

**Bertie County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting
Bertie County Office Building, Windsor
May 26, 2010 – 10:00 AM**

Attendees

Traci White	Bertie County Planning Director
Dayle Vaughn	Lewiston-Woodville Commissioner/Bertie Planning Board
Thomas Asbell	Mayor of Powellsville
John Pierce	Mayor of Askewville
Jerry Jennings	NCDOT Division 1 Engineer
Jason Morris	NCDOT Division 1
Ann Whitley	Peanut Belt RPO
Saeed Mohamed	NCDOT

Meeting Minutes

Introductions

Saeed Mohammed opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Each attendee introduced himself/herself to the group. Mr. Mohamed passed out meeting agenda packets.

Review of Last Meeting Minutes

The committee reviewed the February 24, 2010 Minutes. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Review of Recommendations

Highway Map

Mr. Mohammed presented the CTP map for highways. He called attention to the different colors for different levels of highways and pointed out the route sections that have been identified for improvement. Pages in the handout illustrated typical highway cross sections and Mr. Mohammed identified the types that would be recommended for each highway that was recommended for improvement.

Roadways sections identified for improvement were US 17 from Windsor to the US 17 Bypass; NC 308 from Windsor to Lewiston-Woodville, and NC 45. Committee members recommended straightening the sharp curves on NC45.

Committee members said that Wakelon Road also has sharp curves that need to be straightened. The members also noted that Conarista Road needs connection to NC 42. There were no capacity issues identified on those two roads.

Mr. Mohamed noted that NC 11 and US 13 were identified as needing improvement, but that those roads are in the State Transportation Improvement Program, although currently unfunded.

Transit Map

Mr. Mohamed said that, since it was not feasible to have a fixed public transit route in the county, the Transit Map would be blank.

Rail Map

Mr. Mohamed said no improvements were identified for the Rail Map.

Bike and Pedestrian Map

A part of an existing bike route that runs along the eastern part of North Carolina is identified on the Bike and Pedestrian Map. The section in Bertie County is located along NC 45, where it crosses the Roanoke River bridge, from Washington County to US 17, and then runs along US 17 until it crosses the Chowan River bridge into Chowan County. A suggested bike route was added to the map which would provide a loop from NC 45 to Windsor and back to NC 45.

Mr. Mohamed passed out small maps of towns in the County and markers, and asked the Committee members if they had any suggestions for locations of additional sidewalks. The members marked suggested sidewalk locations for the towns about which they were knowledgeable. It was suggested that the Windsor Town Manager be asked to identify needed sidewalk locations in Windsor. A map for Lewiston-Woodville was not available, but Ms. Vaughn said she would identify the sidewalk needs for the town.

Next Step: Plan Adoption

Mr. Mohamed explained the process for adopting the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. He said there may be one more meeting or maybe two before all the maps and recommendations are completed. Every town in the county must adopt the maps before the county adopts. The RPO will adopt the maps and NCDOT will adopt them last. After the maps are adopted, the document will be produced.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.