

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

W. L. (LEE) JERNIGAN, JR.
CO-CHAIRMAN

Agenda
July 13, 2011
10:30 a.m. Lafayette Room
City Hall 433 Hay Street

Rusty Thompson
CO-CHAIRMAN

1. Roll call
2. Approval of today's agenda
 - **ACTION:** Approval
3. Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2011 regular meetings
 - **ACTION:** Approval
4. 2011 Vehicle Occupancy Rate (VOR) Approval: Bobby McCormick
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TCC approval
5. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Scope Update: Mark Nottingham
 - **ACTION:** Information
6. Raeford Road/Bunce Road Project Updates: Mike Rutan
 - **ACTION:** Information
7. Cameron Road (U-4706) Project Update: Will Linville
 - **ACTION:** Information
8. Southwestern FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Study Update: Will Linville
 - **ACTION:** Information
9. Census 2010 Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) Delineation Update: Maurizia Chapman
 - **ACTION:** Information
10. Little Cross Creek Greenway Update: Rick Heicksen
 - **ACTION:** Information
11. SPOT 2.0 Schedule Update: Mike Rutan
 - **ACTION:** Information
12. Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT) Update: Mike Rutan
 - **ACTION:** Information
13. 2040 Plan Update: Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT
 - **ACTION:** Information
14. Discussion
 - Citizens Advisory Committee Membership: Maurizia Chapman
15. Adjournment

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Members Present

Mr. Lee Jernigan, Jr., P.E., Co-Chairman, NCDOT Division 6 Traffic Engineer
Mr. Rusty Thompson, P.E., PTOE, Co-Chairman, Traffic Engineer, Fayetteville Traffic Services
Mr. Randy R. Beeman, Manager, Town of Hope Mills
Mr. James Caldwell, Director, Mid-Carolina Council of Government
Mr. Randy Hume, Fayetteville Area System of Transit
Mr. Mark Locklear, Harnett County Planning
Mr. Jon Parsons, Sustainable Sandhills Executive Director
Ms. Tracey Pittman, P.E. NCDOT Division 6 Construction Engineer
Mr. Glen W. Prillaman, Directorate of Public Works, Ft. Bragg
Ms. Jill Stark, Community Planner, Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Mr. Adolphus Thomas, Transportation Advisory Board Rep.

Others Present

Mr. Rick Heicksen, FAMPO Executive Director
Ms. Maurizia Chapman, AICP, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Joe Geigle, P.E. Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Dale Iman, Manager, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Will Linville, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Bobby McCormick, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Mark Nottingham, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Neil Perry, P.E., Fayetteville Traffic Services
Mr. Matt Rooney, Cumberland County Planning
Mr. Joel Strickland, Mid Carolina RPO
Mr. Charles Young, Fort Bragg ITO

1. Roll Call

Co-Chairman Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

A call was made to add Mr. Geigle's informational item into the agenda. Co-Chairman Jernigan requested a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of item 13a. Mr. Caldwell made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Beeman and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting

Co-Chairman Jernigan requested a motion to approve the April 13, 2011 minutes. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Prillaman and passed unanimously.

4. 2011 Vehicle Occupancy Rate (VOR) Approval: Bobby McCormick

Mr. McCormick briefly explained to the Committee how the VOR process was carried out, and highlighted some of the findings of the report. He stated that there was no significant change in carpooling from the previous year. Co-Chairman Jernigan requested a motion to approve the 2011 Vehicle Occupancy Rate document and recommend TAC approval. Mr. Parsons made the motion and Mr. Beeman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Scope Update: Mark Nottingham

Mr. Nottingham gave an overview of what defines ITS and the types of technology that can be used in transportation planning and design that are considered ITS. Some examples listed were Dynamic Messaging signs and electronic fare boxes. He went on to state that ITS greatly reduces delay and increases safety along the road network.

Mr. Nottingham then explained that the most recent ITS document is from 2000, and that all ITS projects in the future will need to be in this plan to receive Federal funding. He stated that the timeline for completion of this project is around one year, and NCDOT will pay 75 percent of the total cost of the plan, with FAMPO providing the remaining 25 percent. Mr. Geigle from the Federal Highway Administration extended an offer to assist Mr. Nottingham if needed.

6. Raeford Road/Bunce Road Project Updates: Rick Heicksen

Mr. Heicksen gave an overview of the Raeford Road and Bunce Road projects, and updated the Committee on progress and potential delays of those two projects.

7. Cameron Road (U-4706) Project Update: Will Linville

Mr. Linville presented the Committee with an update on the progress of the Cameron Road project. He informed those in attendance that the project is a .3 mile segment starting at its intersection with Legion Road and ending at Main Street (NC 59). He went on to add that there are three options for the cross-section of Cameron Road, but it is expected to be designed to mirror the same cross-section for the Legion Road project. That project calls for a four-lane divided roadway with wide outside lanes and sidewalks on both sides, and restricted access to School Street. He stated that the tentative timeline for ROW acquisition would occur in early 2012 and construction to begin late 2013.

