



Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization

Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett & Sampson Counties

Harnett County CTP Steering Committee Minutes July 15, 2008, 9:30 am

Members Present

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Tommy Burns, Town of Lillington
Maurizia Chapman, FAMPO
Samantha Ficzko, Harnett County
Lee Jernigan, NCDOT Division 6
Mark Locklear, Harnett County
Mark Nottingham, FAMPO
Brenna Poole, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Michael Rutan, FAMPO
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO

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 June 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 not been back into the field for further data collection. He did meet with Campbell University and the school expressed interest in seeing improvements to Highway NC 27. The University was also interested in improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities surrounding the campus. Mr. Bray then talked about the BRAC report and mentioned some of the data that the report stated about Harnett County's expected growth.

IV. Vision and Goals for the CTP

Mr. Bray described the changes to the visions and goals of the CTP. He mentioned that Goal #2 had been changed to include Fort Bragg based on Mr. Ray Goff's suggestion from the previous meeting. Ms. Maurizia Chapman pointed out that Fort Bragg is included in the FAMPO planning area, but that she was fine leaving the goal as is. Mr. Bray also mentioned that Goal #4 had been reworded for clarity and asked for the groups' concurrence on the changes, to which the group did

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concur. Mr. Lee Jernigan suggested changing Goal #5 by taking out the “and” before “using traffic management techniques”; to which the group agreed. The group approved the Vision and Goals.

V. Public Surveys

Mr. Bray covered the changes made from the previous meeting and stated that the maps had been cleaned up to make them easier to read. He also mentioned that the comment boxes had been expanded to allow for 200 characters. Mr. Mark Locklear asked about distribution of the survey, which Mr. Bray responded that the RPO would be distributing actual hard copies of the survey to the addresses provided by the county. Ms. Chapman questioned when the survey would be ready to send and how much time would be allowed for people to respond. The group agreed that six weeks was sufficient time for individuals to respond to the survey and that as soon as he finalized the survey he would send it to the groups involved for distribution.

Mr. Bray talked about the troubles he and Mr. Strickland were having in contacting the Towns of Coats and Angier. Mr. Tommy Burns suggested talking with Tony White or Marshall Miller of Coats. Mr. Bray stated that he would try to reach Angier through CAMPO. It was agreed that Mr. Bray would meet with the Town of Lillington on September 9. Mr. Locklear volunteered to set up preliminary meetings with Coats and Angier.

VII. Conclusion/Next Meeting

Mr. Bray mentioned that he was going to schedule an August meeting, but that it may not be needed. Mr. Bray then covered what will take place at the next meeting.

Mr. Locklear mentioned that Harnett County was working with Sustainable Sandhills on a Western small area plan.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.