

Meeting Minutes

Dare County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

January 23, 2013 2:00 pm, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC

Attendees

Kerry Morrow	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch
Steven Lambert	Albemarle RPO
Donna Creef	Dare County Planner
John Stockton	Kitty Hawk Town Manager
Karen Brown	Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce
Roxana Ballinger	Dare County Department of Public Health
Greg Loy	Kill Devil Hills Town Planner
Wes Haskett	Southern Shores Town Planner
Don Cabana	Dare County Transportation
Erin Burke	Manteo Town Planner
Elizabeth Teague	Nags Head Town Planner

Introductions

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

Previous Meeting

- Meeting 8 Minutes and Recap: Kerry Morrow briefly mentioned the highlights from Meeting 8 on July 11, 2012. She mentioned that the committee had finalized the methodology in projecting future traffic volumes, voting to use June weekday traffic counts instead of AADTs. Steve Lambert updated the committee on his presentations to the local county and town boards during the fall, all of which resulted in approval and/or acknowledgment of the methodology in projecting future data.

Identified Deficiencies

- Facilities near or over capacity: Ms. Morrow listed the facilities that are projected to be near or over capacity in the future year 2040: US 158, US 64/US 264 through Manteo, NC 12 from E Buxton Back Road to Park Drive, NC 12 from Southern Shores to Dune Road in Duck, NC 345, Colington Road, and Ocean Bay Boulevard from Colington Road to US 158.
- Safety Issues: Ms. Morrow talked about some of the high crash locations that had been identified in Dare County. She said most of the locations were at various points along US 158. She noted that the worst high crash location was at US 159 and Kitty Hawk Road. The committee discussed some possible factors that contribute to this particular site being so unsafe. They mentioned speed, poor visibility, and the 7-Eleven convenience store driveway being located too close to the intersection. Ms. Morrow also listed the other high crash location: US 64 at NC 345, Ocean Boulevard at NC 12, and Barlow Lane at US 158.
- Flooding Issues: Ms. Morrow spoke about concerns that had been expressed about facilities that experience excessive flooding throughout the county. She explained that she could add an appendix to the CTP report with a map that

documents flooding locations. The committee discussed some of the flooding spots that could be included: US 158 at Beacon (near the post office), NC 12 in the historical section of Nags Head, US 158 in front of Tanger Outlets, and NC 12 in several spots south of Bonner Bridge. Wes Haskett mentioned that a stormwater study had been done for Southern Shores and Duck that documented several flooding locations. John Stockton said a similar study was done for Kitty Hawk. Ms. Morrow said she would do some research and put together a map showing flooding locations and the committee can review and edit the map at a future meeting.

Brainstorming Recommendations

- CTP designations and Typical Cross-Sections: Ms. Morrow reviewed all the different CTP designations which include the following facility types: Freeway, Expressway, Boulevard, and Major/Minor Thoroughfares. She went over the characteristics of each facility type. Ms. Morrow passed out a hand-out showing the typical highway cross-sections to the committee.
- Strategic Highway Corridors: Ms. Morrow went over the Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) vision plan for North Carolina and showed a map which displayed the SHC corridors within Dare County. These facilities are US 158 (Boulevard – needs upgrade), US 64 (Expressway, partially existing, partially needs upgrade), and NC 12 (Thoroughfare – existing). Mr. Lambert pointed out an expressway along the portion of US 64 from Roanoke Island to US 158 would not be appropriate. The committee discussed this and agreed that boulevard designation should suffice here. Ms. Morrow said she would look into whether the SHC designation for this portion of US 64 could be revised.
- Old Manns Harbor Bridge: Ms. Morrow mentioned that Old Manns Harbor bridge is nearing the end of its life, and the decision needs to be made on whether or not to replace it. Several committee members suggested closing the bridge to traffic, but keeping it as a bicycle and pedestrian bridge. The possibility of using it for emergency vehicles only and/or as an emergency evacuation route was also mentioned.

Closing Notes

- Next meeting date: The committee scheduled the next meeting for February 20, 2013 at 2:00 pm in the same location.
- The meeting was adjourned.