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MACON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Steering Committee Meeting #1

March 26, 2019 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Macon County Community Facilities Building, 1288 Georgia Rd, Franklin

AGENDA

- 10:00 AM Welcome and Introductions
- 10:10 AM Planning Process Overview
- 10:20 AM What is a Comprehensive Transportation Plan?
- 10:40 AM Macon County Transportation Projects
- 10:50 AM BREAK
- 11:00 AM Macon County's Demographics
- 11:20 AM Macon County's Transportation Vision for 2045
- 11:40 AM Future Meeting Dates

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Steering Committee Meeting Summary

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Attendees:

Name	Representing	Present
Joe Allen	Macon County Planning Dept.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kim Angel	Macon County Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mitchell Bishop	NCDOT Division 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warren Cabe	Macon County Emergency Management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ryan Dunn	Macon County Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Garrett	Macon County Health Dept.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Todd Gibbs	Macon County Schools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pete Haithcock	Macon County Airport Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tommy Jenkins	Macon County Economic Development Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ben Laseter	Mainspring Deputy Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cory McCall	Outdoor 76	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jack Morgan	Macon County Planning Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
Derek Roland	Macon County Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Justin Setser	Franklin Town Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Tinsley	Macon County Planning Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Josh Ward	Highlands Town Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rose Bauguess	Southwestern Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roger Castillo	NCDOT Transportation Planning Division	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
James Upchurch	NCDOT Transportation Planning Division	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Williams	NCDOT Division 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Troy Wilson	NCDOT Division 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Summary of Agenda Items

Macon County Manager Derek Roland welcomed the Steering Committee and thanked everyone for agreeing to serve on the committee and contribute their time to planning for Macon County's future.

Process Overview

Rose Bauguess reviewed the agenda and the desired outcomes for the meeting. The following desired outcomes were identified:

1. Steering Committee understands what a CTP is how it will help Macon County
2. Steering Committee understands the roles of the Core Team members
3. Steering Committee understands their roles and responsibilities
4. Steering Committee describes the vision for Macon County's future transportation system
5. Steering Committee agrees on general meeting day, time, and place for future meetings
6. Steering Committee understands the tentative agenda for Meeting #2

Rose reviewed the Steering Committee Handbook distributed to members, highlighting the roles and responsibilities of the Core Team members and Steering Committee Members, public outreach and communications. Steering Committee members were asked to complete a stakeholder review worksheet, identifying stakeholders that they can represent, areas of the county with which they are familiar, and any groups or individuals that should be included in the process. The sheets were collected and will be compiled to identify potential gaps.

What is a CTP?

Roger Castillo presented an overview of the steps of a Comprehensive Transportation Plan and explained how it sets the foundation for developing transportation improvement projects. He also showed a video highlighting NCDOT's changes to the CTP process, called "CTP 2.0."

Macon County Transportation Projects

Steve Williams presented a list of transportation improvement projects from Macon County's previous CTP that are currently under construction or funded for construction. He emphasized that good planning leads to good projects.

Macon County 2045 Vision

Rose led the committee through a visioning exercise to begin developing a Vision Statement for the CTP that describes Macon County's proposed vision for the transportation system in 2045. Steering Committee members selected images that represented different elements of a future transportation system, and then reported back to the group key words or phrases that described the image. The Core Team will take these words and phrases and develop draft vision statements for the Steering Committee to consider at the next meeting.

Future Meetings and Wrap-Up

The committee discussed the tentative CTP schedule outlined in the Steering Committee Handbook and the best time and location for meetings. It was agreed that Thursdays at 10 AM would generally work well and the Community Building is a good location.

The committee reviewed the desired outcomes identified at the beginning of the meeting, and agreed that they had all been achieved.

Action Items:

The following action items came out of the first Steering Committee meeting:

- Distribute summary of Meeting #1 (Rose)
- Send Steering Committee a link to the existing Macon CTP (Rose)
- Compile Stakeholder Review sheets and identify gaps (Rose and Jack)
- Develop Draft Vision Statements (Rose and Roger)
- Develop Draft Public Input Survey (Rose and Roger)
- Develop Draft Map of CTP Study Roads (Roger)

Next Steps:

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held Thursday, May 2, 2019, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Southwestern Community College Groves Center Conference Room on Siler Farm Road. Agenda items for the next meeting will include:

- Discuss Stakeholder matrix and potential gaps
- Develop Vision Statement
- Review Public Input Survey
- Develop a plan for distributing the survey
- Determine the Study Roads for the CTP



**Macon County
Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Steering Committee Meeting #1

March 26, 2019

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Steering Committee Handbook



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Core Team Members

Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO)

- Regional Planning and Data Review
- Communications and Facilitation

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD)

- Data Collection and Analyses
- Report and Map Production

NCDOT Division 14

- Data Collection and Analyses
- Feasibility and constructability

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Your Role as Steering Committee Member

Local Perspective:

- Share your vision for Macon County's future transportation system;
- Share your knowledge of Macon County's existing transportation system and identify problem areas and needs;
- Provide your perspective on potential solutions to improve the transportation system. Which solutions are likely to work best for your community?
- Represent the views and perspectives of other members of your community.

