

NC 73 Council of Planning
Regular Meeting Notes
April 19, 2007
Rowan-Cabarrus Community College

COP Members Present: Andrew Bryant (Lincoln County), Stacy Yates (Lincoln County), Terry Derner (Concord), Lindsey Hobbs (Kannapolis), Jonathan Marshall (Cabarrus County), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Jack Simoneau (Huntersville), Zac Gordon (Huntersville), Jason Abernethy (Cornelius), Kris Krider (Davidson), Richard Smith, (Kannapolis).

Others Present: Charles Knox (Lake Norman Chamber), Linda Dosse (NCDOT-TPB), Ryan McDaniels (Cabarrus EDC), Bill Duston (Centralina), Blair Israel (Centralina), Bjorn Hansen (Centralina), Adam Fiegl (Davidson) Chris Patriarca (Davidson).

Welcome and Introductions: Mr. Hobbs, the vice-chairman, opened the meeting at 1:35 PM with a quorum present and welcomed everyone.

Administrative Items

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Coxe requested the addition of an item under New Business, for the presentation of a status update for the NC 73 widening in Huntersville. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Mr. Coxe. The amended agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2007 meeting: The minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Marshall, and seconded by Mr. Coxe. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Krider, Mr. Simoneau, and Mr. Gordon arrived at 1:40 PM. Mr. Krider then chaired the meeting.

Old Issues

Corridor Branding: Mr. Hansen presented an updated logo and letterhead for the COP. These documents reflected COP input at the January meeting. The members asked for a mockup of the logo at a scale similar to what may be placed along NC 73, as well as modifications to the letterhead. Mr. Israel collected comments and said modified documents would be available for the next COP meeting. No action was taken.

Small Area Plan and NC 73 Plan Alignment: Mr. Hansen reported he met with MUMPO staff regarding the need to update the MPO's LRTP to reflect the updated recommendations along the corridor due to small area plan recommendations. There is the opportunity to update the LRTP in early 2008, which is consistent with the COP update schedule.

Mr. Hansen also stated some of the COP members have not sent their GIS shape files of their current land use plans to Davidson staff to begin the mapping process of updating

the maps in the corridor plan. Mr. Krider asked for all information to be provided by April 27.

New Issues

I-85 and NC 73 project design: Ms. Dosse reported there has been no progress on design issues relating to the future widening of I-85, and an interchange with NC 73. DOT staff are working on design issues on I-85 itself, and not at the interchange, with the goal of determining if a Categorical Exclusion will be appropriate for environmental review process. No action was taken.

Davidson Small Area Plan: Mr. Krider announced Davidson will likely enact a moratorium on building permits for an area on the east side of the Town while it updates a previous plan for the same area. The town is concerned about the lack of non-residential development within its boundaries. No action was taken.

2007 Annual Meeting: Mr. Hansen solicited input on the development of the annual meeting. He stated other groups in the region are focusing on identifying alternative funding sources, and could be a focus for the annual meeting, especially considering the lack of progress in the TIP. Those present agreed to this concept, and several potential keynote speakers were identified for consideration. Updates along the corridor will be presented through stations set up throughout the room at the annual meeting, with two keynote speakers to provide information on how to generate additional revenues. Centralina staff confirmed they would begin planning for the event, scheduled for July 30 or 31.

COP Staffing Modifications: Mr. Hansen announced he has been activated for military service, and Mr. Israel and Mr. Duston would be performing his duties during the 12-month absence.

NC 73 widening in Huntersville: Mr. Coxe updated group on the progress made in the project, focusing on access management and bicycle facility design issues. There will be a public hearing May 8 where the design of the road will be presented. No action was taken on the issue.

Roundtable Discussion Along the Corridor: The members presented updates on plan updates and new projects in their jurisdictions. Davidson, Huntersville, and Cornelius are likely going to conduct a joint small area plan. Lincoln County is seeing a decrease in rezonings due to a new board, as well as a lack of sewer capacity. Mr. Hansen encouraged the members to ask for peer review of projects along the corridor. He also stated that there should be a NC 73 travel time report available for the upcoming meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for June 28 at 1:30 PM at Huntersville Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.