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Regular Meeting Notes

June 28, 2007

Huntersville Town Hall

COP Members Present: Marie Moore (Lincoln County), Stacy Yates (Lincoln County), Terry Derner (Concord), Lindsey Hobbs (Kannapolis), Chris Moore (Cabarrus County), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Jack Simoneau (Huntersville), Zac Gordon (Huntersville), Karen Floyd (Cornelius), Kris Krider (Davidson), Margaret Pearson (Concord), Charles Knox (Lake Norman Chamber), Linda Dosse (NCDOT-TPB), Bill Duston (Centralina).

Others Present: Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Crystal Gettys (Lincoln EDC), Barry Matherly (Lincoln EDC), Bo Moore (Lincoln Chamber), Chris Moore (Cabarrus), Karl Fritschen (Concord), Adam Fiegl (Davidson), Chris Patriarca (Davidson), John Kidda (Davidson), Blair Israel (Centralina).

Welcome and Introductions: Lindsey Hobbs opened the meeting at 1:35 PM with a quorum present and welcomed everyone.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Approval of Agenda: Mr. Duston requested the addition of an item under New Business, for an update on Bjorn Hansen serving in Iraq. A motion to approve the agenda as amended, and seconded. The amended agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes of April 19, 2007 meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were not sent out with this meeting's agenda and so were not reviewed by the members present. Mr. Duston apologized for the oversight during the administrative transition and said that in the future the minutes would be emailed to all members.

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

OLD ISSUES

Corridor Mapping Project Update: Mr. Patriarca presented a PowerPoint to explain the need and process of digitizing the NC 73 Transportation/Land Use Corridor Plan into a working GIS format from the non-interactive map produced by HTNB. Mr. Patriarca further explained the process of updating the map and keeping it current. Digitization by the Town of Davidson Planning office of the HNTB map is nearly complete. Lincoln County will need to provide a parcel file required for six of the sixteen map segments. Davidson will then send the new map segment images along with the new shapefiles to the corresponding jurisdiction for review, update, and comments about the legibility,

aesthetics and user-friendliness of the map. The files will then be returned to the Davidson office to be refined and compiled into a master set. That master set will then be housed and managed at Centralina. A quarterly reminder will be sent by Centralina to each jurisdiction to send updated shapefiles to Centralina to update the map. Mr. Patriarca is leaving his position with Davidson. His role will be assumed by Adam Fiegl.

Proposed Continuation of W. T. Harris: Mr. Gordon and Mr. Coxe presented the Beatties Ford Road Corridor Small Area Plan Study Area Map, and explained the strategy of continuing W. T. Harris Road to encourage the use of Vance Road so that Beatties Ford Road could maintain its historic character and not be widened. Proposed changes proposed include:

- 1). A movement of the Vance Road Extension alignment further west beginning around the BFR and Gilead Rd intersection to a new intersection with NC 73 west of existing BFR,
- 2). A new minor thoroughfare looping northeast off Gilead Rd to intersection NC 73 opposite Terry Lane.
- 3). New alignments for both Hugh Torance Parkway and Birkdale Commons Parkway to intersect the new thoroughfare referenced in #2.

Commercial nodes would be proposed at Hopewell High, Long Creek, and the area within the proposed loop.

Annual Meeting: Mr. Duston announced the three speakers for the meeting would include Jim Carpenter (Regional Roads Committee), Jerry Helms (South Carolina's "Pennies for Progress"), and Pat Mumford (Chairman of MUMPO's TAC). The following agenda for the meeting was decided:

- 1.) The three speakers shall present first, 20 minutes each, allowing for an additional 10 minutes for Q&A and transition time.
- 2.) Brief "teaser" presentations (five minutes at most) by each jurisdiction depicting a "snapshot" view of their local projects Individual booths will be set up for each jurisdiction where attendees can meet with local staff.
- 3.) A rolling slide show consisting of the same jurisdictional slides will be shown as people are entering before any presentations.

Each jurisdiction shall send their three slides to Centralina as soon as possible so that Centralina can compile them into a unified presentation with a consistent format. Hard copies of the PowerPoint presentation will be given to all attendees.

Corridor Branding: Mr. Israel presented an updated seal and letterhead for the COP. These documents reflected COP input at the April meeting. The members approved the seal contingent upon some slight alterations regarding letter size of the letterhead version of the seal, and clearing up the resolution of the blue and gold rings. They requested the approved seal be printed in poster size to be presented at the Annual Meeting in July.

NEW ISSUES

Davidson-Concord Road Small Area Plan (handout): Ms. Blackburn described the road project extending from NC 73/Samm Furr north to E. Rocky River Rd. A high school is proposed along Bailey Rd. Extension. The Davidson moratorium begins July 10, 2007. The road project is seen as a good opportunity for economic development. No action was taken on the issue.

Widening of NC 73 from I-77 to NC 115: Referring to the large mounted maps in the room, Mr. Coxe explained the project, emphasizing the gap between allocated funds and the total funds needed. They are currently revising the project cost estimate. NCDOT considers the route a strategic highway, while Huntersville considers it a local connector street, which poses the issue of access vs. efficient movement. Local traffic relievers are being considered as a solution. Proposed improvements do not actually extend to I-77 but only to Statesville Rd. at Northcross Shopping Center in order to avoid the environmental review requirement. No action was taken on the issue.

Minor Thoroughfare between Huntersville – Concord Rd. and NC 73 (handout): Mr. Coxe presented three alternate routes. The three potential alignments run roughly parallel to one another between Poplar Tent Church Road to the east and Bradford Park. The deciding factor between them will most likely be which has the highest economic development potential, as this will provide a significant portion of funding. No action was taken on the issue.

Modifications to the interchange of NC 73 and I-77: Mr. Coxe described the modifications as a lengthening of the onramps and adding connections to US 21. No action was taken on the issue.

Roundtable Discussion Along the Corridor:

- Cornelius reported that plans for new development at proposed exit 25 of I-77 keeps changing.
- CMS is performing traffic analysis for a high school slated for approval this August.
- Rumors continue of a Target retail store planned for Knob Hill in Lincoln County.
- Carolina Ridge (a development of 1571 homes) on NC 73 at Little Egypt Rd. is under review in Lincoln County.
- The opening date for New NC 16 is still unclear but may now be July 14th.

Next Meeting: In view of the upcoming Annual Meeting, the next regular meeting was set for September 20 at 1:30 PM at Davidson Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.