

Nash County CTP Steering Committee Minutes

April 15, 2010, 3:00 pm

Members present:

Rosemary Dorsey, Nash Co Planning
Bill Bass, Division 4
Bob League, RMUAMPO
Andy Holland, RMUAMPO
Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO
Elena Talanker, NCDOT
John Holpe, Town of Spring Hope

I. Introductions:

Daniel Van Liere with Upper Coastal Plain RPO began the meeting at 3:15 pm and welcomed everyone to the steering committee meeting for the Nash County CTP. Despite low participation the meeting was carried on.

II. Meeting minutes from January 20, 2010.

Minutes from the last meeting were presented.

III. Nash County Deficient Bridges

Ms. Talanker presented Nash County Deficient Bridges Map and gave presentation about Functionally Obsolete and Structurally Deficient bridges in the County. Those materials will be added to the CTP Report.

IV. Nash County CTP Rail and Transit Map presentation

- Rail Services – Current and Future Services

Ms. Talanker explained that NCDOT Rail Division planner Cheril Hannah could not attend the meeting, but provided presentation about Current and Future rail services in NC. After the presentation DRAFT Nash CTP Rail and Transit map for presented for comments. Ms. Dorsey explained that county has interest in extending freight services to two new industrial park locations:

- North of Middlesex, near intersection of NC231 and SR 1109-Stoney Hill RD. So called Middlesex Corporate Park is currently under construction.
- West of Whitakers, northwest corner of the I-95/NC4 intersection. This is proposed site for the future 1000 acre Industrial park.

Also future of the existing corridor between Momeyer and Spring Hope was discussed. This corridor is owned by NCDOT and according to Allan Paul, Director of Operation& Facilities Branch, is ready for the freight operations. Ms. Dorsey mentioned that several businesses were inquiring about abandoned Masonry/Stone manufacturing facility near Spring Hope.

IV. Nash County CTP Survey Results

Ms. Talanker presented results of the 208 completed Nash CTP surveys. In addition to the survey analysis she provided committee with examples of answers for the most important questions. Survey was considered as a useful tool in public involvement process.

VI. CTP Information and Schedule Update

Highway element - Ms. Talanker explained that she is working on the crash and capacity analysis for the CTP.

Rail/Transit element - Ms. Talanker suggested discussing Transit opportunities for the Nash County and inviting Jeff Crouchley, NCDOT Transit Division and Todd Gardner, Tar River Transit.

Bicycle element – Mr. Van Liere announced that UCPRPO is going to develop County Bike Plan in the timeframe of the CTP development. Mr. bob League noted that local cyclists meet about 7:30 every Saturday at the office parking lot at the intersection of Bethlehem Rd and Beechwood Rd.

It was suggested to invite avid local cyclists (ie Ted Hopkins) and local Law enforcement representatives. Also it was noted that Nash County Bike routs should be connected to the Wilson, Edgecombe county routes as well as Rocky Mount MPO area routs.

VII. Next meeting May 13, 2010, tentative agenda

will be provided by Ms. Talanker in early May.