



Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization

Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett & Sampson Counties

Harnett County CTP Steering Committee Minutes March 18, 2008, 9:30 am

Members Present

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Maurizia Chapman, FAMPO
Samantha Ficzko, Harnett County
Joseph Jeffries, Harnett County
Mark Locklear, Harnett County
Dave Martin, Campbell University
Steven Neuschafer, City of Dunn
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO
Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Diane Wilson, CAMPO
Kathy Wood, Harnett County Planning Board

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 February meeting and asked for approval of the minutes. The minutes were accepted without change.

III. New Committee Members

Mr. Bray announced the new committee members: Mr. Ray Goff from Fort Bragg, Mr. Dave Martin from Campbell University, Ms. Samantha Ficzko from Harnett County Planning, and Ms. Kathy Wood from the Harnett County Planning Board. Mr. Bray went on to suggest that the group could be sub-grouped by specific issues and asked if the group thought the entire county was well represented; which the group agreed it was.

IV. Goals and Vision for the CTP

Mr. Bray gave an overview of the vision and goals and asked the group for their input. Mr. Scott Walston mentioned that the goals and vision should state the desired outcome of the CTP. Ms. Maurizia Chapman suggested that a goal dealing more closely with multimodal transportation should be included. Mr. Joseph Jeffries suggested a goal of protecting the strategic corridors of the county such as Highway NC 87. Mr. Mark Locklear suggested tying a goal in with the military's All-American Corridor. Ms. Samantha Ficzko stated that goal number four needed to be defined

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better to include whether the goal is to increase or decrease truck traffic. Mr. Steve Neuschafer mentioned that truck traffic currently isn't a major concern for the City of Dunn, which Mr. Walston responded that goal number four could be removed if the group would like to. Mr. Bray suggested that the group take a look at Fort Bragg's land use plans to ensure compatibility, to which Ms. Chapman suggested also using their thoroughfare plan and coordinating with Fort Bragg's Regional Land Use Advisory Commission (RLUAC) as well as Sustainable Sandhills. Mr. Locklear asked what a desired number of goals should be, to which Mr. Walston replied somewhere between 5 and 10. Mr. Neuschafer questioned how Dunn's current CTP would be changed from this process. Mr. Bray said that the multimodal aspect of transportation planning would be added, but overall they would not change much. Mr. Walston responded that in Granville County they analyzed each town individually to see what changes may be needed. Mr. Jeffries agreed that could be a good idea, as each area has its own interests. Mr. Bray mentioned that certain roads through towns would be looked at and analyzed to the towns interests and that the overall county plan would integrate everyone's interests. Ms. Chapman also mentioned that the data gathered from the goals and objectives survey would also assist in the local interest for each area. Mr. Walston stated that there would be an introductory presentation to everyone to show them how the plan will actually come together. Mr. Jeffries stated that certain people's interests would only be in their own area. Mr. Locklear suggested possibly starting off with the entire county and then as the process develops to branch off to the localities. Mr. Bray suggested possibly adding town and county issues as a goal. Mr. Jeffries also mentioned analyzing the BRAC expected growth that will be generated outside of the FAMPO area. Mr. Bray suggested sitting down with each planning department to analyze expected growth.

V. Public Participation

Mr. Tyler Bray covered the final notes included in the public participation section compiled from the MCRPO, FAMPO, and CAMPO public participation plans. Ms. Maurizia Chapman stated to make sure that the minority news outlets were also covered. Mr. Bray covered the radio and television stations and also suggested adding Charter Cable to the list of outlets. Mr. Joseph Jeffries asked Ms. Kathy Wood about helping get the information out, which she said she could. Ms. Wood stated that most of the residents in the Carolina Lakes area use the Fayetteville and Sanford newspapers for their news. Mr. Bray mentioned Hispanic documentation and getting information to the Hispanic population before hand. Ms. Diane Wilson mentioned that they translate all of their major documents into Spanish. Mr. Bray mentioned having a Spanish version of the website, which Mr. Walston responded could be done. Mr. Jeffries also mentioned that Harnett County already had a program in place that is similar to Survey Monkey. Ms. Chapman inquired about the effectiveness of legal ads, to which Ms. Wilson responded they are not effective, but they do meet Federal requirements. Mr. Bray talked about the possibility of including information in resident's water bills directing them to the CTP website. Mr. Steve Neuschafer added that could be difficult in some municipalities that use post cards instead of envelope mailings. Mr. Bray asked how random sampling could be done in areas that don't have the envelope mailings. Mr. Jeffries responded that the Harnett County GIS department could possibly generate a random sampling in the needed townships. Mr. Bray suggested pulling 100 addresses per township. Ms. Kathy Wood mentioned putting information in her subdivision's boxes, which Mr. Walston said could work, but needed to be coordinated to make sure the samples are evenly divided by zip codes. Mr. Bray also mentioned that the price difference between envelope mailings versus post cards needed to be taken into account.

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VI. Goals and Objectives Survey

Mr. Scott Walston introduced the Goals and Objectives Survey and asked for any changes that the group may have. Ms. Maurizia Chapman mentioned switching the “Did You Know” comments. Mr. Tyler Bray suggested doing away with the entire first page, and possibly just doing an introductory paragraph. Ms. Chapman suggested changing the wording of the “Service of Special Needs” title while Ms. Samantha Ficzko mentioned rewording the “Increased Transportation Mode Choices” title, both of which were under the GOAL list on page 2. Ms. Ficzko also mentioned changing Question #7 to a straight list for easier understanding, while adding NC 24 and NC 27 to the list. Ms. Diane Wilson suggested adding RTP to the list and Mr. Joel Strickland suggested adding Fort Bragg to the list as well. Mr. Bray said it might be best to change Question #7 to include strictly destinations and Question #8 to include strictly roads. Ms. Chapman suggested adding something dealing with rail. Ms. Ficzko suggested taking out “transit or bus stations” under Question #9, taking out “Other” on Question #15, and that Question #17 incorrectly says Franklin County instead of Harnett County. Mr. Joseph Jeffries suggested deleting Question #10 entirely and adding some greenway and trail questions. Mr. Bray agreed that could be done uniquely to reflect the county.

VII. Website Development

Mr. Tyler Bray asked the group for any input they might have on the website. Ms. Chapman mentioned adding “Area” to the FAMPO name.

VIII. Analyzed Roads

Mr. Scott Walston mentioned wrapping up the analyzed roads and that they would be totally finalized at the next meeting.

IX. Closing Notes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the next meeting date set for May 19.