Lenoir CTP Steering Committee Meeting #10

Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 10:00 AM Lenoir County Tax Administration Building 101 North Queen Street, Kinston, NC 28501

Members Present

Nathan Rhue (Town of La Grange), Bill Whaley (Lenoir County Transportation Committee), Wayland Humphrey (Lenoir County Planning)

Staff Present

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

The meeting began with introductions of those present.

Mr. Bailey reviewed comments received at public meetings that took place at the Global TransPark (September 18, 2017) and at an information booth at the Lenoir County Fair (September 21 and 22, 2017). Suggestions to address transportation deficiencies included: improvements to US 258 from Kinston to Jones County, increased multimodel options, questions about current STIP projects (Kinston Bypass and Harvey Parkway extension in particular), and other operational issues not necessarily tied to long range transportation planning.

Mr. Bailey then displayed the 2015 and 2045 Volume over Capacity Highway Maps. These maps showed, based upon socio-economic and traffic projections, where current and future highway transportation deficiencies would be in both the base (2015) and future (2045) years. These maps also showed the impact of the 3 funded STIP Projects in the area (Kinston Bypass, Harvey Parkway Extension, and Carey Road Extension). These deficiencies were discussed as well as preliminary potential solutions to relieve these facilities.

Mr. Bailey stated that a socio-economic projections had changed from when the Kinston CTP had been completed. Thus, there may be projects in that CTP that are either modified or removed as a part of the Lenoir County CTP Highway Recommendations. Mr. Flanagan stated that Spine Road should remain on the Lenoir County CTP from the Kinston CTP due to the Global TransPark's potential expansion area. It was also suggested that a scenario be run for a new location facility, including bridge crossing on the east side of Kinston, between NC 11 on the southeast side of Downtown Kinston and the intersection of US 70 and NC 58 near the Lenoir Community College. Mr. Bailey stated that he would be bringing back a DRAFT Highway Map and recommendations list to the next meeting of the committee's final review as well as the alternative scenario information.

With no further business, the meeting concluded. The next CTP Steering Committee meeting will be in December 6, 2017. The DRAFT CTP Highway recommendations will be discussed in detail.