

## Draft Meeting Minutes

### Dare County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

April 18, 2012 11:00am, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC

#### Attendees

Kerry Morrow	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Laura Willingham	Dare County Department of Public Health
Helen Chaney	NCDOT – Bicycle and Pedestrian Division
Ralph Buxton	Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce
Greg Loy	Kill Devil Hills Planner
Donna Creef	Dare County Planning
Steven Lambert	Albemarle RPO
Elizabeth Teague	Nags Head Town Planner
Wes Haskett	Southern Shores Town Planner
Elina Zlotchenko	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Andy Garman	Duck Town Planner

#### **Introductions**

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

#### **Previous Meeting**

- Meeting 5 Minutes and Recap: Kerry Morrow briefly mentioned the highlights from Meeting 5 on March 7, 2012.

#### **Visitors Survey**

- Finalize Questions: At the last meeting, it was decided by the committee that a second survey be created specifically for tourists who visit the Outer Banks for vacation. The following questions were decided for this survey:
  1. How concerned are you about the following transportation issues? (Very Concerned, Somewhat Concerned, Not At All)
    - Congestion travelling to the Outer Banks
    - Congestion traveling while on the Outer Banks
    - Safety of the center lane on US 158
    - Directional signage
    - Pedestrian crossings
  2. How much would bicycle and pedestrian facilities enhance the Outer Banks? (Very Much, Somewhat, Not At All)
    - Sidewalks on US 158
    - Sidewalks on NC 12
    - On-road bicycle accommodations
    - Off-road trails/greenways for walking/biking

3. If available, would you consider using public transit service around the Outer Banks? (Yes, No) If yes, please check the desired locations for service: (Rodanthe/Waves/Salvo, Hatteras, Duck, Manteo/Roanoke Island, Buxton/Frisco, Mainland Dare County, Avon, Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores, Kill Devil Hills, Colington, Other (Please specify))
  4. To the right is a map showing Dare County. In which area have you stayed most often? (Rodanthe/Waves/Salvo, Hatteras, Duck, Manteo/Roanoke Island, Buxton/Frisco, Mainland Dare County, Avon, Nags Head, Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores, Kill Devil Hills, Colington, Other (Please specify))
  5. Please list other transportation improvements that would improve your visit and experience in Dare County.
- Distribution, Collections and Analysis: Ms. Morrow asked the committee how they would like to market and distribute the survey. Ralph Buxton said it could be posted on the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau website as well as the Chamber of Commerce website. Ms. Morrow verified that the committee still wanted to only make the survey online (no paper copies). Mr. Buxton mentioned that Facebook could be utilized, as there are roughly 200,000 friends of the Outer Banks. It was decided that Ms. Morrow would send the completed survey link to Mr. Buxton by Tuesday, April 24 and the survey will remain open on Survey Monkey until June 1.

#### **Open Houses**

- Updates and feedback: Ms. Morrow said that attendance at the two open houses that had taken place so far had been lower than expected, but there was a lot of valuable feedback given.

#### **Closing Notes**

- Next Meeting Date: The committee agreed on May 30, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the same location for the next meeting. Steve Lambert announced that the bicycle and pedestrian subcommittee would meet on May 29, 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Kill Devil Hills municipal meeting room.
- The meeting was adjourned.