

Appendix H

Public Involvement

This appendix documents the public involvement process and includes a listing of steering committee members, the goals and objectives survey results, and public meetings held throughout the development of the CTP.

List of CTP Steering Committee Members

At the start of a CTP study, a committee is formed that is comprised of individuals who represent the various needs, issues and populations of the community. These representatives are responsible for capturing the transportation needs of the community relative to all modes of transportation and for guiding the development of the CTP. A listing of steering committee members for the Sampson County CTP is given below.

- ❖ Mary M. Rose, Clinton-Sampson Planning Director
- ❖ Lyle Moore, Clinton-Sampson Planning
- ❖ Ed Causey, Sampson County Manager
- ❖ Susan Holder, Sampson County Assistant Manager
- ❖ Jefferson Strickland, Sampson County Board of Commissioners
- ❖ John Swope, Sampson County Economic Development Commission
- ❖ Jerol Kivett, Sampson County Transportation Advisory Group
- ❖ Ann Naylor, Sampson County Resident
- ❖ Patricia Williams, Town of Autryville
- ❖ John Connet, City of Clinton Manager
- ❖ Shawn Purvis, City of Clinton Manager
- ❖ Johnnie Pridgen, City of Clinton Resident
- ❖ Timmy King, Clinton Police Department
- ❖ Hugh N. Carr, Clinton Planning Board
- ❖ Denise Toler, Town of Garland
- ❖ Sarah Ragan, Town of Harrells
- ❖ Gary Mac Herring, Town of Newton Grove/Sampson County Planning Board
- ❖ Anthony Bennett, Town of Roseboro
- ❖ Joe Warren, Town of Salemburg
- ❖ Anthony Moore, Town of Turkey
- ❖ Joel Strickland, Mid Carolina RPO Planning
- ❖ Karen E. Collette, NCDOT Division 3
- ❖ Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3
- ❖ Lin Reynolds, NCDOT District Engineer, Division 3
- ❖ Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
- ❖ Suzette Morales, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

CTP Vision, Goals, Objectives and MOEs

The CTP vision, goals and objectives are developed as part of the public involvement process and help identify how the people within an area would like to develop the transportation system (all modes). The CTP committee develops the draft vision, goals, objectives, and MOEs which are further refined with input from citizens via the CTP Goals & Objectives (G&O) survey. These products become the official guide for the CTP being developed.

The vision statement, goals and objectives reflect what is important for the area and defines any local preferences concerning the transportation system and community assets. The vision statement is the framework for the area's strategic planning. Goals and objectives document how the area plans to fulfill its vision. The goals break down the vision statement into themes, while the objectives document how the area plans to make progress towards achieving each goal. MOEs are established to enable the area to track the progress of each objective.

Sampson County CTP Vision & Goals

Vision:

Provide a safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable multi-modal regional transportation network. Preserve and enhance quality of life. Support economic development that is compatible with the environment and land use patterns. Maximize the use of existing facilities across traditional jurisdictions and add capacity strategically.

Goals:

1. Provide a transportation system that adequately serves existing and future land use
2. Preserve the rural character of Sampson County while accommodating planned growth
3. Support the continued progress and completion of the unfunded Highway NC 24 through Sampson County to I-40
4. Emphasize and ensure regional connectivity to major routes, metropolitan areas and ports
5. Capitalize on and enhance Sampson County's unique position in the Strategic Highway Corridor Network (STRANET) in providing support for the Department of Defense
6. Support economic development, travel, and tourism

7. Preserve existing rail and support railroad regional connectivity
8. Improve public transportation accessibility for Sampson County citizens
9. Coordinate with Sampson County Emergency Management Services and other public safety organizations to ensure that the evacuation plan and other emergency plans are considered in overall development
10. Plan for pedestrian and bicycle safety on major roads
11. Promote and encourage public involvement through education and communication

