



# **Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization**

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## **Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett & Sampson Counties**

### **Harnett County CTP Steering Committee Minutes October 14, 2008, 9:30 am**

#### **Members Present**

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Dominique Boyd, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Maurizia Chapman, FAMPO  
Sarah Ezzell, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Samantha Ficzkko, Harnett County  
Joseph Jeffries, Harnett County  
Mark Locklear, Harnett County  
Lora Stephenson, Town of Coats  
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO  
Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Tony White, Town of Coats

#### **I. Introductions**

Mr. Tyler Bray opened up the meeting introducing himself to the committee and allowed the other committee members to do likewise. He then covered the agenda for today's meeting.

#### **II. Previously Held Meetings Recap**

Mr. Joel Strickland recapped the July 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 been in the county the previous week to continue gathering road inventory data. He stated that the field work will continue and will cover bicycle and pedestrian facilities. New subdivision information will also be collected.

#### **IV. Local Officials Meetings**

Mr. Bray met with the towns of Angier, Erwin and Lillington. The meeting with Dunn would be conducted that evening. Mr. Scott Walston was scheduled to meet with the Mid-Carolina COG at their quarterly meeting on October 23. Mr. Bray inquired with Mr. Joseph Jeffries about when he could meet with the Harnett County Commissioners. Mr. Jeffries stated that November might be possible but January was more likely. Mr. Walston gave a summary of what the presentations will cover. Mr. Jeffries mentioned that County Manager Neil Emory would be retiring at the end of October and that there would be some new commissioners next year.

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Mr. Bray decided to go ahead and talk about the next steps which include: continuing gathering road inventory and bicycle and pedestrian data; look at public transportation and annual daily traffic data to include capacity and level of service. Mr. Bray mentioned that generally DOT uses a level of service “C” for rural areas and “D” for urban areas. Ms. Maurizia Chapman mentioned that FAMPO uses a level of service “D”. Mr. Bray stated that the baseline year for the projections will be 2035. Mr. Walston suggested using both the CAMPO and FAMPO models where available and then use trend-line analysis for the remainder of the county. Ms. Chapman mentioned that FAMPO’s final LRTP will be approved by January and submitted in April. Mr. Bray asked if FAMPO would like copies of the survey responses to which Ms. Chapman replied that they could be helpful. Mr. Bray asked if the group was okay using the level of service “D” which was recommended by Mr. Walston, which the group concurred.

#### **V. Survey Results**

Mr. Bray mentioned that Mr. Dominique Boyd had keyed in all of the data and proceeded to cover the Executive Summary of the document. Mr. Bray stated that some of the responses to question number one had to be disregarded due to erroneous responses. He then spoke of the way the rankings worked and how surprised he was at the concern over Harnett Central Road. Ms. Chapman mentioned that options to NC 87 and NC 210 are limited. Mr. Bray also suggested that some of the responses could be a little skewed due to who responded geographically. He then also spoke to the potential changes of the state’s Strategic Highway Corridors. Mr. Jeffries talked about the traffic problems being experienced at the car dealerships along NC 210. Ms. Chapman asked if there would be a safety portion of the CTP, to which Mr. Walston stated that safety would be included. Mr. Jeffries asked if the Michigan Left Turn could work at that location to which Mr. Bray replied it could. Ms. Chapman suggested looking at it as a spot safety improvement in the upcoming TIP. Mr. Walston mentioned that the amount of traffic lights is trying to be limited along the Strategic Highway Corridors. Mr. Bray asked about Christian Light Road. Ms. Lora Stephenson agreed that the road is a problem and stated that Red Hill road is also a problem as both have high accident rates. Mr. Bray said he would look at those roads and that the survey results would be distributed to anyone who wanted them.

#### **VI. Conclusion/Next Meeting**

Mr. Bray mentioned that the next meeting would be on November 18 at 9:30 am, but later changed the time to 8:30 am due to a conflict at the meeting location. He stated that he would have an update on data collection and level of service information at that meeting.

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