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## Meeting Minutes August 11, 2009 NCDOT Division 10 offices

**Attendees:** Jonathan Marshall (Cabarrus County), Hemal Shah (Cornelius), Kris Krider (Davidson), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Jack Simoneau (Huntersville), Erika Martin (Kannapolis), Dick Winters (Mecklenburg County), Andrew Bryant (Lincoln County), Bjorn Hansen (Centralina), Linda Dosse (NCDOT-TPB), Reuben Crummy (NCDOT-TPB), Mike Reese (NCDOT- Congestion Management), Scott Cole (NCDOT-Division 10), Charles Know (Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce), Barry Moose (NCDOT-Division 10), Louis Mitchell (NCDOT- Division 10, District 2), Pate Butler (NCDOT- Regional Traffic).

**Welcome and Introductions:** Jack Simoneau opened the meeting at 11:20 a.m. with a quorum present. Everyone present introduced themselves.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

**Approval of the Agenda:** Andrew Bryant made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kris Krider seconded and the agenda was approved.

**Minutes:** Kris Krider made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2009 meeting as presented. Andrew Bryant seconded and the minutes were approved.

### OLD ISSUES

**Corridor Access Tracking System:** Bjorn Hansen presented an updated accident history analysis for different sections of the corridor, based on NCDOT-provided accident data. He presented methodology on how the NCDOT accesses and analyzes crash history for segments of roads. He also showed trends along the corridor. The group then how to communicate land use decisions to the NCDOT, and how to best document any access limitations for the property. Putting curb cut access on the deed could be appropriate. The group also discussed the utility of a corridor-wide overlay with specific access requirements. There was no action taken.

**Corridor Development Regulations and Benchmarking:** Bjorn Hansen presented the updated results of a survey of all COP members regarding their development regulations along the corridor. Bill Coxe noted that Huntersville may only protect 50' from the center line on by-right development. There was no action taken.

## **NEW ISSUES**

**Strategic Highway Corridor Overview:** Mike Reese gave a presentation on the Strategic Highway Corridor program and the design impacts for boulevard corridors like NC 73. The current strategy is to use a variation of the “super-street” concept where left-hand turns are channeled through “Michigan-lefts” and directional crossovers at median breaks. The goal is to improve corridor mobility by reducing the number of phases for signals and need to create grade-separated interchanges or large traditional intersections. Those present discussed ROW needs, access to large commercial sites, and signal operations. There was no action taken.

**Initial Scoping of Plan Update:** Mr. Hansen discussed a memorandum explaining the observed strengths and weaknesses of the current plan, as well as recommended changes for any future update. Those present asked whether there are any grant opportunities to reexamine the plan. Mr. Coxe said he would do some research, but recommended that the two MPOs and the RPO include any plan update in their respective UPWPs. Mr. Hansen said he would speak with Mike Reese and Linda Dosse about any other similar projects and their respective scopes. He also said he would review the original scope for text. Barry Moose said the corridor plan and COP concepts are still valid and should be preserved. There was no action taken, but Bjorn Hansen said he would work on some language for the next COP meeting.

## **ROUNDTABLE**

Due to a lack of time there was no discussion.

## **Next Meeting:**

The next regular meeting was set as November 19, 2009 at 2 p.m. in Huntersville.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.

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