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**Brunswick County CTP Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Bicycle/Pedestrian Decision & Transit/Rail Review Meeting**  
**May 13, 2021**  
**3pm**

1. Bicycle and Pedestrian Decision Meeting
  - a. Bike and Ped facilities in BSL will be updated to multi-use path per BSL Bike and Ped Plan
  - b. Terry Peirce pointed out a missing section of Multi-use path on NC 87
    - i. Also pointed out the section on Bay St as a multi-use path recommendation.
  - c. Tom Woods asked for how to accommodate safe bike and ped travel along the upgraded NC 211 corridor.
    - i. Patrick Flanagan mentioned the ongoing study for installing a multi-use path along NC 211.
  - d. Terry Pierce mentioned the addition of a project near recommendation 11 on the highway map between Benton Rd (SR 1502) to Stone Chimney Rd (SR 1115) as a bicycle lane.
    - i. Also mentioned recommendation 4 as improve bike lane.
2. Transit and Rail Review Meeting
  - a. Whiteville to Malmo Rail project now included on Transit and Rail Map.
  - b. Tom Woods asked if all rail projects were freight only with no passenger element.
    - i. At this time, no passenger improvements are proposed for the area.
  - c. Brent Lockamy asked when the rail project is scheduled to be constructed.
    - i. None of the projects included in the CTP have a set schedule but, their inclusion in the CTP allows them to be submitted to NCDOT for scoring and funding.
  - d. Patrick Flanagan mentioned the rail project is being suggested to benefit the new industrial park on the Columbus and Brunswick County line.
  - e. Nazia Sarder discussed the proposed park and ride locations.
    - i. Terry Pierce mentioned a lot currently being use as park and ride at US 17 and NC 211, south of US 17.
    - ii. Park and ride locations would not be located on the beach side but would on the mainland.
      1. Kirstie Dixie mention Shallotte, vicinity of NC 904 and US 17, or senior citizen centers for park and ride locations
    - iii. Tom Woods asked how visitors will be able to carry gear to the beach via transit from the mainland.
      1. It was mentioned that trailers may be used behind the vans/buses to carry gear.

2. The question was also asked if the vehicles and parking spots were available now.
  3. Helen Bunch confirmed that if the need is there the transit system could provide transit to and from the beach. Existing parking lots could be used to accommodate the proposed park and rides.
- iv. Alan Pytcher asked if a park and ride lot had been proposed at the ferry terminal.
    1. A park and ride lot will be proposed at the ferry terminal lot.
  - v. Kirstie Dixon asked if carpooling has been considered.
    1. The committee was asked to provide potential carpool locations.
- f. Patrick mentioned the intersection of Governors Rd (SR 1521) and Funston Rd (SR 1518) which currently exists as two, near proximity railroad crossings. This would be an opportunity to consolidate the crossings and make the new crossing perpendicular to the railroad.
    - i. Terry Pierce mentioned the roadway alignment as a potential safety issue for cyclist.

### 3. Heat Maps Discussion

- a. Bike route analysis maps are being suggested as bike routes without separate facilities cannot be shown on the Bike and Ped Maps.
- b. Data from the Brunswick Transit System is being used to create maps of the high frequency locations that the service picks up and drops off patrons.
- c. Patrick Flanagan suggested the creation of downtown sidewalk maps.
  - i. Terry Pierce brought up needing to accommodate a variety of modes of transportation, motorized and non-motorized. He also mentioned needed improvements on Bay St in Southport.
  - ii. Craig Eckert added that we should look at sidewalks to and from schools.

### 4. Survey Open Period – **March 11<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup>**

- a. Tom Woods asked if there have been any common themes in survey responses.
  - i. The data is done being compiled but there have been several common comments that have been provided to date.
- b. Dan Newquist asked if anyone has had difficulty taking the survey.
  - i. There have been a few survey respondents who have stated difficulties.
- c. Patrick Flanagan asked if there has been a question that is commonly skipped.
  - i. At this point it seems the Map it section (slide 4) is the most difficult for survey respondents to use.

### 5. Adjourn

- a. May 27<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting.
  - i. This will be the decision meeting for Transit and Rail Projects.
  - ii. Review of supporting maps as well.
- b. June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled.

