

Stokes County CTP Meeting Summary

March 24, 2016, 2:00pm

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

Attendance:

James Dalton	JD Cruises Transportation Services
Beth Fornadley Johnson	Active Routes to Schools – Local Health Dept. Region 3
Robin Riddlebarger	Hanging Rock State Park
Mike Barsness	Town of Danbury
Scott Lenhart	Stokes County Health Department
Rick Morris	Stokes County Manager
Diane Hampton	NCDOT – Division 9, Division Planning Engineer
Hemal Shah	NCDOT – TPB, Transportation Engineer
Elizabeth Jernigan	Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization

Introductions

Each committee member introduced him/herself to the group.

Draft CTP Highway Network:

Ms. Shah reviewed additions to the CTP Highway Network Map.

Vision and Goals

Ms. Shah reviewed the vision statement from the Stokes 2035 Land Development Plan and asked attendees for comments or changes. There were no recommended changes. Diane Hampton recommended changing the goal, “Increase the safety and functionality of major arteries without adding additional lanes” to “Increase the safety and functionality of major arteries” to provide more flexibility in the planning process.

Ms. Shah also reported that she did not include the bullet regarding the formation of a private foundation to meet transportation goals and also clarified the guide is for the stakeholder committee and should be adapted to meet the needs of the group.

Base Year and Future Year Socio-Economic Data

Ms. Shah discussed base year and future year socio-economic data. Based on the 2035 Stokes county Land Use Plan, the population is projected to grow from 46,787 in 2015 to 61,500 in 2045. Employment projections were determined using a 2015 base rate of 7,240 (based on ACCESSNC figures) and are projected to equal 9,717 jobs by 2045. Elizabeth Jernigan told stakeholders she had discussed the employment base rate with the PTRC GIS Manager and Stokes County Planning Director David Sudderth prior to the meeting.

Transportation Survey

Elizabeth Jernigan reported on the CUR. The majority of the report has been completed and will be available soon.

Mr. Lenhart suggested that the CTP survey be tied to the community health assessment survey coming from the Health Department. It was decided to distribute the CTP survey with the health assessment in order increase participation for the CTP survey.

Feedback on the content of the survey included:

Question 7- Park and Ride: include more specific options such as Danbury, Walnut Cove, King and Other for locations.

Question 8- Bus Service: include more specific options for local bus service routes.

New question-Bike & Ped safety: Ask a question about the public's desire for more information (such as flyers or brochures) regarding safe walking and biking.

Other

A recommended sidewalk was requested along NC-65 near the intersection with US-311 in Walnut Cove.

Another network link was suggested along Taylor Rd to Rock House Rd, allowing drivers to bypass the intersection of NC-66 and NC-268.

Wrap Up/Next Steps