Goals and Objectives Survey

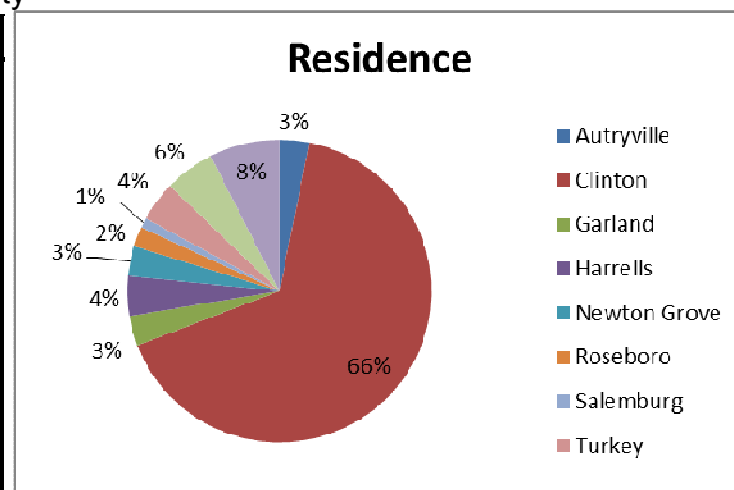
A Goals and Objectives (G&O) survey is a public involvement technique used to help identify an area's perception of transportation-related issues, identify concerns that should be addressed during the development of a CTP, and to help develop a vision for the community. The G&O survey is most appropriately implemented at the beginning of the transportation planning study. In addition to determining up front what is important to the citizens of the planning area, initiating the G&O survey early in the planning process allows the survey to serve as an introduction to the transportation planning process. The survey usually includes a brief introduction explaining what a transportation plan is and how the area can benefit from having one. The survey also includes a wide variety of questions that is tailored to each area as appropriate. A summary of the Sampson County CTP G&O survey is given below.

Goal and Objectives Survey Results

What is your Zip code?

93% live in Sampson County

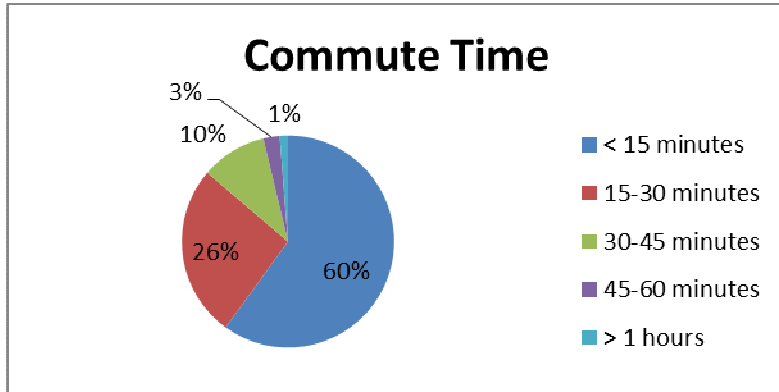
Area	Respondents
Autryville	3
Clinton	62
Garland	3
Harrells	4
Newton Grove	3
Roseboro	2
Salemburg	1
Turkey	4
County	5
Out of County	7



Describe your typical commute?
 Mostly city to city and county to city
 Some out of county commute

Describe your typical commute?

Time	Respondents
< 15 minutes	48
15-30 minutes	21
30-45 minutes	8
45-60 minutes	2
>1 hours	1



When traveling in and around Sampson County, do you have trouble finding a direct route to your destination?

Yes	9
No	69

Comments:

Lack of signs to direct me
 Not enough sign direction
 Access to Clinton High School and Sampson Middle Schools from the west is circuitous at best

Are there specific roads or intersections in Sampson County that you see as having an issue?

