

Martin County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #9
Old Ag Building, 205 East Main Street, Williamston, NC
Tuesday July 26th, 2016 - 5:30 pm

Attendees:

- ✓ **Justin Oakes – Mid-East RPO Planner/Mid-East Commission**
- ✓ **Carlos Moya-Astudillo – NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch**
- ✓ **Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch**
- ✓ **Gretchen Byrum – NCDOT – Division 1 Planning Engineer**
- ✓ **Kathleen Devore – Retired Martin County Health Department Director, Jamesville**
- ✓ **Brent Kanipe – Planning & Development Director, Town of Williamston**
- ✓ **Lula Council – Commissioner, Town of Parmele**
- ✓ **Jerry McCrary – Mayor, Town of Parmele**
- ✓ **Joyce Whichard-Brown – Mayor, Town of Williamston**
- ✓ **Charlotte Griffin – Mayor, Town of Bear Grass**
- ✓ **Gene Powell – Martin County Airport**
- ✓ **Ben Rogers – Mid-East RPO Planner/Mid-East Commission**
- ✓ **David Bone – County Manager, Martin County**
- ✓ **Dean McCall – Town of Williamston**
- ✓ **Ahmir Scott – NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch**

- ❖ Carlos Moya welcomed the group and thanked them for their attendance. Mr. Moya started asking everyone to introduce themselves being that there was a new face in attendance, Ahmir Scott. Beshad Norowzi proceed by providing an update on the paper surveys that were allocated to the Transportation Planning Branch. Mr. Norowzi informed the group that Mr. Scott would be given the responsibility of producing a power point that would display its results. Mr. Scott ensured that these results would be found out and organized soon.
- ❖ After reviewing the minutes from the last meeting, Mr. Moya distributed the latest maps to the committee, including the Adoption Map; Highway Maps for Martin County, Williamston, and Jamesville; Transit Map; Bicycle Maps for Martin County and Williamston; and Pedestrian Maps for Martin County, Williamston, Robersonville, Everetts, Jamesville, Parmele, and Hamilton. Mr. Moya requested that as the committee had done in the past; please provide any comments to Justin Oakes. Bike/ped issues with Bear Grass?
- ❖ Mr. Moya asks Mr. Oaks to go over the CTP with the committee and everyone shares their individual updates to the map. Brent Kanipe suggests implementing a complete street on Main Street in Williamston in order to provide access to all forms of transportation. Mr. Oaks calls to approve all changes to the CTP. Mr. Moya mark the changes on his personal map and suggests that these recommendations to bike/ped be finalized by next month.

- ❖ Gene Powell asks if the CSX (railway) is going to be included into CTP and that grant money was received for a spur. Carlos asks for a write up of Martin County implication and Gene Powell agrees that this is appropriate. “The time table is for the next four years.” –Mr. Powell.
- ❖ Some members of the committee expressed confusion at the meeting, therefore Mr. Moya continued by explaining the CTP’s legend to them. He and Mr. Norowzi handed out packets defining the facility type and control of access. These handouts gave members a clearer understanding of category of the roads, their functional purpose, and key components such as crossovers and connection specifications. Other packets discussed were “Appendix B, CTP definitions” and “Typical Highway Cross Sections”. Mr. Moya stated that if anyone had concerns about these handouts, then they should contact him.
- ❖ The next order of business was to finalize a due date for the Martin County Transportation Plan survey. Mr. Moya suggests that the data be presented next month to the town commissioners. The majority of the committee feels as though this date may be too soon and agrees to reevaluate after interpreting the data themselves. Ahmir Scott ask the committee how he should tackle the open-ended questions portion of the survey. The committee agrees that categorizing these questions into popular answers would be appropriate and the elaborate answers from concerned citizens are also welcomed for review.
- ❖ Mr. Oaks agrees to bring a projector for the survey presentation next meeting.
- ❖ Mr. Moya asked if there were any additional comments, there were none. David Bone announced the next meeting would be Tuesday August 23th, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 pm.