

Strategic Transportation Corridor Master Plans

US 321 (Corridor D) – US 321/CSX from South Carolina state line to Tennessee state line [Atkins]

Future I-42 (Corridor P) – Future I-42/US 70E/NCRR from I-440 in Wake Co. to Port of Morehead City [Kimley-Horn]

Future I-795 (Corridor S) – I-795/US 117 in Wilson Co. to I-40 in Sampson Co. [Kimley-Horn]

US 74 (Corridor U) – US 74W/US 74E from I-26 in Polk Co. to US 117 in Wilmington [Atkins]

Jacksonville to Greenville (Corridor X) – US 258/NC 11/US 13 from US 17 in Onslow Co. to US 64E in Edgecombe Co. [Kimley-Horn]

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – NCDOT Board Room (1 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh), 1:30 – 3:30pm

Corridor Steering Committee (CSC) Kick-Off Meeting

Meeting Summary

- 1) Introductions – Brian Wert welcomed all attendees and thanked them for taking the time out their week to join us for the Strategic Transportation Corridor (STC) Master Plan kick off. Attendees introduced themselves. A list of invited attendees, as well as those who attended can be found at the end of this summary.
- 2) Description of the STC Master Plan – Kerry Morrow and Nastasha Earle-Young shared the purpose and background of the STC Master Planning effort and reviewed the content on the STC fact sheet. Kerry shared that this is the first time NCDOT has done a study of this nature, and that there are several unknowns about the final product. The STC Master Plans will follow a different process and result in a different product than the previous Strategic Highway Corridors (SHC). It is anticipated that although the process will be essentially the same for each corridor, the final product will look differently for each corridor as different levels of planning have occurred for each.
- 3) Discussion of the CSC – Kerry and Nastasha provided an overview of the CSC membership’s broad representation and covered the purpose and goals of the CSC involvement in the STC Master Plan process.
- 4) Study Schedule – Nastasha gave a brief overview of the project schedule, sharing that we are currently in Phase 1 and will be kicking off Phase 2 in late April/early May. Phase 1 is intended to identify specific data collection and outreach efforts that will be completed in Phase 2. She also asked that each PO, if they hadn’t already, to provide her with their upcoming (May 2018-August 2018) TAC and TCC meeting dates, so that NCDOT, Atkins, and Kimley-Horn can identify dates to present about the STC Master Plans.
- 5) Study Area Description and Discussion – Teresa Gresham provided a high overview of the five corridors, introduced the profile sheets, and described the data collection process. Judy Meyer described the stakeholder outreach process. A member of NCDOT’s Project ATLAS team provided an overview of their efforts and how they would be aiding the GIS element of data collection. A stakeholder involvement plan will outline the public engagement strategy for the master plan effort. Tyler Bray recapped the MPO and RPO kick-off meetings held earlier in the month for the corridor bundles, and introduced Leigh Lane with Louis Berger and Allison Wright with Kimley-Horn to discuss the corridor inspections.

- 6) Discussion by Discipline/Agency – Teresa Gresham opened the floor for each represented agency/discipline to share any questions or comments about the STC Master Plan process. Comments expressed are recorded below.
- i) Traffic
 - Important to remember mobility is more important than access along many of the strategic transportation corridors, and stressed the importance of access management strategies to ensure mobility is prioritized.
 - Requested a guide as part of the final product that will help with control of access recommendations, similar to that in the SHC process.
 - ii) Safety
 - A question was raised concerning what the crash data will be compared to, knowing that these specific corridors will likely fall high relative to statewide averages.
 - iii) Bicycle/pedestrian
 - Consideration should be given to bike/ped facilities on any portions of the corridors that may be bypassed with new location.
 - Ensure bike routes both running along and intersecting the corridors are not hindered and no new barriers to accessibility are created.
 - Connections between transit and bike/ped are really important.
 - Suggestion was made to take a fine-grained look in the locations where the corridors pass through the heart of communities.
 - Ensure that safe bicycle and pedestrian crossings are considered
 - iv) Transit and heavy rail
 - Access to jobs and healthcare should be a primary focus of the STC Master Plans.
 - v) Aviation
 - (1) No one was present.
 - vi) Planning agencies
 - (1) FHWA shared the need to get buy in at local, regional, and statewide levels regarding the purpose and needs for each corridor.
 - vii) NCDOT Divisions, programs, and initiatives
 - (1) Feasibility Studies Unit shared that there have been a lot of planning efforts along various segments of the corridors that should be considered and that the connection to I-40 is critical in advancing Future I-42.
 - (2) Project Management Unit raised a question about how the final product would differ from a CTP and asked if the sub corridors would be different than those identified in the Strategic Highway Corridors (SHC) initiative.
 - (3) NCDOT Divisions were each offered a chance to weigh in about the corridors that pass through their divisions. Comments shared are detailed below.
 - (a) US 321 – No comment was made
 - (b) US 74 – Division 10 stressed that the character changes significantly from east to west and that there are current planning efforts that will require further offline conversations to ensure consistency.

