

Citizens Advisory Committee
6th Floor Conference Room, 320 Chestnut Street
Wednesday, December 12, 2018
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Laura Padgett, Chair, City of Wilmington
David Hollis, Brunswick County
Patrick Boykin, Town of Carolina Beach
Harold King, Town of Wrightsville Beach
Stuart Smith, Town of Belville
Brayton Willis, Town of Leland
Vanessa Lacer, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
Neal Andrew, North Carolina Board of Transportation

Members Absent:

John Cawthorne, Vice Chair, Town of Kure Beach
Web Bostic, New Hanover County
Valorie Hatten, Town of Navassa
Sallie Rochelle, Pender County
Jason Windham, City of Wilmington

Staff Present:

Abigail Lorenzo, Senior Transportation Planner, WMPO
Katie Moore, Associate Transportation Planner
Zachary Manfredi, Associate Transportation Planner
Michael Madsen, GIS Analyst

1. Call to Order

Ms. Padgett called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – November 7, 2018

Mr. Andrew made a motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2018, seconded by Mr. King, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation of Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Public Input Map Results – Michael Madsen, WMPO

Mr. Madsen gave an overview of results from the four-month public input period of the Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Plan. The 7,400 total responses consisted of 2,287 completed surveys, and 1,905 hits (averaging 15.49 per day) and 563 comments with more than 4,554 votes on comments from the map.

Mr. Madsen stated that Roadway led in comments (267), and Bicycle/Pedestrian in votes (2,347). He gave an overview of the usage chart, which showed that e-mail blasts and social media posts received the most responses. Trends for comments in each of the modes included the following:

- Roadway: 1) Signage, signaling and speed; 2) Traffic and road widening, and 3) Intersection improvements.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian: Evenly distributed among sidewalks, crosswalks, bike paths/lanes, multi-use paths. Safety was a common concern.
- Public Transportation: 1) Light rail, and 2) Beach/tourism connectivity.

- Ferry: 1) Leland ferry, 2) High-speed ferries, and 3) Multi-modal connections.
- Freight/Rail: Light rail and Amtrak comments were moved to the Public Transportation mode.
- Aviation: 1) Connection to Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU); and 2) Additional air services for Wilmington International Airport (ILM).

Mr. Madsen stated that overall, the two main trends were interconnectivity between all modes of transportation and safety. The results were organized into categories to help identify projects, separating out duplicates, complaints, maintenance items, and policies for referral to the appropriate jurisdiction. The projects were then sorted by mode, checked against existing plans, and provided to the modal subcommittees for consideration. He noted that a new map has been posted to www.CapeFearMovingForward2045.org.

A brief question/answer and discussion period was held.

4. Presentation of Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Milestone Update for Member Jurisdiction Boards – Katie Moore, WMPO

Ms. Moore gave an overview of the Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Milestone Update, a presentation that will be distributed to Citizen Advisory Committee members via e-mail. She noted that the presentation can be shared with the general public, elected officials and government staff of member jurisdictions. The main objectives of it are to help the MPO achieve continuity of awareness and planning processes, and to assist representatives from the jurisdictions to inform communities within the MPO region about the MPO and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the progress of the MTP, and how to participate. She added that staff is available to work with members to embellish this fairly basic presentation.

Mr. Willis requested a link to the meeting dates on the website, and a summary of public involvement to date. Ms. Moore responded that a general statement about participation to date has been included in the presentation.

Chairman Padgett pointed out that members of the MPO Board are also responsible for keeping their respective boards of elected officials up to date.

Ms. Lorenzo added that planning staff from member jurisdictions a source of information for the respective jurisdictions. She added that the MPO will be involved in public outreach efforts in 2020.

5. Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Goal ‘Environmentally and Socially Responsible’ Revision

Chairman Padgett stated that the Committee asked staff for some language to address a concern regarding educating people. She read the staff recommended revision of the ‘Environmentally and Socially Responsible’ goal, as follows:

Accessible, sustainable, and equitable transportation solutions are actively communicated to increase public awareness and collaboration.

Mr. Andrew made a motion to approve the revised goal, seconded by Mr. King.

In response to an inquiry by Ms. Lacer, Ms. Lorenzo stated that the original goals are included in the agenda packet for the MPO Board’s January 2018 meeting, which can be

accessed online (https://www.wmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-01-31_BoardAgenda_FINAL.pdf).

Following further consideration, Chairman Padgett called the question, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Modal Project List Update

Ms. Lorenzo stated that the project lists at the modal subcommittee level have been finalized and passed along to staff. Staff is in the process of completing the detailing of scopes and limits of the projects. MPO and engineering staff are working together on cross sections for Roadway and Bike/Ped. The internal deadline to send the package to the consultant to begin cost estimates is today. However, project lists will be sent to Committee members by the end of next week in order to review it prior to the January meeting. Scopes or cross sections will be included in addition to a summary sheet with the overall number of projects, carry-over projects and those that have come from other adopted plans, as well as new projects from the modal subcommittees, this Committee or public input. She expressed a desire for the modal subcommittees to finish their work by March 2019.

Chairman Padgett requested that members keep in mind the changes in demographics and technology when considering how to best spend funding in this plan.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Hollis, Ms. Lorenzo stated that cost estimates are expected from the consultant by February and a presentation will be made by them to this Committee, the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Board.

7. Discussion on 2019 Meeting Days for the Citizen Advisory Committee

Ms. Lorenzo stated that content from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is reviewed by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) before going to the Board. She proposed moving the CAC meeting to the first Wednesday of the month in 2019 starting in February, at the same time and location, so that it would be in sync with TCC meetings.

It was the consensus of the Committee to accept the change. Chairman Padgett requested that the dates be e-mailed to members. Ms. Lorenzo responded that the CAC might not have to meet every month, and noted that she would forward the first six months of meeting dates.

Mr. Smith requested background information regarding population and technology changes. Ms. Lorenzo stated that projections to 2045 can be provided. She noted that Mr. Madsen has created some great maps with this information.

Mr. Hollis expressed an interest in comparing it with major projects over the past 25 years. Ms. Lorenzo responded that she will send it out with the project lists next week, and the presentation by the end of this week

8. Additional Items

Chairman Padgett pointed out that a conflict exists between the next meeting of this Committee and a Transportation Summit to be held in January. She inquired if the Committee prefers January 3rd or January 7th for its next meeting.

Mr. Andrew commented that he prefers January 7th. Mr. Hollis concurred as long as it would include birthday cake.

Ms. Padgett stated that the next meeting of the CAC will be held on January 7th.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Lorenzo

Senior Transportation Planner

Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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