

Meeting Minutes

Dare County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

March 7, 2012 2:00pm, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC

Attendees

Kerry Morrow	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Elina Zlotchenko	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Derrick Waller	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Don Cabana	Dare County Transportation Service
Mandy Earnest	Dare County Health Department
Elizabeth Teague	Nags Head Town Planner
Wes Haskett	Southern Shores Town Planner
Donna Creef	Dare County Planning
John Stockton	Kitty Hawk Town Manager
Greg Loy	Kill Devil Hills Planner
Andy Garman	Duck Town Planner
Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy	Outer Banks National Scenic Byway
Sandy Ball	Colington Resident
Joe Heard	Kitty Hawk Town Planner
Steven Lambert	Albemarle RPO
Ralph Buxton	Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce

Introductions

- Each committee member introduced him/herself to the group.

Previous Meeting

- Meeting 4 Minutes and Recap: Kerry Morrow briefly mentioned the highlights from Meeting 4 on January 25, 2012.

Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee Update

- Update from Bike & Ped Subcommittee Meeting 2: Steve Lambert gave the group the following update from the second subcommittee meeting on the previous day, 3/6/12:
 - The subcommittee spent most of the meeting focusing on the bicycle needs in the county. They took maps of all the areas of the county and used markers to indicate the types of improvements they thought were needed throughout the county.
 - The group's recommendations were separated into wide shoulders, bike lanes and multi-use paths.
 - Steve will map out those initial recommendations for the subcommittee to view at the next meeting.
 - Down the road, as we get closer to developing highway recommendations, the subcommittee will be able to determine what type of bicycle recommendations are appropriate on certain roadways.
 - John Stockton asked if it might be possible to shift NC 12 over to make room for a multi-use path within the existing right of way. Mr. Stockton acknowledged that the CTP is a broad conceptual plan, but asked that some

design concepts be developed and incorporated into the CTP. Ms. Morrow took note of the concern and said she would look into what options they have for fulfilling Mr. Stockton's request.

Goals and Objectives Survey Results

- Survey Responses: Ms. Morrow informed the committee that there were 1,992 total responses to the survey. Highlights from the survey results discussion included:
 - The top three transportation priorities were evacuation routes, community preservation and reducing traffic congestion.
 - More respondents were in favor of access management methods than opposed to them.
 - NC 12 was identified as having the biggest need for bike and pedestrian facilities (sidewalks, bike lanes and multi-use paths).
 - Many respondents indicated that they would use bike and pedestrian facilities both recreationally and for transportation (instead of driving).
 - Way finding is a big concern, particularly for tourists. There was some discussion about how directional signs could be incorporated into the CTP.
 - For questions #2, 8 and 9, the committee would like to see a cross-tabulation indicating which community respondents are from.
 - The committee was in favor of running a second survey to specifically target Dare County tourists only. The survey would be short (no more than four questions), available online only, open for a short period of time and promoted with the help of the Visitors Bureau.

Public/Stakeholder Open Houses

- Dates/Locations: Ms. Morrow announced the dates and locations for the public/stakeholder open houses:
 - Monday 4/16/12, Kill Devil Hills Municipal Meeting Room, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Tuesday 4/17/12, Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Community Building, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 - Wednesday 4/18/12, Dare County Administrative Building, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Format: Ms. Morrow explained that the open house format would be used so that attendees can come and go as they please. The stakeholders who were identified at the previous meeting will be invited to attend along with the public at any of the three open houses. Three sessions are being held in order to make attendance convenient for residents from all parts of the county. She explained that there would be five different stations covering different topics:
 - Welcome/General CTP Station – Overview of CTP process to orient attendees.
 - Access Management Station – PowerPoint presentation on continuous loop as well as NCDOT staff to answer questions about access management and how it can be applied within Dare County.

- Ferry/Transit Station – Staff from NCDOT Ferry Division and Dare County Transportation Service will be on hand to give information and get feedback about possible alternate ferry and/or transit options.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Station – ARPO and NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian staff will present maps of all areas of Dare County for attendees to give input on bike and ped needs.
- Facility Improvements Station – NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis representatives will give information and gage public feedback on current highway projects.

Closing Notes

- Next Meeting Date: In order to finalize questions and other details about second round of surveys, the committee agreed the next meeting would be a one-hour meeting on April 18, 2012.
- The meeting was adjourned.