- (c) Future I-42 – A comment was made reiterating the large amount of planning work that has already been completed.
- (d) Corridor X – Political pressure to shield it as a future interstate. This effort has failed previously, but it should still be a part of discussions. Greenville MPO still feels this should become interstate whether there is political support or not.
- (4) Planning Organizations – There are a lot of political issues revolving around these corridors and the planning process will need to be sure to engage elected officials beyond just the TCC and TAC.
 - viii) Special Users – Mark Berndt with Quetica provided an overview of the elements that the project teams will be looking at with regards to freight including the key industries, markets, and nodes along the corridors.
- 7) Questions – What is the horizon year of the planning effort? Kerry Morrow answered that the project teams will look to 2045 for deficiencies, but still identify interim and ongoing planning efforts that may be needed prior to 2045.
- 8) Next Steps – The project team thanked meeting attendees for joining the meeting.
- 9) Meeting Attendees

Organization	X	Name	Name here in lieu of
FHWA			
FHWA - NC Division		Loretta Barren	
FHWA - NC Division		Eddie Dancausse	
FHWA - NC Division	X	George Hoops	
FHWA - NC Division	X	Bill Marley	
Planning Organizations			
Cape Fear RPO	X	Allen Serkin*	
Capital Area MPO	X	Alex Rickard*	Chris Lukasina
Charlotte Regional TPO		Bob Cook	
Down East RPO	X	Patrick Flanagan	
Eastern Carolina RPO	X	Chris York	
Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO	X	Randi Gates	
Goldsboro MPO		Jennifer Collins	
Greenville MPO	X	Ryan Purtle	
Hickory Urban Area MPO	X	Averi Ritchie*	
High Country RPO	X	David Graham	
Isothermal RPO	X	Karyl Fuller	
Jacksonville MPO	X	Peggy Holland	
Lumber River RPO	X	Janet Robertson	
Mid-Carolina RPO		Mike Rutan	

Organization	X	Name	Name here in lieu of
Mid-East RPO	X	Jamie Heath*	
New Bern Area RPO	X	Kimberly Maxey	
Rocky River RPO	X	Dana Stoogenke*	
Upper Coastal Plain RPO	X	James Salmons	
Wilmington Urban Area MPO		Mike Kozlosky	
	X	Abby Lorenzo	
	X	Jason O'Brien	
NCDOT Central Division			
NCDOT Aviation		Stephanie Sudano	
NCDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Unit	X	Hannah Cockburn	
NCDOT Congestion Management	X	Jim Dunlop	
	X	Mike Reese	
	X	Joseph Hummer	
NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit	X	Derrick Lewis	
NCDOT Planning and Programming Div.	X	Jason Schronce	David Wasserman
NCDOT Project ATLAS	X	Anna Reusche	
	X	Adam Spiller	
		Wendee Smith	
NCDOT Project Management Units	X	Gary Lovering	
	X	Tatia White	
	X	Laura Sutton*	
		Derrick Weaver	
NCDOT Public Involvement	X	Jamille Robbins	
NCDOT Public Transportation	X	Debbie Collins	
NCDOT Rail Division		Neil Perry	
		Sandra Stepney	
NCDOT Transportation Planning Division	X	Kerry Morrow	
	X	Nastasha Earle-Young	
		Jamal Alavi	
	X	Brian Wert	
	X	Pam Cook	
	X	Daniel Sellers	
NCDOT Rail Planning	X	Mark Johnson	
NCDOT SPOT	X	Jason Schronce	

Organization	X	Name	Name here in lieu of
NCDOT Division Office			
NCDOT Highway Division 2	X	Jeff Cabaniss	Diane Hampton
NCDOT Highway Division 3	X	Alan Pytcher	
NCDOT Highway Division 4		Ronnie Keeter	
	X	Jimmy Eatmon	
NCDOT Highway Division 5	X	David Keilson	
NCDOT Highway Division 6	X	Drew Cox*	
NCDOT Highway Division 8		Brian Kluchar	
NCDOT Highway Division 10	X	Stuart Basham	
NCDOT Highway Division 11	X	Daniel Adams*	
NCDOT Highway Division 12	X	Anil Panicker*	
NCDOT Highway Division 13	X	Brendan Merithew*	
NCDOT Highway Division 14	X	Brian Burch*	
Other			
Global TransPark - Facilities Director		Levia F. Williamson	
Marine Corps Base		Tim McCurry	
NCDOT Ports		Stephanie Ayers	
Public Information Associates	X	Judy Meyer	
	X	Leigh Hornsby	
Atkins	X	Tyler Bray	
	X	Dan Thomas	
Quetica	X	Mark Berndt	
Louis Berger	X	Leigh Lane	
Clearbox Forecast Group	X	Craig Gresham	
Kimley-Horn	X	Teresa Gresham	
	X	Kristina King	
	X	Allison Wright	

* Joined via phone