



## WILMINGTON URBAN AREA Metropolitan Planning Organization

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### Citizen Advisory Committee January 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes

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#### Members in attendance:

Howard Capps  
Scott Cromartie  
Al Freimark  
Howard Loving, Co-chair  
Paul Martinez  
John Melia  
Donald Sellers  
Steven Stanton

#### Others in attendance:

Mike Kozlosky, WMPO Executive Director  
Joshuah Mello, WMPO Associate Transportation Planner  
Bill McDow, WMPO Staff Engineer

#### Members not in attendance:

William Ballard  
Nancy Guyton  
Robin Hackney  
Ryan Rhodenhiser  
Mike Roberts, Co-chair

#### Introduction:

Howard Loving thanked all for attending and requested commitment from all as the committee continues preparation of the Wilmington Urban Area 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan and reminded all that the CAC has been tasked to review and discuss possible strategies for use in developing a set of objective regional ideals and goals that can be used to evaluate policy alternatives and recommended transportation projects.

#### I. Review and discuss 2030 Long Range Plan:

As background, Joshuah Mello provided a chapter review of the 2030 LRTP. Noted:

- The LRTP is a necessary local transportation planning document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- The CAC is required to establish goals, objectives and performance measures to develop the LRTP.
- It is our responsibility to develop a comprehensive LRTP which defines new transportation projects and related policy alternatives.
- Reviewed the linkage between the CAC, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), and various regional transportation-planning groups.
- Linkage to associated regional efforts is available via the WMPO's website: [www.wmpo.org/plans.html](http://www.wmpo.org/plans.html).
- Reminded us that the LRTP must be fiscally-constrained; there must be a likelihood that projects which we include in the LRTP will be funded, based on reasonable future-year funding expectations.
- Noted that latest U.S. Census data will not be available until 2012.
- We can be creative in recommending new sources of funding.
- It is not necessary for us to duplicate all material found in the nine-chapter 2030 LRTP. Required background material can be included in appendices.

- We should strive to be more inclusive and seek greater public involvement during the Survey/review process.
- Noted statement in Chapter 5: “We can no longer afford, either monetarily or environmentally, to continue our recent practice of building our way to mobility solely via highway construction” in the definition of these projects.
- The 2035 LRTP is not a substitute for the NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP).
- We will have the benefit of new modeling procedures, and assistance in interpretation, from NCDOT.
- There will not be a consultant to guide us as we prepare the Survey. That is our responsibility. *Note: Action Item.*
- The 2035 LRTP will be approved by the TAC.
- Future STIP projects will originate in the 2035 LRTP.

## **II. Reviewed the LRTP timeline from hereon.**

- Noted the flexible June-November period.
- Noted time designated to seek community input.

## **III. All discussed the importance of the survey:**

- Reviewed survey timeline.
- Discussed CAC and WMPO Staff responsibilities and relationships.
- Reviewed NCDOT participation and assistance provided through modeling.
- Noted again our responsibilities to ensure inclusive public participation.
- The February CAC meeting will be devoted to Survey construction. *Note: Action items.*

## **IV. Discussed CAC responsibilities:**

- Discussed individual responsibilities to seek honest involvement and feedback within our respective areas of responsibility.
- And, the necessity to be fully prepared when we are required to make prioritized choices for Plan inclusion.

## **V. Announcements:**

- Noted related transportation meeting schedule. Each of us should attend meetings which are appropriate to our areas of representation and to acquire general background on ongoing transportation planning.

## **VI. Action Items:**

- **Forward to Joshua Mello ten proposed questions to be included in the survey. Action. All CAC members by February 4. Joshua will collate and distribute to all prior to February 18 meeting.**
- **Distribute proposed Vision statement to CAC. Action. Joshua by February 4. If necessary, CAC members to provide comments to Joshua. Vision to be formally approved at February 18 meeting.**
- **Provide ideas concerning Survey distribution/education sessions/securing feedback. Action. All CAC members to Joshua by February 4.**