

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

COMMISSIONER TIM MCNEILL
CHAIR

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VICE-CHAIR

Agenda
July 27, 2011
8:30 a.m. Hearing Room #3
Historic Courthouse – 130 Gillespie Street

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of today's agenda
 - **ACTION: Approval**
3. Approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2010 regular meeting
 - **ACTION: Approval**
4. 2011 Vehicle Occupancy Rate Report (VOR): **Bobby McCormick**
 - **ACTION: Approve Report; CAC and TCC approved and recommend TAC approval**
5. Updates/Informational Items:
 - a. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Scope of Work: **Mark Nottingham**
 - b. Raeford Road/Bunce Road Projects: **Mike Rutan**
 - c. Cameron Road (U-4706) Project: **Will Linville**
 - d. Southwestern FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Study: **Will Linville**
 - e. Census 2010 Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) Delineation: **Mike Rutan**
 - f. Little Cross Creek Greenway: **Rick Heicksen**
 - g. Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) 2.0 Schedule: **Mike Rutan**
 - h. Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT): **Mike Rutan**
 - i. 2040 Statewide Transportation Plan: **Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT**
 - j. New Federal Requirements for Interchanges improvements: **Joe Geigle, FHWA**
6. Discussion
 - Open Discussion
7. Adjournment

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Minutes
July 27, 2011
8:30 am

Members Present

Mr. Tim McNeill, TAC Chair, Commissioner, Harnett County
Ms. Valencia Applewhite, Council Member, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Richard Higgins, Alderman, Town of Spring Lake
Mr. Ted Mohn, Council Member, City of Fayetteville

Others Present

Mr. Rick Heicksen, FAMPO Executive Director
Mr. Andrew Barksdale, Fayetteville Observer
Mr. Randy Hume, Fayetteville Area System of Transit
Mr. Lee Jernigan, P.E., NCDOT, Division 6 Traffic Engineer
Mr. Will Linville, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Bobby McCormick, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Mark Nottingham, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Neil Perry, P.E., Fayetteville Traffic Services
Mr. Michael Rutan, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Darius Sturdivant, MPO Coordinator, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch
Ms. Brenda Cameron, Citizen
Mr. Allen Johnson, Citizen
Mr. Mike Mitchell, Citizen

1. Roll Call

TAC Chair McNeill called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. With there being no quorum, Chair McNeill informed those in attendance that only informational items would be heard until a quorum was met.

2. Approval of Agenda

Since quorum was not met, the agenda was not approved.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 20, 2011 regular meeting

Since quorum was not met, the minutes of the previous TAC meeting were not approved.

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

Since quorum was not met, the 2011 Vehicle Occupancy Rate Report was not addressed or approved.

5. Updates/Informational Items

a. Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Scope of Work: 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 for Fast Busses. 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 near 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.

b. Raeford Road/Bunce Road Projects: Mike Rutan

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

c. Cameron Road (U-4706): 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.

d. Southwestern FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Study: 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.

e. Census 2010 Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) Delineation: Mike Rutan

Mr. Rutan made the Committee aware that the TAZ delineation had been completed recently by him and Ms. Chapman and that they were submitted to the Census Bureau on June 14, 2011. He added that FAMPO is now waiting for acceptance by the Census Bureau.

f. Little Cross Creek Greenway: 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.

g. Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) 2.0 Schedule: Mike Rutan

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

h. Fayetteville Advisory Committee on Transit (FACT): Mike Rutan

Mr. Rutan outlined the meeting schedule for FACT and business items from their most recent meetings. He informed the Committee that FAST has extended the hours of service for 4 of its most heavily used routes and also extended the length for one route. This has increased the budget for FAST by 300,000 dollars.

i. 2040 Statewide Transportation Plan: 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 is scheduled for July of 2012. He deferred any questions or comments to Mr. Tyler Bray, P.E., NCDOT, and gave those in attendance Mr. Bray's contact information.

j. New Federal Requirements for Interchanges Improvements: Joe Geigle, FHWA

Due to a scheduling conflict, Mr. Geigle was unable to attend. Mr. Geigle's presentation was postponed until the next TAC Meeting in October.

12. Discussion

• Open Discussion

Mr. Heicksen briefly addressed the Committee on the Murchison Road project (U-4444) and informed them that the Army released 56 million dollars 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 leaders there were very happy with the plans, adding that the cost and construction of that overpass will be incorporated into TIP project U-4444A.

Ms. Applewhite expressed concern over the traffic conditions on Cliffdale Road, and asked if there has been any progress or studies underway to alleviate congestion. She stated that she is now hearing from business owners regularly about how congestion is hurting the accessibility to their business during peak hours, which in turn hurts them financially.

Mr. Heicksen assured Ms. Applewhite that the areas of concern will be looked at and addressed, and that she should have some news, whether good or bad, soon.

16. Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, Chairman McNeill adjourned the meeting at 9:29 am.