

**Lenoir CTP Steering Committee  
Meeting #8  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 10:00 AM  
Lenoir County Tax Administration Building  
101 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501**

**Members Present**

Nathan Rhue (Town of La Grange), Harold Thomas (Lenoir County Economic Development), Angie Greene (Lenoir County Transit), Bill Whaley (Lenoir County Transportation Committee), Wayland Humphrey (Lenoir County Planning), Amanda Conner (Lenoir County Economic Development)

**Staff Present**

Patrick Flanagan, (Eastern Carolina RPO), Jeff Cabaniss (NCDOT Division 2), Andy Bailey (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch), Amar Pillai (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch)

The meeting began with introductions of those present.

Mr. Bailey mentioned that the Lenoir County Commissioners endorsed population and employment projections for the Lenoir County CTP, including the Lenoir County Travel Demand Model area, at their May 15, 2017 meeting.

After this endorsement, Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pillai spent time allocating the population and employment (by sector) growth into the Traffic Analysis Zone in the Lenoir County Travel Demand Model area. This growth was distributed by Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pillai by referring to the Lenoir County and City of Kinston Land Use Plans as well as through input received by the Lenoir County CTP Steering Committee.

Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pillai presented the population and employment growth rate maps from 2015 through 2045. The committee was asked to evaluate the maps and supporting documentation to see that these growth assumptions were correct and realistic. Discussion ensued about several areas in the area where population and employment growth may be different than shown on the map and supporting documentation. Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pillai noted these and would share these updated figures with the committee via email in the next week. If the committee saw that this redistribution of growth based on their comments was appropriate, they would agree to it via email. This would enable Mr. Bailey and Mr. Pillai to continue forward with the modeling process and produce the Base and Future Year Highway Deficiencies at the August, 10, 2017 CTP Steering Committee Meeting.

The transit element of the CTP was then discussed. Mr. Bailey presented a transit map of the now defunct deviated fix route service within the City of Kinston. Ms. Greene mentioned that one of the reasons this service may not have been as widely used is

that there was a problem with on-time service due to the very deviated route. This caused an issue with ridership that needed an on-time service to get to jobs, the community college, doctor's appointments, and other locations at specific times. A suggestion was also made to extend the service past the Wal-Mart area to the industrial park locations near the US 70 and NC 148 interchange. Mr. Rue mentioned that while there was some demand for transit service in La Grange, that the current demand response system at Lenoir County Transit would be feasible and useful into the foreseeable future.

The bicycle element of the CTP was then discussed. Mr. Bailey presented the existing bicycle routes within Lenoir County. These include State Bicycle Route 7 as well as several county bicycle routes. Mr. Bailey noted various types of improvements that could be considered along these routes, including, but not limited to wider outside shoulders, bicycle lanes, sharrows, and "Share-the-Road" signage. It was also mentioned that when this plan is adopted, it could be used as a catalyst to begin discussions with NCDOT Division 2 to consider adding a bit more pavement to the sides of the roads, if funds and right-of-way were available. Mr. Humphrey mentioned that there was an additional signed bicycle route from central Lenoir County into Jones County. This was identified on the map. Mr. Flanagan suggested that Mr. Bailey and himself meet with the City of Kinston staff separately to discuss bicycle route recommendations within the city limits.

The pedestrian element of the CTP was then discussed. Mr. Bailey presented maps of the urban areas in Lenoir County and what sidewalk and/or other pedestrian accommodations existed today. In the City of Kinston's case, the recommended sidewalks and multi-use paths were shown from their city's pedestrian plan. Mr. Flanagan suggested that Mr. Bailey and himself meet with the City of Kinston staff separately to discuss pedestrian recommendations within the city limits. La Grange was discussed at length. Mr. Rue and others saw the need to provide sidewalk accommodations to E.B. Frink Middle School using Hadden Street from W. Railroad Street to Queen Street as well as providing sidewalks on both sides of E. Washington Street from S. Carey Street to Franklin Street to provide access to the shopping area within La Grange (Food Lion, Dollar General, restaurants, a community center, etc.).

451 CTP Public Input Surveys were received. These surveys were discussed at length at the Lenoir County Transportation Committee prior to the CTP Steering Committee meeting.

With no further business, the meeting concluded. The next CTP Steering Committee meeting will be in August 10, 2017. The Base and Future Year Highway Deficiencies, public involvement workshop(s) date(s) and location(s), and bicycle and pedestrian modes of transportation will be among the items discussed.