

**Scotland County CTP Steering Committee  
Kickoff Meeting  
Thursday, February 27, 2014  
Small Business Innovation Center  
16800 401 Bypass North  
Laurinburg, NC 28352  
1:00 p.m.**

**Members Present**

Bob Davis, David Burns, Dee Hammond ,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 introductions of those present at 1:20 p.m. Michael Abuya noted that a pre-kickoff CTP (Comprehensive Transportation Plan) meeting was held in January.

The website for the study is now active; Mr. Abuya will send out the URL.

Mr. Abuya reviewed the *CTP Committee Handbook*. Committee members' names will be added on page 3. The section entitled "Your Role as a CTP Committee Member" (pages 4-6) was highlighted. The CTP Study Schedule (pg. 7) and Timeline (pgs. 8-9) were discussed – this is a preliminary schedule that is flexible based on the needs of the community. The plan is for the "CTP Vision" to be established by April.

In the 1999 Laurinburg/East Laurinburg Thoroughfare Plan, a computer "Travel Demand Model" was used to develop forecasts. A new Travel Demand Model for the Laurinburg area will be designed for this CTP. Trend Analysis will be utilized in the rest of the County. Commissioner Bob Davis noted that some of the County's rural roads can be very busy in the summer. Mr. Abuya noted that the Steering Committee will be involved in determining what roads need to be studied.

Laurinburg Councilmember Dee Hammond asked how the CTP will relate to the newly started Laurinburg Pedestrian Plan. Mr. Abuya noted that the CTP is multi-modal and will incorporate the results of the Laurinburg Pedestrian Plan.

The CTP takes a look 25 years out to determine which roads will still be functioning well and which will need improvements.

The committee decided to set a standing meeting date of the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup>. In the event that in some months there is not sufficient business to cover, the meeting would be cancelled.

A primary focus of the March meeting will be developing the Goals and Objective Survey. Mr. Abuya and Mr. Sturdivant will bring examples of surveys; Ms. Robertson will provide copies of the recently completed Richmond County Transportation Survey. Once developed, the Scotland County survey will be put on the County, City and Chamber websites and will be distributed on "SurveyMonkey". Paper copies will be sent out with the County water bills and placed in strategic locations around the County. Since the Towns of Wagram and Gibson send their water bills on cards, paper copies of the survey will be available at the Towns. Phyllis Lowery said that the Town of Wagram could put a notation about the Survey on the water bill cards. It was noted that a Spanish translation of the survey would not be necessary.

The public input gathered from the Transportation Goals and Objective Survey is the first stage of Public Involvement. There will be at least two more public meetings. A public workshop will be held this fall, probably in November. A third workshop will be held after recommendations have been formulated and before approval of the Plan is sought.

Mr. Abuya brought the committee's attention to the handout entitled "Guidance for Crafting Vision Statements, Goals, Objectives & Measures of Effectiveness for CTPs" and two examples of Vision Statements and asked members to review these before the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Developing the Vision Statement for the Scotland County CTP will be another focus of the March meeting.

Next the Committee was shown three preliminary working maps that were pulled from the old Scotland County and Laurinburg Thoroughfare plans. The March meeting will include a discussion of what roads need to be studied in this new Plan.

The 1999 Boundary used for the Travel Demand Model was shown; Mr. Abuya noted that the boundary can be revised. The committee discussed extending the boundary to NC 144 (Old Wire Rd) to include the Laurel Hill area. It was noted that census blocks are used to gather data and the census blocks in the Laurel Hill area will be looked at.

In closing, Mr. Abuya reiterated that the CTP is a long range look at what the transportation needs are for the County. Bridge needs will be included. The CTP does not include funding for projects. However, the CTP is the first (and important) step in the process of getting projects put on the State Transportation Improvement Program, which does include funding.