Yes	34
No	38

Comments

17/30 comments mention NC 24, all but 3 comments within Clinton area

NC 24 Comments

- NC 24 & Horseshoe/Carry Bridge,
- Hwy 24 at Go Gas & Hwy 24 at Basslake Rd,
- Also coming off Bonnettsville Rd onto Hwy 24
- NC 24, Hwy 24 west of Clinton, Hwy 24 & Airport Rd.
- 24 at rush hour
- Butler Avenue and Martin Luther King JR Blvd. Can be difficult to cross

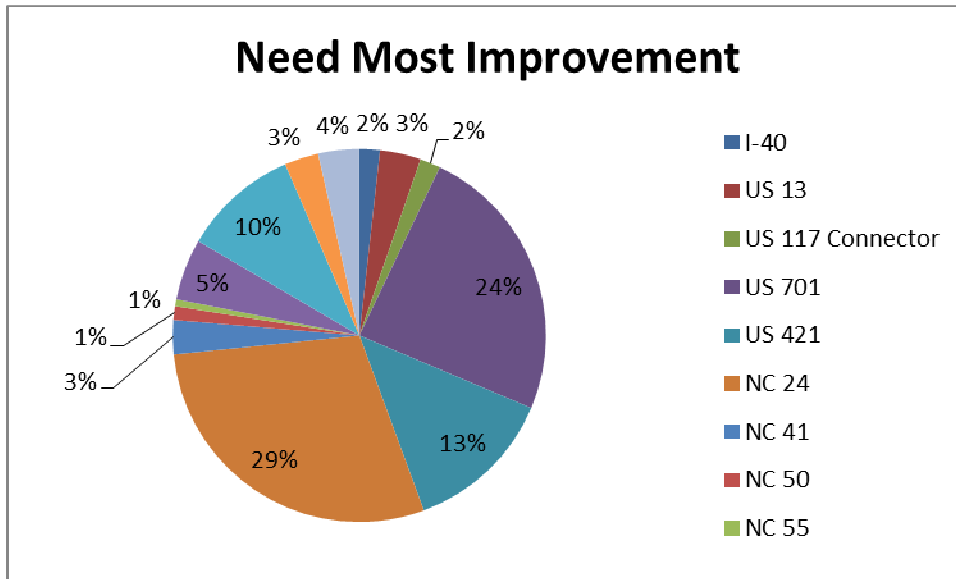
- The 24 exchange between 421 N freeway can be very congested at times. Highway 701 needs repaving. A lot of bumps in the road & deep pot holes within the city limits,
- At the intersection of Tram Road and the NC 24 east bypass where you cross over to Butler Avenue. They have installed a new caution light, but I think a stop light should be considered there. This is from personally observation over the last 13 years. ,
- Coming off the overhead bridge at the US 421 and NC 24 intersection. Traffic is usually backed up at this location at noon and around 5 pm week days,
- Highway 24, especially the portion of Sunset Avenue with major commercial development
- Sunset Ave / NC24
- NC 24 & US 701 Bypass Interchange not designed to handle traffic volume serious backup on exit ramps.
- Getting on 24 from 701 south bypass during lunch hour and getting back on 701 north after lunch
- Beulah & Boykin Bridge Roads. Hwy 24 & Hwy 403.
- MLK and Butler in Clinton, quasi-signalized intersections but traffic coming off by-pass and up MLK are at high speeds around a curve, making it difficult and dangerous to cross or turn left.

Other Comments

- NC 403 and intersecting streets multiple entrances
- Speeding on Stewart Avenue. Traffic trying to get from Johnson st. to Belfield area.
- Unlevel driveways on McKoy Street
- I know there are a few in and around Clinton, but cannot think of them at this moment.
- The traffic circle at Clinton high school
- Boykin Bridge / Beulah unsafe turn from Beulah to Boykin Bridge for school traffic.
- Main St Roseboro flashing light people are not stopping.
- Highway 701
- Not enough signage in the Northern part of the County
- Bridge in Sampson County on HWY 13 is in need of repairs. Holes on both sides of road. I see cars everyday try to avoid driving/hitting them.
- Roads need fixing
- All road signs are not visible
- Intersection at Pope Road and Aman Dairy is hard to see. Also, the next intersection at near Phillips Road

Of the following 13 Roadways which THREE do you see as needing the most improvement? Please choose only THREE.

