

Meeting Minutes

Dare County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

February 20, 2013 2:00 pm, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC

Attendees

Kerry Morrow	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Steven Lambert	Albemarle RPO
Gretchen Byrum	NCDOT – Division 1 Planning Engineer
John Stockton	Kitty Hawk Town Manager
Donna Creef	Dare County Planner
Jack Flythe	Dare County Department of Public Health
Jerry Jennings	NCDOT – Division 1 Engineer
Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy	Outer Banks National Scenic Byway
Don Cabana	Dare County Transportation
Joe Heard	Kitty Hawk Town Planner
Wes Haskett	Southern Shores Town Planner
Erin Burke	Manteo Town Planner
Andy Garman	Duck Town Planner
Sandy Ball	Colington Resident
Meredith Guns	Kill Devil Hills Town Planner

Introductions

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

Previous Meeting

- Meeting 9 Minutes and Recap: Kerry Morrow briefly mentioned the highlights from Meeting 9 on January 23, 2013. She mentioned that the committee had discussed each identified deficiency, based on capacity and/or safety. She also mentioned the committee's input in putting together a map of flooding spots throughout the county for the CTP report.

Developing Recommendations

- Ms. Morrow gave the committee handouts that listed all the facilities with capacity deficiencies. She asked the committee to look at each facility one by one and discuss what recommendations the committee would like to propose for each of them. As the committee began discussion on possible improvements to US 158, there was lengthy discussion about right-of-way, drainage, number of lanes, cross sections, etc. Some of the highlights from this discussion are:
 - Jerry Jennings said he thought that some portions of US 158 would probably need to have three lanes in each direction.
 - John Stockton said he did not think the Kitty Hawk town council would agree to any cross section for US 158 that would include medians. He asked if it would be possible to have NCDOT come and present information on access management to the council.

- Representatives from Kitty Hawk, Southern Shores and Duck expressed concern and interest regarding the intersection of US 158 and NC 12 in Kitty Hawk. Mr. Jennings indicated that the TIP project for that intersection was put on hold until the CTP reevaluated needs for that intersection. He added that there was a definite congestion problem there that needs to be addressed in some way.
 - There was extensive conversation regarding the pros and cons of different cross sections, including ROW concerns, drainage concerns, etc.
 - Mr. Jennings pointed out that curb and gutter decreases ROW needs on a facility.
 - The committee decided it was not productive to continue until some of Kitty Hawk's concerns about access management were addressed, and the committee members could have some additional time to digest the possibilities for recommendations.
- Old Manns Harbor Bridge: Ms. Morrow recapped the discussion from the previous meeting about the possibility of recommending the Old Manns Harbor Bridge as a bicycle and pedestrian bridge. Mr. Jennings expressed concern about the cost that would incur as well as finding a responsible party to maintain the bridge. He said information about the cost could be provided by NCDOT Bridge Maintenance.

Closing Notes

- Next meeting date: Ms. Morrow said that she was expecting some out-of-town travel sometime in March, so she asked to select a tentative date for the next meeting, as well as a back-up date if necessary. The committee scheduled the next meeting for March 20, 2013 in the same location, with April 3, 2013 as the back-up date.
- The meeting was adjourned.