Scotland County CTP Steering Committee Thursday, March 19, 2014 Small Business Innovation Center 16800 401 Bypass North Laurinburg, NC 28352 3:00 p.m.

Members Present

Bob Davis, David Burns, Dee Hammond, Cory Hughes, Greg Icard, Phyllis Lowery, Charles Nichols, Kevin Patterson, Tonia Stephenson, Darius Sturdivant

Staff Present

Michael Abuya (NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch), Janet Robertson (Lumber River RPO)

The meeting began with first time attendees Cory Hughes and Greg Icard introducing themselves.

Discussion of Vision Statement

Mr. Abuya reviewed the document entitled "What is a Vision Statement". He also reviewed an example of a Vision Statement from the Mayo CTP and a draft example of what Scotland County's Vision statement might look like. He asked what the Steering Committee wanted to include. There was much discussion among members about the possible content of the vision statement including safety, connectivity to growth areas, supporting the quality of life, and enhancement of business development. There was also discussion about bicycling in the County, Equine trails, and industrial rail usage. Laurinburg Councilmember Dee Hammond noted that the Scotland County example incorporated the ideas the committee was discussing. Mr. Abuya will consolidate the ideas put forth and send a draft to the committee by email.

Goals and Objective Survey

The committee reviewed examples of surveys used in Caswell and Richmond Counties. It was agreed that the paper copies should be on one page (front and back) like the Richmond County survey. There were several suggestions made to modify the Richmond survey so it would be applicable to Scotland County. Ms. Robertson will make the suggested revisions and email to the committee for review. Mr. Hughes offered to help Ms. Robertson with the layout of the survey.

Network Roads and Model Boundary

Mr. Abuya referred to the Working Highway Maps and asked if the committee wanted to add any roads to the maps for study. No one had any additions at this time; Mr. Abuya noted roads can still be added if needed. Mr. Abuya referred to the Model Boundary Map and noted that the Laurel Hill area had been added as requested at the February meeting. He asked if the committee agreed with the model boundary; there was consensus to go with the model boundary as presented in the map.

It was mentioned that a pedestrian cross-over is needed over West Boulevard. This is also being addressed in the Laurinburg Pedestrian Plan that is currently underway.

Tools and Data Needs

At the next meeting, Mr. Abuya will provide preliminary traffic count, population, households, and employment data for the committee to review.

A "Trend Line" analysis will be used in the County outside of the Model Boundary.

In closing, it was decided that the committee will not meet in April because Mr. Abuya will be on vacation.