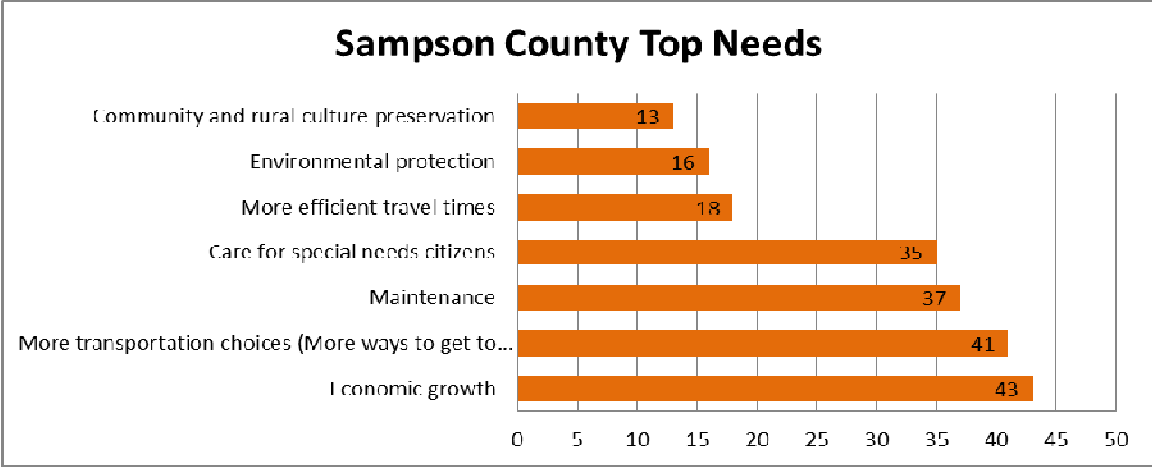
69 Reponses



Which THREE of the following choices are the most important to you? Please choose only THREE.

74 Respondents

Sampson County Top Needs	Respondents
Economic growth	43
More transportation choices (More ways to get to places -- buses, sidewalks, bike trails, etc.)	41
Maintenance	37
Care for special needs citizens	35
More efficient travel times	18
Environmental protection	16
Community and rural culture preservation	13



What type of transportation do you normally use for your commute? (pick the option you utilize the majority of the time)

Transportation Mode	Respondents
Alone in Car	68
Carpool/Vanpool	2
Bike	1
Bus	1
Walk	1

Are there locations where you would like to see sidewalks, crosswalks or crossing signals added or improved?

Yes	38
No	37

Comments

- downtown intersections
- Turkey!
- Plainview Area
- Throughout the town of Roseboro.
- along NC 24 in Roseboro
- Town of Garland
- Sidewalks in Garland
- Clinton and Garland - Crossing Signals and Sidewalks
- I would love to see the roads, everywhere, extent beyond the outer lines about 3 to 4 feet so bike riding, walking, running, and the like is not only more probable, but safer. This would also be more tire friendly for those who have to "sidestep" farm machinery
- on Fisher Drive so people can get out and walk more safely, its a very busy road with big trucks
- business district rt 24, people walk in grass and street

- It is dangerous to cross 24 walking everywhere
- Fayetteville Street to NC 24
- NC 24 and Gray Street.
- Sidewalk on Issac Weeks Road
- Butler Avenue and Stetson Street
- Sampson St, Barl St, McKoy St, Williams St, Bowden St
- Streets used all the time need sidewalks (Stewart Avenue, College Street (Hwy. 24 through town), Hwy. 701.
- down sunset Ave to college – sidewalk
- Sunset Ave. Clinton - Sampson Crossing and Shamrock Plaza Area
- Sunset Avenue Wal-Mart to Faircloth Freeway
- Sidewalks for Stewart Avenue.
- Stewart Avenue and Warsaw Road
- In Clinton on Sunset Ave in front of Pizza Inn; a lot of people cross the road coming from the housing units around the park. Elderly people have been known to cross the road in their wheelchairs to get to the grocery store. It is very dangerous.
- Sidewalks in Coharie Acres
- Add sidewalk to Sampson middle school and Clinton high from downtown
- Downtown Clinton is great now!
- Wider Downtown Clinton Pedestrian Plan - including the "medical mile" (Beaman Street)
- All of Beaman St. in Clinton
- Would like to see complete connection through City of Clinton
- Clinton City limits, US 701 Business
- County areas: Clinton, Newton Grove, Coharie. No safe areas to walk in the rural areas