8. Southwestern FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Study Update: Will Linville

Mr. Linville gave a brief overview of the proposed Southwest Multi-Modal Congestion Study for the southwestern portion of Cumberland County and portions of eastern Hoke County. He described its purpose and explained the reasoning behind the current study area boundary. Mr. Linville explained that the majority of the study area had been defined by using Fort Bragg Regional Alliance's Sub Regional Model completed by Wilbur Smith and Associates.

9. Census 2010 Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) Delineation Update: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman made the Committee aware that the TAZ delineation had been completed recently by her and Mike Rutan, and that it was submitted to the Census Bureau on June 14, 2011. She added that FAMPO is now waiting for acceptance by the Census Bureau.

10. Little Cross Creek Greenway Update: Rick Heicksen

Mr. Heicksen updated the Committee on the progress of the Little Cross Creek Greenway. He stated that PWC approached him to see if FAMPO had considered Big Cross Creek as a viable option instead of the Little Cross Creek alternative. He added that after this conversation, team members from PWC and FAMPO staff surveyed the area on foot to see if the Big Cross Creek was, in fact, a feasible alternative.

Mr. Heicksen then stated that sewer easement data would be acquired from PWC and the City of Fayetteville and that that information would be used to help the consultant, PWC, and FAMPO make a list of pros and cons for the two alternatives. It was stated that the biggest advantage of using Big Cross Creek is that it would connect to the Smith Lake Recreation Area in Fort Bragg. Mr. Heicksen ended by informing the Committee that FAMPO's recommendation will come at the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. Parsons then asked Mr. Heicksen if there were any evident differences between Little Cross Creek and Big Cross Creek that would make one more attractive than the other. Mr. Heicksen stated that one alternative does experience more policing issues, but that the differences were still being evaluated.

11. SPOT 2.0 Schedule Update: Rick Heicksen

Mr. Heicksen reviewed the information provided to the committee and discussed deadlines for new projects submittal for inclusion in the SPOT 2.0 process.

12. Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT) Update: Randy Hume, FAST

Mr. Hume outlined the business items from their most recent meetings. He informed the Committee on recent accomplishments, such as increased service and working to get benches and shelters for more stops. He also stated that FAST was exploring the option to allow advertising on their buses and shelters as a potential additional revenue stream.

13. 2040 Plan Update: Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT

Mr. Sturdivant briefly provided an overview of the 2040 Statewide Transportation Plan and that it is an update to the plan approved in 2004. His presentation discussed the framework of the plan, which includes investment strategies, revenue sources and changes in policies to implement the adopted plan. He also reviewed the stakeholders involved and public involvement process. Mr. Sturdivant stated to the Committee that adoption of the 2040 Plan would take place in July of 2012. He deferred any questions or comments to Mr. Tyler Bray, who will be making a presentation to the TAC, and made an open invitation to any TCC members to attend that meeting for more information.

13a. Interstate Access Update: Joe Geigle, FHA

Mr. Geigle updated the Committee on interstate access and interchange modification policy changes that are taking shape at the Federal Highway Administration. The need for these policies to be enacted is because there is no consistency with the application of interchanges and access to the highway system across the Nation.

Some examples of policies Mr. Geigle listed to be implemented on the addition of interchanges and the development around them include a requirement that interchange additions must alleviate traffic that cannot be fixed by the existing roadway network, exploring alternatives to interchanges (such as ITS), and operations and safety impacts must be examined. He continued by adding that new interchanges must now be included in the State's TIP, Congestion Management Plan, and be consistent with local land use plans.

14. Discussion

- **Citizens Advisory Committee Membership: Maurizia Chapman**

Ms. Chapman talked briefly about the CAC membership and the need for more members. She stated that the CAC currently has eleven members, which is the minimum amount outlined in the Bylaws. She also asked current committee members to think about possible volunteers, specifically in the rail and freight industry, and to submit their information to her as soon as possible. Co-Chairman Jernigan said he may have someone that would be interested in the road freight industry, and Ms. Chapman asked that he forward their contact information to her.

- **Other Discussion**

Mr. Heicksen briefly addressed the Murchison Road project (U-4444) and informed the Committee that the Army released funds to help complete that project. He also spoke on the plans for the Spring Lake Bridge that will cross over NC 87 and connect Main St. to Poe Ave., and how local leaders were very happy with the plans, adding that the cost and construction of that overpass will be incorporated into TIP project U-4444A. Mr. Heicksen extended an invitation to a webinar on July 18, 2011 on TIGER grants, and ended by adding that the next TCC meeting will be held at the same time in Hearing Room 3 of the Historic Courthouse.

15. Adjournment

With there being no further questions or comments, Co-Chairman Jernigan requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50am. A motion was made by Mr. Beeman and seconded by Mr. Hume, which passed unanimously.