

**Lumberton CTP Steering Committee
Kickoff Meeting
Thursday, March 6, 2014
Lumberton City Hall
500 N. Cedar Street
Lumberton, NC
3:30 p.m.**

Members Present

Larry Anderson, Joe Bailey, Alan Britt, Everett Davis, Mickey Gregory, Dr. Pam Hilbert, Cindy Kern, Dencie Lambdin, Bruce Mullis, William Tubbs, Susan Walker, Burnis Wilkins,

Staff Present

ArTriel Askew (City of Lumberton), John (Andy) Bailey (NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch), Wayne Davis (NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch), Janet Robertson (Lumber River RPO)

The meeting began with introductions of those present. Mr. Andy Bailey reviewed the CTP Brochure. The CTP will include all modes of transportation: Highway, Public Transportation, Rail, Bicycle and Pedestrian. A computer based "Travel Demand Model" will be used to develop forecasts. The Base Year for data used in the study is 2014; the year 2040 will be used for Future Year projections. The CTP Study Schedule (pg. 7 of the Steering Committee Handbook) and Timeline (pgs. 8-9) were discussed – this is a preliminary schedule that is flexible based on the needs of the community.

Mr. Bailey discussed the development of the CTP Vision Statement and highlighted the Vision Statement used in the Town of Mayo's CTP as an example. He reviewed information from the "Guidance for Crafting Vision Statements, Goals & Objectives and Measures of Effectiveness" document, especially examples of common themes often found in Vision Statements (pg. 13). Developing the City of Lumberton's Vision Statement will be a primary focus of the next meeting.

Another focus of the next meeting will be the development of a Goals and Objectives Survey, which will be used to gather public input. Examples of a survey will be reviewed at the next meeting with emphasis on developing pertinent questions for the Lumberton area. The survey us the first state of Public Involvement; there will be at least two Public Meetings. The first Public Workshop will probably be held in the Fall of 2014. Another workshop will be held after recommendations have been formulated and before approval of the CTP is sought.

Mr. Larry Anderson noted that there are three resources in the Lumberton area that the committee should try to capitalize on: the Lumber River, Rail, and I-95. The committee began discussing what the future plans for I-95 might be. Mr. Bailey noted that while the CTP will make recommendations about possible improvements to I-95, it will not address tolling or other financing options.

The CTP Steering Committee Handbook was reviewed. Mr. Bailey highlighted the Steering Committee's Roles and Responsibilities found on pg. 4. A list of tentative meeting topics/times were listed on pages 6 and 7. The Committee decided to establish the first Thursday of each month at 3:30 pm as the standing meeting date and time. The next meeting is April 3; it will be held at Candy Sue's Restaurant. In the event that in some months there is not sufficient business to cover, the meeting would be cancelled.

The City of Lumberton is also currently working on a Land Use Plan. It is an NCDOT requirement that the Land Use Plan be adopted prior to finalization of the CTP.

The Committee discussed bike and pedestrian issues. The Greenway is an asset to the community however its extension has been put on hold because of problems concerning the crossing of I-95.

The committee was shown the preliminary working maps of the Lumberton CTP study area and an inset of downtown Lumberton and asked to give input on any roads that needed to be added. The road network and planning area boundary will be discussed and will need to be adopted by the Steering Committee at the next meeting.

In closing, Mr. Bailey noted that in the near future there will be a presentation to the City Council about the CTP process. The Steering Committee and the City Council will also be asked to adopt the Base Year and Future Year Socio-Economic data.