

**Lenoir CTP Steering Committee
Meetings #2 and 3
Wednesday July 13 and August 10, 2016, 10:00 AM
Lenoir County Tax Administration Building
101 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501**

July 13 Meeting

Members Present

Bill Whaley, Rick Barkes, Amanda Conner, Nathan Rhue, Wayland Humphrey, Mark Pope, Harold Thomas

Staff Present

Patrick Flanagan (Eastern Carolina RPO), Lauren Tuttle (Eastern Carolina RPO), Jeff Cabaniss (NCDOT Division 2)

The meeting began with introductions of those present.

Mr. Flanagan introduced several examples of Vision Statements from other CTP's that have been completed. He then asked for input from the committee to craft a Vision Statement for Lenoir County. Discussion ensued about what general things throughout Lenoir County were important in terms of transportation as well as what specific areas (Global TransPark, downtown municipal areas, etc.) are important. The committee then formed a Vision Statement for the CTP that may need to be revisited after the public survey period is complete if the public's views are very different than the Vision Statement.

Mr. Flanagan introduced several examples of goals and objectives surveys that have been used in previous CTP's. He then introduced a draft goals and objectives surveys for Lenoir County. Discussion ensued and a few questions were tweaked based upon local knowledge and feedback from committee members. Mr. Flanagan stated that he would edit the goals and objectives survey and bring it back for the next meeting for final edits and approval at the next CTP Steering Committee meeting.

August 10 Meeting

Members Present

Bill Whaley, Rick Barkes, Mark Pope, Nathan Rhue, Harold Thomas, Adam Short, Cindy Bruner, Amanda Conner, Wayland Humphrey

Staff Present

Patrick Flanagan (Eastern Carolina RPO), Lauren Tuttle (Eastern Carolina RPO), Jeff Cabaniss (NCDOT Division 2), John Rouse (NCDOT Division 2), Charles Edwards (NCDOT – Strategic Planning/Logistics), Andy Bailey (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch)

The meeting began with introductions of those present.

Mr. Flanagan reviewed the revised goals and objectives survey, noting that the changes suggested at last month's meeting had been incorporated. Discussion ensued and a few extra changes were made. The committee then approved the goals and objectives survey to be used for the CTP study.

Mr. Flanagan then discussed several distribution strategies for the goals and objectives survey to reach the most people in the county, especially the traditionally underserved populations. Suggestions of mailing out a survey with the water bill, sending surveys home with children via the school system, having them available at various locations throughout the county, including, but not limited to: county and municipal buildings, libraries, the hospital, the community college, and churches). The survey should be available online on the NCDOT, RPO, county, and municipal websites as well as potential email lists where the survey could be distributed. Ms. Bruner said that this survey would need to come before the school board to be able to be sent home with students. Mr. Flanagan will follow up to get this on the school board agenda as well as pursue other ways of distributing the survey. He will also inform the committee when the survey will be ready to post on all available outlets.

Mr. Bailey introduced a map concerning the highway network roads to be studied in the CTP. Mr. Flanagan brought up guidance on how to choose which roads to be studied. At a minimum, federal function classified roads should be study as well as other major facilities that connect parts of the county. Discussion ensued about possible additional facilities to add and Mr. Humphrey suggested the additional of the following roads to the network for connectivity purposes: Green Haynes Rd (from NC 55 to US 258), Liddell Rd (from NC 903 to Burncoat Rd), Big Oak Rd (from John Green Smith Rd to Sandy Foundation Rd), Sandy Foundation Rd (from Big Oak Rd to US 258), and Lightwood Knot Rd (from US 258 to Vine Swamp Rd). The committee agreed to these additions.

Mr. Charles Edwards – NCDOT Strategic and Planning Logistics Director present a Logistics Overview for North Carolina with a Eastern North Carolina Focus PowerPoint presentation to the committee. He spoke about the evolving freight and logistics network in North Carolina, including the new CCX intermodal hub in Rocky Mount, NC., the importance of logistics in the digital world, North Carolina's supply chain, new challenges in today's society, and what efforts were being made in Eastern North Carolina regarding logistics, including the US 74/Future I-42 Corridor, the Global TransPark, and improvements to the Port of Morehead City and rail connections.

The CTP Schedule was reviewed. At the next meeting the status of the public survey would be reviewed as well as discuss and finalize base year population/employment and future year (2045) population/employment projections for the entire CTP Study Area (control total). After finalizing these population/employment projections, these will need to be approved by the Lenoir County Commissioners