

Stokes County CTP Kickoff Meeting Summary

February 2, 2016, 2:00pm

Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Administration Building
1014 Main Street, Danbury, NC 27016

Attendance:

David Sudderth	Stokes County Planning Director
James Dalton	JD Cruises Transportation Services
Beth Fornadley Johnson	Active Routes to Schools – Local Health Dept. Region 3
Bobby Miller	Town of Walnut Cove
Robin Riddlebarger	Hanging Rock State Park
Mike Barsness	Town of Danbury
Scott Lenhart	Stokes County Health Department
Brad Lankford	Stokes County Schools
Nick Elmes	Stokes News
Rick Morris	Stokes County Manager
Diane Hampton (phone)	NCDOT – Division 9, Division Planning Engineer
Hemal Shah	NCDOT – TPB, Transportation Engineer
Caroline Williams	NCDOT – TPB
Raymond Honbarrier	NCDOT – TPB
Elizabeth Jernigan	Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization

Introductions

Ms. Shah introduced herself and identified herself as the project engineer. Each committee member then introduced him/herself to the group.

Introduction to the CTP Process

Ms. Shah briefly covered the 2008 Stokes CTP and identified King and Tobacoville as covered by the Winston Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization. Their latest update was completed in 2012. The plan will be using the Stokes County 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Shah identified the benefits of having a CTP including the importance of creating a common vision for NCDOT, MPOs, RPOs and local governments. Elizabeth Jernigan with the Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization (NWPRPO) discussed the importance of identifying high priority projects through the CTP process for funding consideration in the statewide prioritization process.

The CTP is multimodal covering highway, public transportation and rail, bicycle and pedestrian projects. Traffic projects will use a 2015 base year and 2045 future year which means by 2045, a road will have reached capacity. Traffic counts from 2014 will be used for this CTP.

CTP Schedule

We are at the first step in the process, establishing the CTP Steering committee. The project will conclude by July 2017 at which point the technical report and adoption by local governments will begin. Meeting attendees received a CTP Committee Handbook in their agenda packet.

The Handbook identifies roles and responsibilities of committee members and key staff. In addition to the stakeholder group, key staff includes Hemal Shah, *NCDOT Project Engineer*, Wayne Davis, *TPB Triad Group Supervisor*, and Elizabeth Jernigan, *NWPRPO Coordinator*. Hemal will develop maps, technical reports and other documents. Elizabeth will help with administrative tasks and public outreach.

Committee members identified www.doodle.com as the easiest way to schedule meetings. Elizabeth will send out a doodle poll to stakeholders to set the March meeting date and time.

Public Involvement Plan

Ms. Shah discussed the public engagement plan which will include two public workshops/ public meetings and a survey. She requested members advise on the most effective way to receive input via survey. Scott Lenhart recommended both paper copies and an online link and send it out to various list serves across the County. Ms. Shah said the survey was typically two pages and would be vetted by the group in the next meeting. On other CTPs, Hemal has had success distributing surveys through water bills, at the grocery store, in the permitting department and publishing it in the newspaper. Beth Fornadley Johnson recommended using social media as well and also requested we look into a gift card or other prize to increase participation. Ms. Shah said NCDOT was unable to purchase a gift card and Ms. Jernigan said she would look into providing a gift card through the NWPRPO. Ms. Shah also discussed possible participation in "SpringFest" in Walnut Cove on May 21st.

Draft Road Network

Ms. Shah provided participants draft maps of the road network and asked participants to identify any additional roads that may need to be studied. Based on the TP Committee recommendations, the following roads were added to the DRAFT network (study roads):

- Gene Martin Road (SR 1986)
- Dan George Road (SR 1483)
- Sisk Road (SR 1606)

- Moir Farm Road (SR 1652)
- Moorefield Road (SR 1657)
- Oldtown Road (SR 1918)

Ms. Shah will finalize the draft network for the next meeting. Ms. Jernigan will send out a link to the doodle poll for the next meeting as well as a link for the project page with the draft map, meeting notes, and other information. Ms. Riddlebarger asked when the best time to speak to advisory groups was and Ms. Shah recommended sometime before August and also made herself available to speak to other community groups.