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Your Role as Steering Committee Member

Ground-Truthing:

- Review maps and data and provide local validation;
- Question any data that don't align with your local experiences;
- Provide confirmation for data that do align with your local experiences.

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Your Role as Steering Committee Member

Public Outreach:

- Relay information to and from the public;
- Assist with development of public input survey questions;
- Assist with dissemination of public input survey;
- Assist with promotion of public meetings;
- Attend public meetings and adoption meetings.

*Steering Committee meetings are open to public observation

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Your Role as Steering Committee Member

Internal Communications:

- Provide updates on the CTP to your staff/agency/department/board/team throughout the planning process;
- Share input from your staff/agency/department/board/team with the Steering Committee and Core Team.

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Steering Committee Stakeholder Review

Handout:

- Who are we missing?
- Where are there gaps?

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Macon County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Overview

Roger Castillo
March 26, 2019

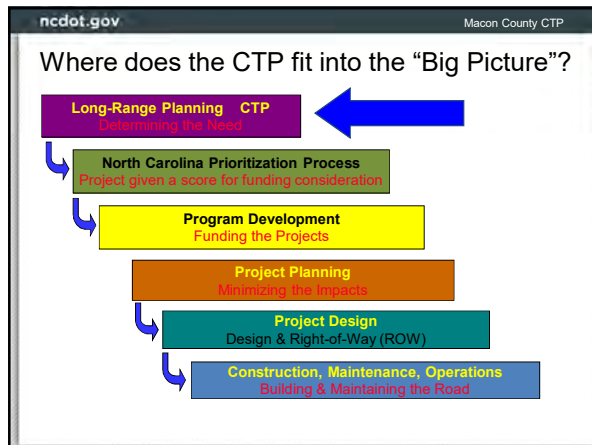
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What is a CTP?

- **C**omprehensive **T**ransportation **P**lan
- Long-range, multi-modal transportation plan
 - 25 to 30 year planning period
 - Vision plan
- Developed cooperatively among local stakeholders, Rural Planning Organization (RPO), and NCDOT
- Incorporates Land Use plans, community & statewide goals

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Why is a CTP Needed?

§ G.S. 136-66.2 – Development of a coordinated transportation system and provisions for streets and highways in and around municipalities¹.

First Part of (a):
Each municipality, not located within a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) as recognized in G.S. 136-200.1, with the cooperation of the Department of Transportation, shall develop a comprehensive transportation plan that will serve present and anticipated travel demand in and around the municipality.

¹http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_136/GS_136-66.2.html

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What is in a CTP?

- Multimodal Maps
 - Highway
 - Public Transportation and Rail
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian
- Current and Future Conditions
 - Lanes
 - Right-of-Way (ROW)
 - Volume and Capacity
- Recommendations
 - Existing
 - Proposed

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What are the Benefits of a CTP?

- A transportation plan that is coordinated with the local growth plan
- Results guide the RPO to submit projects to NCDOT for project consideration.
- Common, long-range vision for facilities among local governments, RPO, and NCDOT

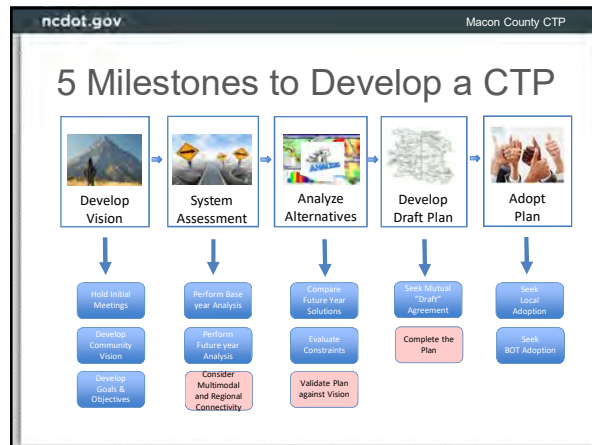
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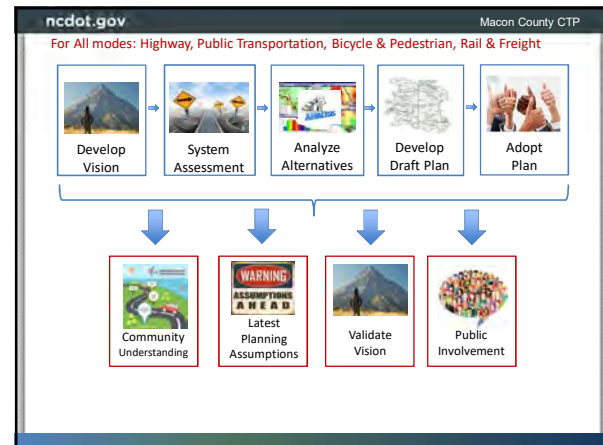
CTP Steering Committee

- Role
 - Represent stakeholders in the county
 - Coordinate with local councils and planning boards
 - Assist with public involvement
 - Review plan as it is developed
 - Assist with adoption and endorsement
- Members
 - NCDOT – Transportation Planning Division and Division 14
 - RPO – Southwestern RPO
 - Local Stakeholders – County, towns, business interests, multi-modal reps, environmental interests, Title VI, schools, elderly, etc.
 - The Public

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NCDOT CTP 2.0 Video link

<https://youtu.be/B5uYJmxrnKk>

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Plan Documentation

The collage includes several documents and maps, such as a map of Macon County, a document titled "2027 Five Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan", and various technical reports and maps related to transportation planning.

