

**Scotland County CTP Steering Committee**  
**Monday, June 30, 2014**  
**Small Business Innovation Center**  
**16800 401 Bypass North**  
**Laurinburg, NC 28352**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Members Present**

David Burns, Cory Hughes, Greg Icard, Charles Nichols, Kevin Patterson, Darius Sturdivant

**Staff Present**

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

Mr. Abuya showed those in attendance a copy of the Model Boundary that had been agreed upon at the March meeting. He suggested enlarging the Model Boundary to include all municipalities and showed a representation of the expansion. There was consensus among the committee to enlarge the Model Boundary to include all municipalities, effectively covering the entire southern part of Scotland County.

**Discussion of Socioeconomic Data Projections**

Mr. Abuya showed a PowerPoint presentation of the socioeconomic data analysis for Scotland County. He first showed the Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) for the County.

Between 1970 and 2010, the population in Scotland County showed growth, but at a declining rate (the Average Annual Growth Rate was 0.86%). The Office of State Budget and Management predicts that the AAGR for the period from 2010 to 2030 will only be 0.41%. For Comprehensive Transportation Planning purposes, the NCDOT suggests using an AAGR of 1% for areas where growth is expected to be flat or negative. The projections will show the growth trend slowing down at intervals into the future. Mr. Abuya showed the population projections for the entire County and the projections for the Model area. Population is projected to show a 25% increase from 2014 to 2040, averaging 1% each year.

The data source used for employment figures and projections was InfoUSA. There was some discussion about differences in employment figures from other sources such as the Commerce Department. The committee agreed to use the data from InfoUSA.

Mr. Abuya asked committee members where growth is expected to take place. It was decided that Mr. Abuya will send the TAZ's to Kevin Patterson and Greg Icard so they can project areas of low, medium, and high growth.

**Other Business**

Ms. Robertson asked if everyone was in agreement with the changes that had been made to the Goals and Objective Survey; there were no additional changes suggested. Ms. Robertson will print copies in black and white to be distributed in the Laurinburg and County water bills.

Mr. Hughes will place the survey on SurveyMonkey. The link will be placed on the County and NCDOT website (Scotland CTP page) and will be emailed to members to distribute to appropriate contacts.

Mr. Abuya asked if everyone was satisfied with the Vision Statement. The committee agreed with the Vision Statement as presented. It will be put on the NCDOT website.

Mr. Abuya will be making a presentation to the Scotland County Commissioners at the July 8<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.