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Meeting Minutes November 18, 2008 Huntersville Town Hall

Attendees: Boyd Stanley (Concord), Jason Abernethy (Cornelius), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Zac Gordon (Huntersville), Jack Simoneau (Huntersville), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Andrew Bryant (Lincoln County), Scott Cole (NCDOT Div. 10), Ryan McDaniels (Cabarrus EDC), Jonathan Marshall (Cabarrus County), Hemal Shah (Cornelius), Bjorn Hansen (Centralina), Blair Israel (Centralina).

Welcome and Introductions: Jack Simoneau opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

The meeting agenda and minutes from the September 18, 2008 meeting were approved as presented.

OLD ISSUES

Corridor Access Tracking System Update: Centralina now has a complete and current inventory of all curb cuts along NC 73. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Bjorn Hansen explained how he used 2006 orthophotography to locate and classify all curb cuts along the corridor, and digitize those existing driveways into GIS format. Each driveway was classified by attributes including: surface, directional access, land use served, etc.

Discussion ensued of how this information could be kept current and how it might benefit the NC 73 COP in its management efforts. Bill Coxe surmised that this information could be used to correlate crash data and speed study data with curb cut density. Zac Gordon emphasized how this work is a central reason for the COP's existence. Mr. Hansen confirmed that this would be fairly straightforward to do.

Andrew Bryant recalled a similar exercise that Lincoln County performed in the development of their recent subdivision ordinance, comparing traffic count data and pavement width. This exercise was used to develop a new transportation policy to address decreasing mobility of roads from that intended in the CTP. However, the new policy was not included in the recent UDO.

Though DOT may issue the driveway permits, it is the local jurisdictions that approve the site plans. Bill Coxe noted that communities can invoke the authority to issue those permits. Andrew Bryant said Lincoln County is currently limiting driveways in an unofficial manner and is moving toward a formal procedure. Jack Simoneau added that Huntersville does not require a driveway permit for single family residences.

Jack Simoneau stated that, in order to make effective use of the information, the COP would need a commitment from the jurisdictions to notify the COP whenever a curb cut is installed or removed, or its land use is changed, and the information would have to be revised on the access map. This document could then be utilized as a starting point at the administrative level for:

1. Developing an access policy for the entire corridor
2. Diminishing the need for increased access to NC 73 by encouraging the development of more parallel roads and increasing connections to them.
3. Guiding the rezoning process, or to place special conditions on new or new-use driveways.

The COP agreed to the following actions:

1. Centralina will send out the access management standards summary to each contributing jurisdiction for updating.
2. Centralina will draft a letter to the NCDOT Division Engineers requesting that the COP receive a copy of each driveway permit as it is issued along the NC 73 corridor so that it can be tracked in the new database.
3. Each jurisdiction will review their portion of the “driveway map”, and provide Centralina additional updated driveway data where necessary.
4. Centralina will then send the revised map to NCDOT Divisions 10 & 12 for their information. The Divisions, in turn, would then be responsible for sharing a copy of each future driveway permit with the COP.

Annual Meeting: The meeting is scheduled for January 29th at the Joe Gibbs Racing facility in Huntersville, from 6 – 8 p.m. The meeting would include dinner, a welcome by Joe Gibbs, a brief “State of the Corridor” report by Jack Simoneau with summary handouts provided by each jurisdiction, followed by a presentation by a spokesperson of the 21st Century Committee focusing on their findings concerning new revenue streams for transportation projects. Zac Gordon is securing the speaker and will coordinate with Centralina. A sponsor will be required if alcohol is to be served at the event.



NEW ISSUES

Work Plan Development: the following summary of actions was agreed to for the FY 09-10 COP Work Plan:

- Add curb cut inventory data sharing
- Develop a scope of services for updating the NC 73 Corridor Plan
- Consider a connectivity analysis for the corridor using a similar methodology employed for the access analysis
- Present to Municipal Boards basic data and issues affecting the corridor and request the participation of elected officials in the NC 73 COP meetings, or joint meetings.

Small Area Plan Inputs to the Existing Corridor Plan: Jack Simoneau presented overlays of SAPs onto the Corridor Plan. He requested that all member jurisdictions with SAPs that overlap the NC 73 Corridor submit them to Centralina, in order that these plans may be displayed on the Corridor Plan visible on the website.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ALONG THE CORRIDOR:

- Andrew Bryant announced that Lincoln County has adopted its UDO. The Ordinance includes three overlay types ranging from urban to rural, each with buffer requirements, and increased development standards.
- In Huntersville, the Bradford Park intersection will require a temporary traffic signal, due primarily to short site lines and the new school. The signal would be located after the Ramah Church extension and serve the Prosperity Church extension.
- A new development near the intersection of NC 73 and NC 155 is up for peer review. The development is not directly on NC 73.
- Birkdale Inn is being rezoned due to a driveway issue.
- Various options are being considered for the Beatties Ford Road interchange. The staff prefers option 1.
- Zac Gordon spoke of a new TIA Ordinance that addresses problem in mitigation.
- The Davidson-Concord Plan is close to adoption in Cornelius. Hemal Shah is the new Transportation Planner there.
- Two minor rezonings are occurring in Davidson along NC 73.



- Cabarrus County is updating its area plan along NC 73; however, rezonings have been challenging.
- The NCDOT Division of Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation has contracted with Centralina Council of Governments to develop the Lake Norman Regional Bicycle Plan. The Plan is scheduled for completion and adoption by NCDOT by early 2010.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting was set for January 13 at 2 p.m. in Huntersville.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

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