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April 24, 2014

Town of Bear Grass
Attn: Calvin Owens, Town Clerk,
6311 E. Bear Grass Rd
Williamston, NC 27892

Re: Martin County Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Dear Mr. Owens:

Martin County developed a Comprehensive Land Use / Health & Wellness Plan in 2013. It was approved by the Board of Commissioners on October 9, 2013. As you are aware, a Comprehensive Plan is a document that describes a community's goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The Comprehensive Plan covers items such as infrastructure, utilities, land use, recreation, public safety, clean water, active transportation (multi-modal), clean air, emergency preparedness, adequate housing, active living, physical activity, overall environmental health, care for the aging and health care.

We invited each town to participate in a committee that drafted the Comprehensive Plan. Active participants on the committee included the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Charlotte Griffin	Bear Grass
Nancy Winslow	Hamilton
Jackie Bennett Gillam	Jamesville
Patrice Rosario	Oak City
Nancy Chavis	Parmele
Dean McCall	Williamston
Keisha Manson	Appointee of Martin Co. Board of Commissioners
Steven Cannon	Appointee of Martin Co. Board of Commissioners
Kathleen Devore-Jones	MTW District Health Department
David Bone	Martin County Manager
Dempsey Bond	Martin County Commissioner

Having a Comprehensive Plan is required for the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to complete a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the County, which will help in scoring for future transportation funding of Martin County transportation projects. Now that the Comprehensive Plan is complete, Martin County is working with the Mid-East Rural Planning Organization (RPO) and the Planning Branch of NCDOT to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Martin County.

Because the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee worked so well together, we are inviting those individuals to participate in the development of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Each town is being asked to consider appointing one citizen to serve on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Committee to work with the RPO and NCDOT staff. If you have an appointee who participated in the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (list above), please confirm the availability of that individual to continue serving on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Committee. If your community is not represented by an individual on the above list, please consider appointing someone to serve on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Committee by May 9th.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MAY 13TH AT 7:00 P.M. in the Martin County Governmental Center, Commissioners' Board Room. Multiple meetings will be held over the next few months.

PLEASE LET US KNOW BY FRIDAY, MAY 9TH if you are able to appoint an **ACTIVE** member of this committee to represent your community.

If you have any questions on this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,



David B. Bone
County Manager
Martin County

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