



Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization

Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett & Sampson Counties

Harnett County CTP Steering Committee Minutes August 19, 2009, 9:30 am

Members Present

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Greg Burns, NCDOT Division 6
Tommy Burns, Town of Lillington
Maurizia Chapman, FAMPO
Samantha Ficzko, Harnett County
Joseph Jeffries, Harnett County
Ed Johnson, CAMPO
Mark Locklear, Harnett County
Betty Pearson, Town of Angier
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO
Bryan Thompson, Town of Erwin
Theresa Thompson, Town of Lillington

I. Introductions

Mr. Tyler Bray opened up the meeting, welcomed everyone and covered the agenda for the day.

II. Previously Held Meetings

Mr. Bray covered the minutes from the previous meeting and the group concurred that the minutes were satisfactory. Mr. Bray also reviewed the Highway Map to make sure the changes from the previous meeting had been made.

III. Local Officials Summer Meetings

Mr. Bray gave an overview of the meetings that had taken place and stated that Coats was the only remaining jurisdiction which had yet to have their local officials meeting.

IV. Review and Comment on Draft Highway CTP Maps

Mr. Bray reviewed the Draft CTP Maps and the list of projects. Mr. Mark Locklear asked about the rankings of the projects in regard to how they would be ranked and if they would potentially match the SPOT Program rankings, to which Mr. Joel Strickland respond they could potentially correlate. Mr. Joseph Jeffries asked about Highway 210 through Angier, which Mr. Bray replied that the idea there is to take non-destination traffic south of town. Discussion ensued regarding NC 55 through Angier in regards to what type of facility would be appropriate. Mr. Ed Johnson stated there is some disagreement amongst Angier and Fuquay-Varina on what type of facility they would like to see. He said there is a recommendation to connect a series of secondary roads to create a new route.

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The group also looked at designs for Highway 87. Mr. Bray asked Ms. Maurizia Chapman about consistency among design in the FAMPO area, to which she stated they would likely match Mr. Bray's recommendations. Mr. Bray asked Ms. Samantha Ficzkko for her comments on Dunn. She showed Mr. Bray where the county felt a bypass might be appropriate in the Dunn area. Discussion ensued on several projects in Dunn. Mr. Bray spoke briefly on possible improvements to Highway 421 from Erwin to Lee County.

V. US 401 Alternatives

Mr. Bray stated that the plan is to engage different groups to assist in developing alternatives for US 401 and create a locally preferred option. Mr. Tommy Burns stated that the Town is not necessarily opposed to a bypass; they just don't want to see it end up too far out of town. Mr. Bray mentioned that he would like to have a series of three meetings. He then asked the group if they would be okay with a 401 subcommittee, which the group agreed was fine.

Mr. Jeffries asked if Hillman Grove Road improvements might be needed, which Mr. Bray said he would look into it. Mr. Bray inquired about rail lines in the area, to which Ms. Ficzkko talked about the abandoned route along Highway 87 for a possible greenway. Ms. Chapman gave a brief overview of some of the previous rail studies conducted in the area.

VI. Closing Notes

Mr. Bray stated that the next CTP Team meeting probably would not occur until October with the subcommittees meeting in September. With their being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the next meeting date was set for October 20.

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