



Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization

Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett & Sampson Counties

Harnett County CTP Steering Committee Minutes November 18, 2008, 8:30 am

Members Present

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Maurizia Chapman, FAMPO
Mark Eatman, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Sarah Ezzell, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Samantha Ficzkko, Harnett County
Joseph Jeffries, Harnett County
Lee Jernigan, NCDOT Division 6
Mark Locklear, Harnett County
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO
Theresa Thompson, Town of Lillington
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. Bray mentioned that the website for the CTP was a little behind, but he is going to try and get it caught up soon.

III. Harnett County Projects

Mr. Bray stated that there was interest at the previous meeting about existing road projects in Harnett County. Mr. Lee Jernigan talked about replacement of one of the bridges over the Cape Fear River in Lillington. Mr. Bray asked if traffic would be routed onto one bridge while the project is constructed, to which Mr. Jernigan replied it would be an option, but not definite. He noted that DOT is also looking at building the new bridge on new location to the North. Mr. Joseph Jeffries asked about Highway 401 to which Mr. Jernigan stated the environmental document on that project should be completed in the next 12 to 18 months. He added that when the project was to begin, it would probably start with bypasses around Lillington and/or Fuquay-Varina. Mr. Bray asked about future river crossings, to which Mr. Jernigan replied that it is being looked at. Mr. Jeffries also expressed concern about Highway 210. Mr. Jernigan stated that the intersection at Overhills and Ray Road is under construction and that Ray Road widening is currently scheduled for FY 2012. He also said that Duncan and McNeil Streets have also been talked about as potential

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projects and that minor improvements are being made to Buffalo Lake Road. Mr. Joel Strickland stated that the RPO has and is also looking at Buffalo Lake Road as one of its projects. Mr. Mark Locklear talked briefly about the roundabouts being installed in the Campbell University area.

IV. Local Officials Meetings

Mr. Bray had a good meeting with the Town of Coats and will be back in the county next week to survey road conditions for accuracy of data.

V. Strategic Highway Corridors and Truck Route Map Review

Mr. Bray brought a large map of the truck routes and Mr. Sarah Ezzell gave an update of the changes that the state has made to the routes. Mr. Jernigan mentioned that some confusion comes from the fact that there are two truck route maps.

Mr. Bray talked about the Strategic Highway Corridors and stated that many of them have been changed recently. He stated that Highways 401 and 87, as well as Interstate 95, are all Strategic Highway Corridors in Harnett County. He stated that Highway 87 is mostly good, but still needs a few minor improvements to it. Mr. Jeffries asked about how plans work for a road that is positioned in multiple MPO's or RPO's. Mr. Scott Walston responded that ideally the different organizations come together on a consensus on the plans for the road. Mr. Bray stated that he will try to keep all parties involved.

VI. Level of Service Information

Mr. Scott Walston went over the Level of Service handout. He stated that CAMPO uses a level of service "D" as do most areas. Tyler mentioned that he will be using an ITRE program to generate the LOS. The program models the results which become a piece of the recommendations and that many of these recommendations will be geared to a LOS "D". Mr. Jeffries asked if it would be better to use the same LOS for the entire county, which Mr. Walston said would be ideal. Ms. Maurizia Chapman stated that FAMPO is also using "D", but they are looking at certain things closer than others. Mr. Jernigan stated that the LOS changes at certain times of travel as well, so that a service of "D" would be at peak times. Mr. Bray described the process for generating 2035 traffic volumes and vehicle capacity. Mr. Walston spoke briefly about the projection part of the plan and what it would entail. Ms. Chapman asked about the projections that FAMPO had already done for their portion of Harnett County. Mr. Walston stated that they would use all model projections and decide based upon what is the best recommendation. The group agreed to use a Level of Service "D".

VII. Data Projection

Mr. Bray asked the group to put dots on the map where known growth areas are located.

VIII. Closing Notes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.