

Meeting Minutes

Dare County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

April 3, 2013 2:00 pm, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC

Attendees

Kerry Morrow	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Gretchen Byrum	NCDOT – Division 1 Planning Engineer
Donna Creef	Dare County Planner
Ralph Buxton	Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce
Bryan Brightbill	Kill Devil Hills Planning
Jack Flythe	Dare County Department of Public Health
John Stockton	Kitty Hawk Town Manager
Wes Haskett	Southern Shores Town Planner
Joe Heard	Kitty Hawk Town Planner
Andy Garman	Duck Town Planner
Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy	Outer Banks National Scenic Byway

Introductions

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

Previous Meeting

- Meeting 10 Minutes and Recap: Kerry Morrow briefly mentioned the highlights from Meeting 10 on February 20, 2013. She mentioned that the committee had discussed the identified deficiencies, but got caught up in lengthy discussions about cross-sections and other design details, and did not make much progress in developing recommendations. She also mentioned that in response to Kitty Hawk's concerns about access management on US 158 expressed at the last meeting, NCDOT was planning a presentation regarding access management and medians on April 12, 2013 in Kitty Hawk.

Developing Recommendations

- Ms. Morrow displayed a table that listed all the facilities with capacity deficiencies in the CTP road network. 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. Ms. Morrow asked the committee not to consider cross-sections at this time, but to simply focus on highway facility type and number of lanes.
 - US 158: The committee decided to table discussion of US 158 recommendations until after the April 12, 2013 Access Management presentation in Kitty Hawk.
 - US 64: The committee agreed to make the recommendations for US 64 from Tyrrell County to US 264 consistent with TIP project R-2544, which will make that segment an expressway. For the segment of US 64 from US 264 to US 158, Ms. Morrow explained that it was already expressway, except for the eastern portion from Marina Drive (just east of the Washington Baum Bridge) to US 158. Although that small eastern portion is designated by Strategic Highway Corridors (SHC), Ms. Morrow

explained that Albemarle Rural Planning Organization is already taking steps to have this segment reclassified as a boulevard, and that the committee has been advised that they can proceed with a boulevard recommendation there. The committee agreed to this option. The committee tabled discussion about the portion of US 64 in Manteo since the Manteo planner was not present.

- **NC 345:** The committee decided to recommend that NC 345 be widened to two 12-foot lanes with turn lanes at major intersections and paved shoulders. The committee asked to include in the documentation that there is a need/desire for the road to be raised as well to reduce excessive flooding.
- **NC 12:** There were two deficient areas discussed along NC 12. Mary Helen Goodloe-Murphy requested that a map be provided for the section from E. Buxton Back Road to Park Drive because there was some confusion about the exact location of Park Drive. Ms. Morrow agreed to provide clarification, and this discussion was tabled. For the portion of NC 12 through Duck and Southern Shores, representatives from the two towns expressed their support for the Mid-Currituck Bridge and their towns' preference that no other recommendations be included here. The committee supported the decision to make the CTP recommendations consistent with the bridge (TIP project R-2576). The committee also asked to include documentation about the flooding issues along this portion of NC 12.
- **Colington Road & Ocean Bay Boulevard:** The committee agreed to make recommendations for Colington Road and the section of Ocean Bay Boulevard from Colington Road to US 158 consistent with TIP project R-5014.
- **Intersection Improvements:** The committee identified four intersections where improvements are recommended: US 64 and NC 345; Marshall C. Collins Drive and US 64; NC 12 and US 64 (Whalebone); and US 158 and NC 12 (on Kitty Hawk/Southern Shores border).

Closing Notes

- **Next meeting date:** Ms. Morrow said the committee could try to wrap up the highway recommendations by the next meeting, and then start talking about other modes of transportation: bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation. The committee scheduled the next meeting for April 24, 2013 at 1:00pm in room #238.
- The meeting was adjourned.