



# Isothermal Regional Comprehensive Transportation Plan

February 12, 2020 Meeting Summary

## 1. Survey Status

- Karyl mentioned that if we put together a blurb with the link, she will put it out as a press release/put into local paper for advertisement.
- Survey was extended until end of March

## 2. CTP Vision Statement and Goals

- Committee agreed with Vision Statement
- The following edits were made to Goals & Objectives (amended document will be attached):
  - i. Goal 1, Objective C: Deleted “20”
  - ii. Goal 5, Objective A: Added “future” in front of “interstates”
  - iii. Goal 5, Objective B: Deleted “interstates”
  - iv. Goal 5, Objective C: Added I-26 & I-40 as gateways
  - v. Goal 6: Added new objective regarding wildlife corridors (stemmed from conversation about bears)

## 3. Highway Deficiencies

### Action Items

1. Investigate how our capacities are generated and whether we can use updated SPOT capacities
2. Investigate methodology of Rutherford Model, particularly around the Rutherford Bypass and the fact that Forest City/Spindale routes (Railroad Ave/Charlotte Rd) are over capacity in 2045. Could we rerun model with other assumptions?

### General Discussion

- Hannah Cook (DPE, Div 13) brought up new capacities as used by SPOT (Joe Hummer just completed). There was concern that we would be "outdated" immediately
- Some labels are not clear or are pointing to wrong thing (Rutherford maps, arrows cross each other; McDowell Map: US 70). Fix SR/Local street labels not showing

### McDowell County

1. Small section of “over capacity” on Sugar Hill Rd (that isn’t actually) will be addressed by bridge replacement→will be 3-lane bridge
2. Potential for Bat Cave Rd project in Old Fort, south of I-40 (over capacity by 2045, near capacity in 2017)
3. US 221 & 70 capacities seem to have changed base year to future year (what’s going on with that?)

Polk County – same maps as the 15 January 2020 meeting. No new discussion.

### Rutherford County

1. Committee was surprised that even after Rutherford Bypass, Forest City/Spindale routes (US 74-A, 221A) were still over capacity.
2. Rutherford County Middle School is moving to where the High School is
  - a. Old Middle School will then be turned into Bus Depot/Terminal



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## 4. Non-Highway Mode Plans

In short: The current plan, agreed to by the committee, is to reference all plans and add other projects to the corresponding maps

- Committee concurs that any bike/ped already in a plan should be referenced/greyed out on maps, EXCEPT those that are new additions
- List of all plans (including aviation) should be provided, with links, but linework NOT shown on map (except for new additions)
- Feeling was that all past CTPs are considered "existing plans" w.r.t SPOT
- Public Transportation/Rail should have existing deviated-fixed-route system
- Push for Passenger Rail from Asheville→Salisbury to be added as recommendation (mayor of Marion chairs that committee)

## 5. Next Meeting – Wednesday, 25 March 2020 at 1pm (Rutherford County)

- i. Existing Non-highway maps for reference
- ii. Survey Results/update
- iii. Updated/tweaked V/C maps