from the Division Engineer that if this resolution passes they will make the change or will they just consider it. Mr. Kozlosky said they will consider the resolution but there are no guarantees they will make the changes.

Mr. Serkin asked about the impact to the Mt. Ararat AME Church Cemetery. Mr. Kozlosky told members that the project may impact between 30 to 40 gravesites.

Mr. Bennett asked how the requested change might affect the scheduling of design and construction of the Military Cutoff Road Extension project. Mr. Kozlosky said the Department is currently purchasing right-of-way. Mr. Kozlosky noted that the Department has put significant work into the project and construction is anticipated to begin in July of 2017. Mr. Serkin said he's concerned that the request will negatively impact the "let-date". Mr. Snipes told members that if the Department has to go back and redesign, the project will not happen in FY 2017.

Mr. Kozlosky suggested that the concerns regarding the resolution can be included within the TCC's recommendation. He said the Department will still need approval from New Hanover County Commissioners in order to impact a few of the properties along the corridor and the cemetery.

Following a discussion regarding TCC members concerns regarding the health of the tree, the impacts to the Lendire Drive extension, the budget, the schedule, the project commitment, health, safety and welfare of the public, traffic flow and other design alternatives for consideration, Mr. Serkin made the motion to recommend approval based on the intent of resolution and include the list concerns expressed by TCC members and forward to the TAC for consideration. Mr. Bennett seconded the motion and it carried with seven members voting in favor. Mr. Parvin, Ms. O'Hare, Mr. Snipes, Ms. Matheny and Mr. Steffey voted in opposition to the resolution.

6. Discussion

a. Mopeds on State/City Streets in the Region

Mr. Kozlosky advised members that staff was asked to add the item to the agenda for discussion at the request of Commissioner Barfield.

b. MPO Branding

Mr. Kozlosky told members that staff will be discussing the new MPO branding at the next TAC meeting once they receive input from legal counsel.

7. Updates

Updates are included in the agenda packet.

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

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