

**Lenoir CTP Steering Committee
Meeting #13
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:00 AM
Lenoir County Tax Administration Building
101 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501**

Members Present

Wayland Humphry (Lenoir County Planning), Adam Short (City of Kinston), Harold Thomas (Lenoir County Economic Development), Economic Development), Bill Whaley (Lenoir County Transportation Committee), Mark Pope (Lenoir County Economic Development), Nathan Rhue (Town of La Grange),

Staff Present

Patrick Flanagan, (Eastern Carolina RPO), Chris York (Eastern Carolina RPO), Andy Bailey (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Division), Amhad El-Khatib (NCDOT – Transportation Planning Division)

The meeting began with introductions of those present, including Mr. Flanagan introducing Chris York as a new planning employee at the Eastern Carolina RPO.

Mr. Bailey presented the Draft Lenoir County CTP Maps and supporting documentation, including the changes recommended to align NC 55 with the proposed NC 11/Eastern Bypass interchange. Mr. Bailey also mentioned that the an initial route change request form for NC 11 onto the proposed Eastern Bypass (FS-0802A) has been submitted by the Eastern Regional Field Operations Engineer, Haywood Daughtry, for Kevin Lacy's (NCDOT State Traffic Engineer) consideration. This is the first step in getting this proposed route reclassified so that it may eventually be able to be scored on a Regional Tier (versus a Division Tier) in the prioritization process.

Mr. Rhue introduced the addition of E. Railroad Street/Fields Station Road to the Highway CTP Network. He mentioned that the town and emergency response personnel had identified issues with the overall width of the facility. Mr. Bailey also mentioned that there had been several accidents along this facility over the past 5 years. The suggested improvement to this facility would be to widen the existing 9 foot lanes to 12 foot lanes with paved shoulder. This improvement would begin on E. Railroad Street 0.1 miles east of Carey Street and end on Fields Station Road at Willie Measley Road. The CTP Steering Committee concurred with this addition.

After this discussion, Mr. Bailey asked if there were any more questions regarding the Draft Lenoir County CTP Maps and supporting documentation. It was brought up that the US 258 proposed project in southern Lenoir County would be in the spotlight due to a recent fatal accident. It was suggested to add more safety measures to the proposed project. Rumble stripes and thermoplastic pavement markings were mention to be added. It was also suggested to add some documentation regarding the "Mountains to Sea Trail" that follows the Neuse River throughout the county. All of these suggestions

as well as a few symbols on the maps to be adjusted would be addressed by Mr. Bailey and presented to the Lenoir County Transportation Committee on March 14, 2018.

The tentative upcoming meeting schedule included in the agenda was then discussed and update to the following dates, times, and locations:

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LENOIR COUNTY CTP ADOPTION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- March 14, 2018, 8:30 am: Lenoir County Transportation Committee Draft CTP Presentation
- April, 2018 Municipal and County Draft CTP Presentations:
 - La Grange: April 9, 2018, 6:00 pm
 - Pink Hill: April 10, 2018, 7:00 pm
 - Lenoir County: April 16, 2018, 4:00 pm
 - Kinston: April 16, 2018, 5:30 pm
 - Eastern Carolina RPO: April 19, 2018: 9:30 am
- April 23 – May 25, 2018: Public Comment Period, including three public workshop sessions (Mr. Flanagan will work with local areas to arrange specific meeting places during the Public Comment Period, most likely to be scheduled from 4:00-7:00 pm)
 - Kinston area
 - La Grange area
 - Southern Lenoir County
- June, 2018: Municipal and County Draft CTP Adoptions
 - Kinston: June 4, 2018, 5:30 pm
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 - Lenoir County Transportation Committee: June 13, 2018, 8:30 am
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