Would you use on-road bicycle lanes, wide shoulders, off-road trails, or greenways for walking, running and/or bicycling?

Yes	39
No	36

Comments

- TURKEY!
- Town of Garland
- Garland walking trail
- Clinton - Lot more people walking need specific areas to walk
- Marion-Amos Rd for walking and exercise
- Clinton to newton grove, garland and Harrells
- Rural areas, as well as towns. Sampson, Wayne, Duplin Counties.
- near Fisher Drive
- Bus transportation on Royal Lane
- 24 East

- City Limits and County
- Greenways anywhere. Bike lanes on College, Fayetteville St., and Sunset Ave.
- Along the abandoned rail line in western Sampson County
- Plainview
- In the parks, also near the county complex.
- Would love to have greenways in the northern part of the county.
- the mountain to sea trail in and Roseboro
- From downtown Clinton to SCC.
- I would bike a lot of places if there was room for bikes. Most of our roads have a small shoulder and are dangerous for bikes.

What other problems do you consider to be major transportation issues in Sampson County?

Public Transit

- public transit in neighborhoods
- buses to medical facilities
- public transit
- Public transit for town of garland. Available transportation for elderly is too expensive
- Public transit Roseboro and Salemburg for the elderly and people that does not have transportation. lack if transportation for the elderly or non driver
- I am not yet familiar with what is available to those who have no working vehicle, and cannot work because of this. I would love to see more public transportation options. This includes bike and walking friendly areas.
- Public Transportation on Edgar Street
- Downtown needs public transportation
- Bus Transportation to Warsaw, highway 24 east
- We need city buses
- Lack of public transportation
- County transportation system
- Older folks need more out of county transportation
- Bus service to other towns/cities in area (Dunn, Fayetteville, etc.).
- No true transit system. People such as myself have a difficult time trying to get transportation to and from different activities such as school and work.
- I consider it to be a problem that the senior citizens of Sampson County Elderly sites cannot take out-of-county overnight trips on the State owned vehicles. The transportation is provided under Department of Aging's umbrella but is not used to the capacity of such. We need travel capability after 5 p.m. daily for students & people who work. Sampson Area Transportation needs more vans & employees to cover extreme ends of the county.
- More funding for the local transportation agency to provide transportation to people needing dialysis and out of county medical transportation. (These are people who do not qualify for Medicaid)

Maintenance & Safety

- The bridge on Hwy 13 is dangerous because it has a big bump in it. Christmas Tree Road IS TOO NARROW. This road is heavily traveled.
- Road signs not replaced. Secondary roads in need of repairs/paving. Like Bud Johnson Road and Roanoke Road.
- General Maintenance of Roads - very high wear and tear due to large 18 wheelers
- City and county public works workers, working during commuting times ie...working on the roads from 7:45 to 8:00am. let us get to work, then have at it!
- There is half mile section of Microwave Tower Road, west of Roseboro, that needs to be made safe for school buses & other traffic and PAVED. The needs of the traveling public are far greater than the one property owner who does not want to give up the right of way.
- There are a number of drainage issues on secondary roads.
- Maintenance

Others

- Improved connectivity to Interstates.
- With Sampson Co., being a rural area tractors and farm equipment always need to be considered

