



Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization

Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett & Sampson Counties

Harnett County CTP Steering Committee Minutes October 21, 2009, 9:30 am

Members Present

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Tommy Burns, Town of Lillington
Maurizia Chapman, FAMPO
Samantha Ficzko, Harnett County
Mark Locklear, Harnett County
Steve Neuschafer, City of Dunn
Betty Pearson, Town of Angier
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO
Theresa Thompson, Town of Lillington
Kenneth Withrow, CAMPO

I. Introductions

Mr. Tyler Bray introduced himself and allowed the remainder of the group to also introduce themselves.

II. Previously Held Meetings Recap

Mr. Bray covered the agenda for today's meeting. Mr. Joel Strickland gave a recap of the previous meeting and the minutes. Mr. Bray stated that the project list had been edited from the last meeting to reflect the Mid-Carolina RPO's list of projects.

III. R-2609 (US 401 Improvement) Subcommittee Review

Mr. Bray talked about the work that was conducted by the subcommittee on the US 401 corridor and potential endorsement of a corridor by the boards involved. Ms. Theresa Thompson asked that at the Lillington Town Board work session that it is made very clear that this corridor is only preliminary and in no way is definite. Mr. Bray covered the impact sheet created to show the potential impacts of each of the alternatives for the corridor. Currently, Corridor A is the alternative shown on the Highway Map. Mr. Mark Locklear suggested that Mr. Bray be as general as possible when providing information to the boards. Discussion ensued on the actual timeline of the project and the most appropriate way to present the information to the various boards involved. Mr. Bray explained the US 401 Bypass map and the potential structures that may be required along with potential changes to corresponding roads. Mr. Locklear talked about possibly connecting the 401 Bypass to NC 210 and then possibly over to Old Coats Road. Mr. Bray inquired about what types of facilities the group would like to see at those locations. Discussion ensued concerning the prospects of the new hospital and the growth at Campbell University.

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IV. Review and Comment on Draft Highway CTP Maps and Projects

Mr. Bray asked about the Dunn and Lillington inserts on the CTP map and asked for input. Mr. Steve Neuschafer talked briefly about Dunn and the prospect of using the route out of Erwin for truck traffic.

V. Review and Comment on Draft Multi-Modal Maps

Mr. Bray asked Mr. Kenneth Withrow about the TTA van that picks passengers up in Angier. Mr. Bray also spoke briefly on the possibility of some sort of passenger vehicle to transport troops out of Linden Oaks onto Fort Bragg. Mr. Neuschafer stated that there is a TTA van that picks up commuters in Dunn also. That van parks downtown behind Sherry's Bakery. Mr. Strickland talked about the HARTs public transportation system in Harnett County and what they currently provide.

Mr. Bray explained the rail portions of the multi-modal map. Mr. Tommy Burns asked about the BRAC recommendations on the rail lines. Ms. Maurizia Chapman responded that FAMPO and Harnett County had different recommendations than that of the BRAC Task Force. Ms. Chapman stated that FAMPO would like to see the rail line along the NC 87 corridor used as some type of pedestrian or rubber tire type of transportation facility. Ms. Chapman also stated that there may be some opportunities to work on the rail line paralleling US 401 with the R-2609 project for pedestrian or passenger rail opportunities.

Mr. Bray then gave an overview of the bicycle map. Mr. Neuschafer stated that the path leading to Raven Rock state park needs to be extended one street over. Ms. Chapman asked about the Rails to Trails route to Lee County. Ms. Ficzkko stated that there is an abandoned rail line that runs between US 421 and Old 421 that had been talked about for a Rails to Trails project. Mr. Locklear asked about Campbell University and if they were included, to which Mr. Bray stated that their master plan had been included. Mr. Locklear also asked about the football field at the University and if there were any possibilities there crossing US 421. Mr. Bray stated that he would show a grade separation. Mr. Bray also mentioned that he is adding pedestrian facilities in Angier to the map and that additional recommendations from FAMPO were also added.

VI. Closing Notes

Mr. Bray stated there would be no December meeting and asked the group for their input on what date might be best for the next meeting.

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