Lumberton CTP Steering Committee Meeting #5 Thursday, October 2, 2014, 3:30 PM Lumberton City Hall 500 N. Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC

Members Present

Larry Anderson, Alan Britt, Everitt Davis, Mickey Gregory, Cindy Kern, Denice Lambdin, Bruce Mullis, William Tubbs, Susan Walker

Staff Present

ArTriel Askew (City of Lumberton), John (Andy) Bailey (NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch), Joe Bailey (NCDOT Division 6 Planning Engineer), Brandon Love (City of Lumberton), Janet Robertson (Lumber River RPO),

Mr. Bailey and Ms. Robertson reviewed the minutes from the prior meeting. The previous meeting minutes included the desire to know where more severe accidents were located. In response to this, Mr. Bailey presented the fatal crash map in years 2007-2011 for the planning area.

Ms. Robertson presented the CTP survey results. In all, 617 surveys were submitted, 368 paper copies and 249 copies submitted online through Survey Monkey. Mr. Bailey stated that this was a very good response based on the city's population and compared to other CTP studies that he has been involved with. Ms. Robertson went on to compare the survey results with the CTP Vision Statement. None of the common themes in the CTP Vision Statement differed largely from the survey results, so no changes were made at this meeting. CTP Committee members were given the option to contact either Mr. Bailey or Ms. Robertson if changes needed to be made later on.

Mr. Bailey then presented the existing non-highway modes of transportation maps. These included the following maps:

 Public Transportation and Rail Map: Currently, only the CSX railroads exist today. CTP Committee members were asked to identify possible origins and destinations of citizens who could potentially use a public transit service. Origins and destinations were identified and a map will be provided at the next meeting showing a potential public transit route connecting these locations. Certain CTP Committee members and staff would alert the South East Area Transit System (SEATS) about potential locations of a fixed transit route as the CTP study goes along.

- Bicycle Map: Currently, there are no signed bicycle routes and/or routes with marked or widen outside lanes for bicycles. However, there is an existing greenway (named The Riverwalk) from then end of Crystal Road (SR 1591), along the Lumber River, to Alamac Road (SR 2289). CTP Committee members noted that the Riverwalk was completed with the intent to further expand a bicycle system throughout Lumberton. CTP Committee members also suggested that the "Robeson Road Runners," a local group of walkers, runners, bicyclists, and other athletes become involved in planning the route. Mr. Bailey suggested that a public workshop at a later date would be a good place for this group to get involved.
- Pedestrian Map: All sidewalks that exist today were mapped. With the exception
 of a few locations (low volume roadways, short dead sidewalk spurs, etc.),
 anytime a sidewalk was on one side of the road, but not the other, it was mapped
 as "Sidewalk, Needs Improvement," or that a sidewalk should be added to the
 opposite side of the road. CTP Committee members viewed and made
 comments on potential sidewalk connections throughout the area that are
 currently missing.

Ms. Askew updated the CTP Committee on the progress of the land use plan. Currently, the land use committee is set to have a draft recommendation with future land use maps available in November. Since the draft land use plan future maps will not be available until November, a decision was made to table the prediction of population and employment growth by Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) until the November CTP Committee meeting.

In closing, the next CTP Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled for November 6, 2014. At this meeting, the population and employment growth by TAZ will be discussed and finalized as well as a review of the non-highway modes of transportation maps. This meeting will be held at the Lumberton City Hall.