



Mid-Carolina Rural Planning Organization

Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett & Sampson Counties

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

Members Present

Tyler Bray, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Maurizia Chapman, FAMPO
Samantha Ficzko, Harnett County
Joseph Jeffries, Harnett County
Lee Jernigan, NCDOT Division 6
Ed Johnson, CAMPO
Randall Johnson, Campbell University
Mark Locklear, Harnett County
Steve Neuschafer, City of Dunn
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO
Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Diane Wilson, CAMPO
Charles Young, Fort Bragg

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 stated this was the first meeting of the entire group since November, but that the Growth Subcommittee had been meeting during this time period to analyze high growth areas of the county and to begin the volume over capacity analysis for the roads to be analyzed within the county.

III. Growth Subcommittee Update and Comments

Mr. Bray described the spreadsheet to the group. He stated that he would have the outstanding traffic counts by June 5 and that he would be adding FAMPO's model numbers on May 20. Mr. Scott Walston stated that everything on the sheet is still considered to be in "draft" format. Mr. Bray asked the group to review the growth rates. Mr. Walston stated that they were not using the 2008 traffic counts because they tend to be irregular due to the gas crisis. Mr. Bray spoke briefly about the last six columns of the spreadsheet and their correlation to the maps.

Mr. Bray then gave a description of the AADT location map. The group reviewed both of the maps. Mr. Ed Johnson suggested looking at the growth rates in 10 year periods. Mr. Bray spoke about the counts taken at Highway 401 in Lillington coming off of Highway 27. Mr. Charles Young asked

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about the 2015 numbers for the Fort Bragg area in relation to BRAC growth. Mr. Bray stated that there isn't much hard data out there yet. Ms. Maurizia Chapman talked about the business growth with BRAC and how they've had to adjust their model for the increases. Ms. Chapman and Mr. Young discussed the potential alternative modes of transportation for the Fort Bragg area. Mr. Bray suggested moving forward with the information that we have and add the FAMPO information, which is adjusted for expected BRAC growth, as it becomes available. Mr. Bray instructed the group to submit their comments about the spreadsheet before the next meeting. Ms. Chapman inquired about the zoning in the Stewart's Creek area, to which Mr. Mark Locklear stated would be completed around June 15.

Mr. Bray stated that the 2035 Volume over Capacity map is based upon a no-build scenario. Discussion ensued on the idea of having a volume over capacity map with committed projects which Mr. Walston agreed could be a good idea. Mr. Johnson suggested comparing growth rates with the models of the MPO's. Mr. Walston stated that the model was used.

IV. US 401 Alternatives and Bypass Process

Mr. Bray showed the impact table as a tool for US 401. This will apply to multiple roads. The group mentioned stressing the difference of what this group is doing versus what is already being done by DOT on the US 401 project.

V. Timeline for the Remainder of the Plan

Mr. Bray talked about the timeline and how DOT wants to stick with the schedule. Mr. Young mentioned Fort Bragg's alternative modes plan which should be released around the end of May or early June. He also mentioned the bicycle and pedestrian routes that Fort Bragg has established. Mr. Johnson mentioned increasing shoulder widths with repavements for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Mr. Bray stated that this could be identified now and compiled a Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee.

VI. Local Officials Summer Meetings

Mr. Bray stated that all of this information is public, so the group was open to share the information with local officials and staff. Mr. Joseph Jeffries stated that the July Harnett County Commissioners work session would be a good time for Mr. Bray to present to the Board.

VII. Closing Notes

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and the next meeting was set for June 16.

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