



Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization

Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett & Sampson Counties

Harnett County CTP Steering Committee Minutes June 17, 2008, 9:30 am

Members Present

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Mark Byrd, Town of Erwin
Ray Goff, Fort Bragg
Lee Jernigan, NCDOT Division 6
Ed Johnson, CAMPO
Samantha Ficzko, Harnett County
Bobby Moore, Town of Erwin
Steven Neuschafer, City of Dunn
Jim Roberts, Campbell University
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO
Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

I. Introductions

Mr. Tyler Bray opened up the meeting introducing himself to the committee and allowed the other committee members to do likewise.

II. Previously Held Meetings Recap

Mr. Joel Strickland recapped the May meeting. Mr. Bray asked for approval of the minutes. The minutes were accepted without change.

III. Field Investigation

Mr. Bray informed the group that he had conducted a field investigation and had completed the eastern portion of the county. He will continue to conduct the field investigations monthly.

IV. Public Participation Plan

Mr. Bray described the changes to the public participation plan. The contact information for the media outlets had been added to the plan. Ms. Samantha Ficzko gave a list of employers they felt need to be surveyed. Mr. Jim Roberts that Campbell University would be covered in the county list. Mr. Bray asked for an agreement on the plan to which the group concurred.

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V. Vision and Goals for the CTP

Mr. Bray covered how the visions and goals were hashed out at the last meeting and how he worked with Ms. Ficzkko to make sure they satisfied the county. Mr. Bray then covered each of the seven goals. Mr. Lee Jernigan suggested rewording Goal #4 to make safety first, congestion second, and then to add capacity verbiage. Mr. Jernigan suggested adding NCDOT Highway Corridors into Goal #5 and also mentioned that Harnett County has an emergency management team. Mr. Roberts asked about what would be presented when Mr. Bray came to meet with them. Mr. Bray stated that he planned on giving an overview of everything, but that he could include anything that Mr. Roberts felt to be important.

Mr. Jernigan suggested that it might be beneficial to include BRAC and Fort Bragg among the goals and visions and also stated that Fort Bragg was in the process of assembling a TIP. Mr. Ray Goff mentioned that there is a group looking at regional transportation for the eleven county BRAC region. Mr. Jernigan stated that Fort Bragg goes beyond just BRAC, and that it could be a better fit to use Fort Bragg in the wording instead of just BRAC. Mr. Bray agreed that BRAC and Fort Bragg would be incorporated.

VI. Goals and Objectives Survey

Mr. Bray summarized the residential and business surveys and differentiated between the two. Mr. Strickland suggested possibly removing Newton Grove as a destination, to which the group agreed. Mr. Bray mentioned that 300 characters are allowed to be typed into the questions using text boxes. Ms. Ficzkko noted that part of question #9 was cut off. The group decided to change #15 to add “Live Outside of the County”. Mr. Scott Walston suggested listing the modes of travel on the survey for the respondents to select instead of asking them to list the modes. Mr. Goff asked about adding a “What Routes are Used?” question for the business survey. Mr. Ed Johnson stated that travel times are going to be an important piece of this. Mr. Bray mentioned the possibility of removing question #8. Mr. Johnson suggested changing #13 from “roadway” to “other transportation”. Mr. Johnson also suggested possibly changing #9 to read “Bus Service to Triangle” and “Bus Service to Fayetteville/Fort Bragg”. Mr. Goff mentioned how important transit is going to be to Fort Bragg. Mr. Bray stated that he would have bus service to Fort Bragg separately. Ms. Ficzkko mentioned redoing the business portion of the survey; taking out age, race, and household income questions and adding a “Number of Employees” question. Mr. Johnson mentioned classifying which survey is which on the title page. Mr. Johnson then asked about adding a transit service to Charlotte and or the Triad question. Mr. Bray suggested that might be getting away a little from the purpose of the CTP, but had no problem with doing it if the group agreed. Mr. Walston concurred. Mr. Walston then asked if there were any political figures that this survey might need to pass through. Mr. Jernigan responded that it might be beneficial for DOT Board Member Campbell to see it. Mr. Goff asked about putting the survey on the Fort Bragg website. Mr. Bray then covered the means of distributing the survey. Mr. Johnson suggested putting a link to the survey website on the letter page to encourage participants to take the survey on-line.

VII. Conclusion/Next Meeting

Mr. Bray mentioned he would be meeting with Campbell University on Monday, June 23. Mr. Bray also mentioned that NCDOT emails have changed and that the ending is now ncdot.gov. Mr. Bray then covered what will take place at the next meeting, and the meeting was adjourned.

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