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Pender County CTP Steering Committee Meeting
Survey Results Review Meeting
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2:00 pm

1. Introduction

- a. Sam Boswell began by explaining what the meeting will be about then introducing the members of the CTP team. Sam Baswell introduced Nazia Sarder, the lead engineer, and Maksym Bezruchko, the assistant engineer for this CTP.

2. VGO Survey Results

- a. The VGO Survey results were reviewed by Nazia. The survey link is:
- b. Overview
 - i. Total Surveys taken: 503
 - ii. Total Comments: 1803
 - iii. There were no Spanish Surveys taken.
- c. Demographics
 - i. Majority of survey takers were 35-44 and Caucasian.
 - ii. 96% of survey takers live in Pender County.
 - iii. Majority of Survey takers live in a household size of two and have two vehicles.
- d. Transportation Goals Ranking
 - i. The lower the number, the more important a goal is
 - ii. Reducing Congestion (1.86) was the most important goal for survey takers.
 - iii. Connectivity (2.86) and Multi-modal Options (2.81) was the least important goal for survey takers.
- e. Open-ended Comments
 - i. Too many wrecks, too many cars, too many redlights, roads need repair.
- f. Biking Importance
 - i. People preferred multi-use paths over bike lanes.
 - ii. Pedestrian needs were preferred over bike lanes.
- g. Pedestrian Importance
 - i. Most important was for sidewalks to be provided
 - ii. Schools and accessibility were the most important for pedestrian needs.
- h. Transit Services Importance
 - i. Public Transportation was not a priority for survey takers, a lot of 1 ranking of importance for all categories.



- i. Transportation Safety Importance
 - i. Intersections are of most concern for survey takers.
- j. Additional Questions Importance
 - i. Railroad Crossings are not important for survey takers
 - ii. Roadway flooding was very important.
- k. Open-ended Comments
 - i. General comments from locals and visitors were discussed.
 - ii. Sam Boswell asked for clarification on what the actual question was for Railroad crossings. CTP Team clarified that the question was “Do you view railroad crossings as important”.
 - iii. Adam M. Moran asked if survey takers wanted more rail or public transport. CTP Team clarified that rail transport was favored but in general, transit services were not important for survey takers.
 - iv. Adam M. Moran further asked how these survey results compare with other rural surveys. Nazia explained that urban areas do prefer rail more than rural areas. CTP Team compared this to Brunswick CTP where the committee did not recommend transit options as they were not favored by the area. The committee agreed.
- l. Map IT Results
 - i. A map was shown where survey takers put pins where they have transportation concerns across various categories. 652 Markers were put in the entire county area. Some more populated hubs were seen to have more markers than other areas.
- m. Map IT Summary
 - ii. All concerns were categorized into the following categories:
 - Congestion: Mornings were the worst for these concerns.
 - Maintenance: Potholes were the most concerning.
 - Bicycle Needs: Multi-use trails were most favored
 - Pedestrian Needs: New Sidewalks were most favored
 - Transit Needs: New bus routes were most favored, although this was a small sample size.
 - Accidents: Mornings were seen to have the most accidents.
- n. Major Themes from Comments
 - i. There were 1000 comments, all of which cannot be listed but a few were provided as examples.
- o. Input from Survey
 - i. From the survey results, it was noted that resiliency such as Flooding, maintenance, and roadway improvements were most favored by survey results.
 - ii. Transit needs were seen as least favored by survey respondents.
 - iii. How do we incorporate this into the CTP? The committee will incorporate STIP, SPOT, and regional/state projects that will be mindful of these results. For example, transit needs are not important thus it important to consider including less of the projects which improve transit needs. On the other hand, resiliency projects will be prioritized.
 - iv. The survey provides insights into understanding what the county residents prefer and favor in terms of projects. This survey is a good way to honor such comments.

3. Next Steps

- a. CTP Team needs to finalize the Future Highway Multi-Nodal Network. This network is the heart of the CTP and will need to be completed before other steps.
- b. The next May 26th meeting will be moved due to scheduling conflicts. July 14th is also a conflict. The committee was told to update Sam and Nazia about any other conflicts by the next meeting.
- c. The committee was told to contact Sam, Nazia, or Maks if anyone needs raw data or to answer any questions anyone may have.

4. Adjourn

- a. Adam M. Moran asked to revisit the attendees' list as there have been a few personal changes in the committee. CTP Team said they would clear that up for future meetings and asked them to be notified if there were any attendee updates that were missed.