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Contacts

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 - Roger Castillo**, ricastillo@ncdot.gov, (919) 707-0942 (Project Engineer)
- Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO)
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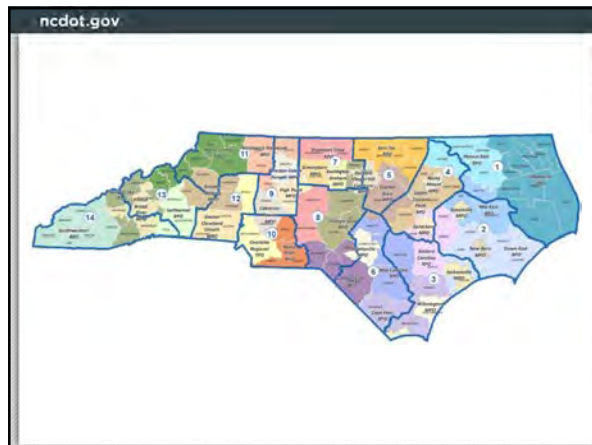
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QUESTIONS



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Good Plans Lead to Good Projects

Road	Location	Status	Type
US-23-441 (Georgia Road)	US 64 to Prentiss Bridge Road (SR 1649)	Committed Construction Funds	Roadway and Median
US 441 BUS	US 23-441 to Porter Street	Under Construction	Intersection Improvement
Depot Street (SR 1729)	US 441 BUS to Wiyah Street (SR 1667)	Awaiting Construction	Sidewalk Project
NC 28	Windy Gap Road (SR 1321) to Sandertown (SR 1335)	Completed	Roadway
Siler Road (SR 1660)	Macon Early College to Dowdle Mountain Road	Past Project	Roadway

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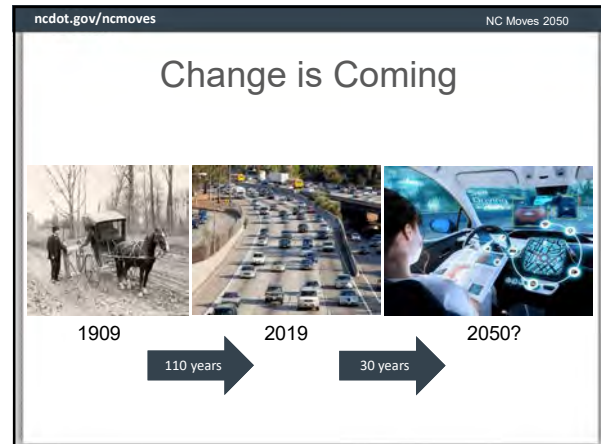
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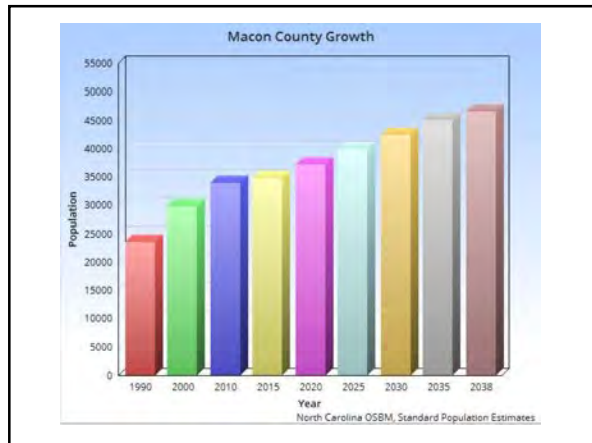
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Future Meetings

- Approximately Monthly
- Day of the Week?
- Time of Day?
- Location?

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Desired Outcomes Achieved?

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Steering Committee Member Stakeholder Review

Name:

Primary Affiliation:

1. Please check the box next to any stakeholders with which you identify or have some experience/knowledge of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicyclists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcyclists |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism/Special Destinations | <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Riders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Providers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement | <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation/Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Elderly Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freight Providers | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major Employers | <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority – Hispanic/Latino |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Minority Groups – Black |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Ed/Community College | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

2. Please check the areas within Macon County you are familiar with:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nantahala | <input type="checkbox"/> Ellijay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burningtown | <input type="checkbox"/> Smithbridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cowee | <input type="checkbox"/> Sugarfork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cartoogechaye | <input type="checkbox"/> Flats |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Franklin | <input type="checkbox"/> Highlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Millshoal | |

3. Please list any individuals or groups that you think needs to be full-time Steering Committee member:

4. Please list any individuals or groups that should be interviewed, consulted, or invited to present information to the Steering Committee: _____