



# **Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization**

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

### **Harnett County CTP Steering Committee Minutes February 19, 2008, 9:30 am**

#### **Members Present**

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Tommy Burns, Town of Lillington  
Maurizia Chapman, FAMPO  
Neil Emory, Harnett County  
Joseph Jeffries, Harnett County  
Lee Jernigan, NCDOT Division 6  
Mike Kmiecinski, FAMPO  
Mark Locklear, Harnett County  
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO  
Alan Thornton, Town of Erwin  
Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Diane Wilson, CAMPO

#### **Others Present**

Saeed Mohamed, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch  
Kerry Vallant, 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. Bray recapped the Local Staff Meeting, County Commissioner Work Session, and the Town Manager Meeting. He also mentioned that the plan will include the entire county to include the major thoroughfares running through the towns.

#### **III. Future Meeting Dates**

Mr. Scott Walston asked the group how long they would like for each meeting to last; which was decided to be around one hour and a half. Mr. Bray then suggested that the meetings be held each 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month with the exception of April when there will be no meeting.

#### **IV. Roles and Responsibilities/Goals and Vision for the CTP**

Mr. Bray stated that Mr. Joel Strickland will be recording and providing the minutes and that the minutes will be posted on the website in English and possibly Spanish. Mr. Walston summarized

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how some previous CTP's had been done in other counties and gave some ideas for how this would work with two MPO's and one RPO. He asked the members of the committee to listen for input, especially from local officials, that could be beneficial in the planning process. Mr. Bray mentioned that if a member is unable to attend a meeting, to please send a representative in their place.

#### **V. Public Participation**

Mr. Joseph Jeffries asked about the possibility of having public input sessions before the draft CTP is released in order to help avoid public disagreement. Mr. Walston stated that can be hard to do, but that it can be done.

Ms. Maurizia Chapman asked how long the actual CTP process would take due to the fact that FAMPO will have to have a completed LRTP by October of 2008. Mr. Walston mentioned that the completed plan would probably take around two years but that he understood that FAMPO would have to go ahead and submit their LRTP.

Ms. Chapman also mentioned that previous public input sessions that FAMPO conducted in Harnett County had been unsuccessful. Mr. Alan Thornton asked if the meeting schedule could be posted on the website to help get the word out in which Mr. Bray responded that it could. Mr. Neil Emory suggested letting the media know about meetings as well.

Mr. Bray asked the team if they felt there was anyone else who should be a member of the Steering Committee who currently is not. Mr. Lee Jernigan agreed that Mr. Ray Goff from Fort Bragg might be a valuable member. Mr. Mark Locklear also suggested having a representative from Campbell University.

#### **VI. Goals and Objectives Survey**

Mr. Scott Walston distributed and summarized the Goals and Objectives Survey done in Edgecombe County. Ms. Maurizia Chapman talked about the surveys that FAMPO had done that included their portion of Harnett County and encouraged Mr. Tyler Bray to retrieve them from the FAMPO website.

Mr. Neil Emory talked about how Harnett County serves as a connector between two metropolitan counties with Wake to the north and Cumberland to the south. Mr. Walston mentioned that this could tie into the vision and goals and objectives. Mr. Joseph Jeffries mentioned some preliminary ideas of a rail connector between Fayetteville and Raleigh, passing through Harnett County which Mr. Mike Kmiecinski responded that he has been involved in those plans and meetings. Ms. Chapman stressed that this plan does need to be multi-modal.

Mr. Bray talked about how the public participation usually works and that he would be reviewing everyone's public participation plan. This time, however, a set of milestones would possibly be established and after which each one was met, the towns and counties would meet for an update with the allowance of their input. Mr. Mark Locklear suggested also meeting with the planning board, and possibly even adding a member of the planning board to the CTP Steering Committee. Mr. Tommy Burns suggested presenting to the Harnett Governmental Group that meets quarterly.

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Mr. Walston mentioned that the early presentations would be very basic giving a general overview of things. He then went on to explain the difference between a CTP and an LRTP to the committee.

Mr. Bray distributed two Goals and Objectives Surveys and asked the group to study them and come back to the March meeting with any suggestions. Mr. Joel Strickland inquired about the cost of posting the survey on-line which Mr. Walston answered about \$20 per month. Ms. Chapman inquired about the size of the Hispanic population in which Mr. Emory responded that it was about 8%. Mr. Emory added that the survey could possibly be added to the water bills. Mr. Bray also suggested posting and distributing the survey at local schools and libraries.

### **VII. Website Development**

Mr. Tyler Bray distributed examples of websites done for Granville and Brunswick Counties and summarized each. Ms. Maurizia Chapman inquired about having a contact on the site, in which Mr. Bray replied that his information would be on the site.

### **VIII. Previous Transportation Plans**

Mr. Tyler Bray showed the plans from the areas that have adopted them and mentioned that he can get copies to anyone who would like them. He stated that the majority of this plans will be included in the Harnett County CTP, however some minor changes are possible. Ms. Diane Wilson mentioned that Angier's plan should be complete by April or May.

### **IX. Land Use Plan Inventory**

Mr. Tyler Bray shared the existing land use plans that he has. Ms. Diane Wilson added that Angier is also about to adopt theirs.

### **X. Local Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Public Transportation Plans**

Mr. Tyler Bray asked if there were any plans out there. Mr. Joel Strickland stated that Dunn had begun the preliminary visioning for their pedestrian plan. Mr. Neil Emory mentioned the Dunn-Erwin Rail Trail and an old plan that went from the Cary/Apex area down to Lillington. Ms. Maurizia Chapman inquired about the Ray Road area in which Mr. Joseph Jeffries responded that the area basically functions as its own town.

### **XI. Analyzed Roads**

Mr. Tyler Bray went over the major routes that the plan would look at and which routes had been added through previous meetings. It was noted that the continuous portion of Old US 421 had been left off. Mr. Scott Walston added it to the list and stated that the map would be available on the website.

### **XII. Closing Notes**

Mr. Tyler Bray told the group to be prepared to finalize the Goals and Objectives Survey, have ideas for improvements to the website, and present any new roads that need to be examined in the plan. Mr. Mark Locklear stated he will work on adding a planning board member to the steering committee. Mr. Neil Emory stated that the 9 am Commissioners meeting would probably be the best one for Mr. Bray to present at. It was also decided that Mr. Bray would attend the Harnett Governmental Officials Meeting on May 27.

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Mr. Bray inquired about local Division 6 projects, in which Mr. Lee Jernigan referred him to Mr. Jerry Bradley.

Mr. Emory mentioned that the next meeting could possibly be moved to the Public Library to give the group more space. Mr. Scott Walston asked the group about the meeting pace and time which the group agreed was satisfactory. Mr. Walston also said that NCDOT would work on scanning the existing transportation plans and post them on their website.

The next meeting will be the March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

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