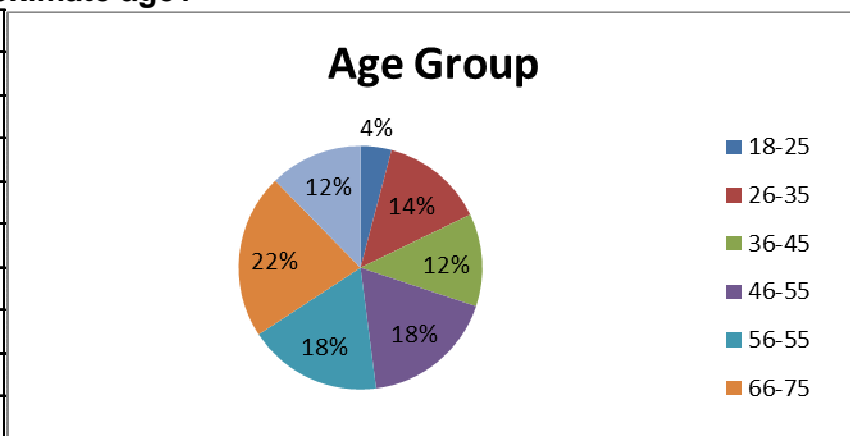
Survey Respondents Characteristics

What is your gender?

Male	28	37.3 %
Female	47	62.7 %
Total	75	

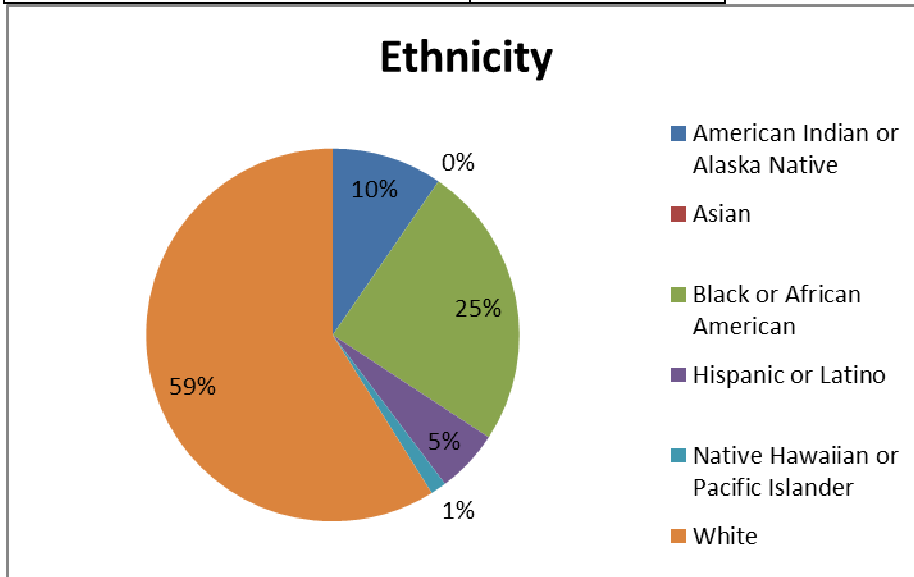
What is your approximate age?

Age Group	Respondents
Under 18	0
18-25	3
26-35	10
36-45	9
46-55	13
56-55	13
66-75	16
Over 75	9
Total	73



Check all that apply to describe your race/ethnicity.

Ethnicity	Respondents
American Indian or Alaska Native	7
Asian	0
Black or African American	18
Hispanic or Latino	4
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1
White	43
Total	67



Public Meeting

The public involvement process included holding a public-drop-in session in the city of Clinton in order to present the proposed Comprehensive Transportation Plan to the public and to solicit comments. Below is a brief summary of the public meeting

Public Drop-in Session

Date: Monday, June 15, 2015

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Clinton City Hall Auditorium
221 Lisbon Street (SR 1231)
Clinton, NC 28328

Purpose: Present draft CTP recommendations and SOLICIT COMMENTS

Attendance: 5 (excluding NCDOT staff and steering committee members)

Public Input: 1 comment for was submitted during the session

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