

**Lumberton CTP Steering Committee
Meeting #6
Thursday, November 6, 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), Janet Robertson (Lumber River RPO)

Mr. Bailey and Ms. Robertson reviewed the minutes from the prior meeting. These minutes included the CTP survey results. A question was raised about the demographic response to this survey. It was pointed out that number of people, drivers, and vehicles in a household were given as well as the age, race, and location (zip code) of respondents. Over 77% of the survey respondents were in Lumberton east of I-95 (28358). There were more Caucasian and Hispanic and fewer African American and Native American respondents than the overall demographics for Lumberton. The majority of respondents to the survey were between the ages of 45-74 (almost 61%), though 27% were between the ages of 18-44. Overall, the demographic response rate to the survey was typical to surveys like it across the state except for a higher than average response from the Hispanic population.

Mr. Bailey then presented the 2014 capacity map with inset. This map showed the 2014 volume and capacity numbers for the network roads in the study. Mr. Bailey noted several locations throughout the study area where there are currently capacity problems (nearing capacity and over capacity). Mr. Bailey stated that once the CTP Steering Committee assists in the projection of socio-economic data to 2040 based on the land use plan, the 2040 capacity map will show future capacity problems, most likely worse than today.

Mr. Bailey then reviewed the preliminary draft non-highway modes of transportation recommendation maps. These included the follow maps:

- **Public Transportation and Rail Map.** At the last meeting, CTP Steering Committee members were asked to identify possible origins and destinations of citizens who could potentially use a public transit service. These were identified and a preliminary draft transit route was presented at this meeting. Janet would inform the director of the South East Area Transit System (SEATS) for further coordination of these preliminary transit routes. Also included was a proposed train station based on a NCDOT 2005 passenger rail feasibility study, which recommended implementing passenger rail service from Raleigh to Wilmington via Fayetteville and Goldsboro in phases as funding becomes available. An intermodal connector was recommended to be placed near the proposed train station to help facilitate the movement of people and goods from one type of transportation to another.
- **Bicycle Map:** At the last meeting, CTP Steering Committee members were asked to identify possible bicycle routes throughout the study area. These were identified and presented in the preliminary draft bicycle map at this meeting. This included a proposed bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Lumber River to connect the existing Riverwalk Greenway with Carthage Road. Also included was a proposed multi-modal path from Carthage Road to NC 211 along the Five Mile Branch of the Lumber River. A comment was made about perhaps adding a bicycle lane to US 301 from West Powersville Road/Mount Olive Church Road to the Robeson Community College as this route sees a lot of non-highway traffic commuting to and from the community college.
- **Pedestrian Map:** At the last meeting, CTP Steering Committee members were asked to identify possible additional sidewalks throughout the study area. These were identified and presented in the preliminary draft pedestrian map at this meeting. It was noted that while there is a need to connect the Department of Social Services, Health Department, and other important social buildings near the intersection of NC 72 and NC 711 west of Lumberton, the distance from the city center itself as well as the high speed traffic along NC 72 and NC 711 would deter most pedestrians. Rather, it was suggested to coordinate the proposed transit system to connect citizens of Lumberton to this location. A comment was made about perhaps adding sidewalks along US 301 from Robeson Community College north to the end of the city limits as this route sees a lot of pedestrian traffic commuting to and from the community college.

Ms. Askew updated the CTP Steering Committee on the progress of the land use plan. The land use committee did not have a draft with future land use maps available in time for this meeting as was projected at the previous meeting. Since the draft land use plan future maps were not available, the CTP Steering Committee decided to table the projection of population and employment growth by Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) until the next CTP Committee meeting.

In closing, members of the CTP Steering Committee noted that the month of December was not a good month to meet due to a busy schedule for the city as well as the CTP Steering Committee members. That being said, the next CTP Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled for January 8 2014. At this meeting, the population and employment growth by TAZ will be discussed. This meeting will be held at the Lumberton City Hall.