

Meeting Minutes

Dare County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

July 11, 2012 2:00 pm, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC

Attendees

Kerry Morrow	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Travis Marshall	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Laura Willingham	Dare County Department of Public Health
Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy	Outer Banks National Scenic Byway
Andy Garman	Duck Town Planner
Wes Haskett	Southern Shores Town Planner
Don Cabana	Dare County Transportation
Willo Kelly	Outer Banks Home Builders/Realtors Association
Erin Burke	Manteo Town Planner
John Stockton	Kitty Hawk Town Manager
Ralph Buxton	Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce
Sandy Ball	Colington Resident
Steven Lambert	Albemarle RPO

Introductions

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

Previous Meeting

- Meeting 7 Minutes and Recap: Kerry Morrow briefly mentioned the highlights from Meeting 7 on May 30, 2012. She gave an update on the discussion from Meeting 7 on the possibility of having a corridor study done for US 158. Ms. Morrow handed out spreadsheets that showed the draft growth rates, traffic volumes and capacities for the entire CTP road network. She explained to the committee that there were a few different options for getting the corridor study done, but it would be best for the CTP to be complete before getting started with it.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee Meeting Update

- Steve Lambert gave an update from the subcommittee meeting held the previous day. He said the subcommittee reviewed the bike and pedestrian crash map, and had some questions about the severity and direction of traffic for crashes. The subcommittee also reviewed the recommended bike improvements from the previous meeting and developed ideas for pedestrian improvements as well.

Finalizing Growth Rates

- Growth rate verification: Ms. Morrow handed out the updated spreadsheets showing draft growth rates, traffic volumes and capacities for the entire CTP road network. Ms. Morrow explained that the only information that had changed was corrections to some of the speed limits along US 158, which slightly affected the capacities in those sections, as well as adding the traffic counts for Woods Road, Colington

Road, S Dogwood Road, E Dogwood Road, and 8th Street provided by Steve Lambert. Andy Garman mentioned that some of the AADTs for sections of NC 12 in Duck appeared to be incorrect. Ms. Morrow responded that Jerry Jennings had mentioned that at the previous meeting as well, so she would get in touch with the Traffic Surveys Unit to see if she could get some clarification on these traffic volumes.

- Monthly traffic counts: Ms. Morrow handed out a second spreadsheet, and explained that it showed the traffic volumes for the road network, converted into monthly counts, as opposed to AADT counts. The spreadsheet showed estimated traffic counts for an average weekday in the months of March, April, May, June, July, August and September 2012. Ms. Morrow explained that this information was being provided in response to concerns expressed at the last committee meeting regarding the use of AADT versus peak summer time counts to identify capacity deficiencies. She further explained that she was willing to use a slightly different methodology than a typical CTP for identifying capacity deficiencies, by having the committee decide on a particular month and use those traffic counts to make future projections. After some lengthy discussion, the committee voted unanimously by show of hands to proceed with June traffic counts instead of AADTs.

Visitors Survey

- Ms. Morrow informed the committee that there had been 532 responses to the visitors survey. She went through the response summary and the committee discussed the results. It was noted that responses to question #3 indicate that transit could be very successful if targeted toward tourists.

Board Updates

- Ms. Morrow said that it would be a good time to do another update to the county and town boards. She asked if the planners felt comfortable explaining the methodology for projecting future data, and they responded that they would want someone else to come and explain it at the board meetings. Ms. Morrow explained that since her maternity leave would be starting in August, she would likely send Mr. Lambert to meetings to present the information.

Closing Notes

- Next meeting date: Ms. Morrow reminded the committee that her maternity leave would begin in August and end in November. She said she would be in touch when she returns to work and inform the committee of the next meeting date at that time.
- The meeting was adjourned.