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Meeting Minutes November 19, 2009 Town of Huntersville offices

Attendees: Kassie Watts (Cabarrus County), Hemal Shah (Cornelius), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Jack Simoneau (Huntersville), Sheena Danzer (Kannapolis), Dick Winters (Mecklenburg County), Kelly Atkins (Lincoln County), Randy Williams (Lincoln County), Bjorn Hansen (Centralina), Linda Dosse (NCDOT-TPB), Mike Reese (NCDOT- Congestion Management), Scott Cole (NCDOT- Division 10), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Boyd Stanley (City of Concord), Sarah McCauley (Town of Huntersville), Bruce Anderson (Town of Huntersville), Karen Floyd (Town of Cornelius), Zac Gordon (Town of Huntersville).

Welcome and Introductions: Jack Simoneau opened the meeting at 2:05 PM with a quorum present. Everyone present introduced themselves.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of the Agenda: Sarah McCauley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Dick Winters seconded and the agenda was approved.

Minutes: Bill Coxe noted that Charles Knox's name was incorrectly spelled. Mr. Winters made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2009 meeting with the change. Hemal Shah seconded and the minutes were approved.

Election of Officers for 2010: Mr. Simoneau stated that the current terms for Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the COP expire annually. He then opened the floor to nominations. Ms. McCauley made the motion to nominate Jack Simoneau as Chairman and Andrew Bryant as Vice-Chairman. There were no other motions. Mr. Williams made the motion to close the floor. Mr. Simoneau then called for a vote. The two were then voted as chairman and vice-chairman for 2010.

OLD ISSUES

Initial Scoping of Plan Update: Mr. Hansen presented a memorandum explaining the assumptions and expected outcomes of the scope of work included in the agenda packet. The scope of work was modeled after the one used for the US 17 corridor study near Wilmington. He said the expectation was that the product of the study would be state of the practice access management standards that would be jointly referenced by the COP communities, as well as the NCDOT, when reviewing requests

for access along the corridor. The second output of the study would be a series of small, site-specific capital projects that would address identified safety or capacity issues. Mr. Hansen said there was no preferred funding source for the study, but did mention several potential sources.

Bill Coxe mentioned that MUMPO will be updating its Long Range Transportation Plan with a significant focus on integration with land use considerations, and questioned whether access management is sufficient to address the corridor or if the entire corridor needs to be revisited with land uses included in plan recommendations.

The group then discussed the effectiveness of the “super-street” concept and its interface with the “complete-street” initiative. The determination was that they are separate issues, although complete streets considerations can be incorporated into a super street design.

The group was concerned that there is no available funds for the study, but that it is warranted. The COP members will each identify a couple areas along NC 73 within their boundaries. COP staff will develop a common analysis template to evaluate the areas according to a variety of issues. The end result will be a grouping of segments by similar issues, which will help focus the scope of work to specifically address these issues. COP staff will also review previous assessments of consistency between small area plans and the overall Corridor plan. These will be made available for the next COP meeting.

NEW ISSUES

Annual Meeting Development: Mr. Hansen asked for input on developing an annual meeting agenda. He suggested coordinating with the Centralina Economic Development Commission, similar to the one held in 2009. He also suggested holding the meeting in May, which is national transportation month and national bicycle month. The group agreed with the Joe Gibbs Racing location as preferable for the meeting, with the Catawba Nuclear Station as the backup.

COP Membership Update: Mr. Simoneau alerted the group that Davidson was unable to continue participating in the COP during the fiscal year, although membership in the COP is not tied to paying for the COP. He said that the actual cost per member is approximately \$1,500 per year over the past three years, and that this seems reasonable. The group then discussed the work plan. It would include the work indicated in the Scope of Work identified earlier. Mr. Hansen said he would develop a draft for COP membership in December to allow them to use it in budgeting purposes in early 2010.

ROUNDTABLE

Mr. Coxe announced that Huntersville will start constructing the section of NC 73 east of I-77 in early 2010, with completion expected at the end of 2011.



Mr. Hansen said that the Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) and Lake Norman Regional Bicycle Route efforts in Lincoln and Mecklenburg Counties looked to cross the Catawba River without using the NC 73 bridge. They were unable to do so due to Duke Energy property and the State Educational Forest in Lincoln County. The net result is that the CTT and Lake Norman projects both recommend crossing on NC 73, ideally as a part of a future bridge replacement, which they understand to be far in the future.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting was not set, but would be targeted for mid-January , 2010 in Cornelius.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:05 PM.

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