



Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization

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TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments
April 18, 2006
4:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Don Brookshire, Mount Airy
Ken Larking, Yadkinville
Mike Patton, NC DOT Division 9
Dean Burgess, Northwest Piedmont Area Agency on Aging
Lloyd Payne, Town of Elkin
Brain Thomas, NC DOT, Regional Traffic Safety
David Sudderth, Stokes County
Hemal Shah, Statewide Planning
Jack Loftis, Mount Airy
Chris Knopf, Surry County
Cecil Wood, Yadkin County
Joe Del Guerco, Danbury
Marc Allred, Northwest Piedmont RPO

- I. Introduction and Welcome**
 - Ken Larking, Chairman
- II. Approval of Minutes**
 - February, 21, 2006:
 - **Motion to approve minutes with the change, “Is all goes well, and the water doesn’t rise, the bridge should be reopened by the end of April.” To, “If all goes well, and the water doesn’t rise, the bridge should be reopened by the end of April.” Don Brookshire motions, and Mike Patton seconds. All in favor: unanimous. Opposed: None.**
- III. Presentation (TCC)**
 - Dean Burgess (Northwest Piedmont Area Agency on Aging) – Building Communities for a Lifetime – A Senior Perspective:
 - Dean Burgess introduced this concept of “Building Communities for a Lifetime.” It’s a takeoff from Smart Growth. Baby Boomers are growing older and will be enlarging our senior population very quickly. Northwest Piedmont RPO went to the Area Agency on Aging to see if there was an opportunity on partnering with a walkability study for two of our towns. Related how the walkability study works with Communities for a Lifetime. Livable communities are places where people of all ages can live comfortably. Measures



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improvement in six key areas. 1) Provide affordable, appropriate, accessible housing. 2) Adjust the physical environment for inclusiveness and accessibility. 3) Ensure access to key health and supportive services. 4) Ensure accessible, affordable, reliable, safe transportation. 5) Provide work, volunteer, and education opportunities. 6) Encourage participation in civic, cultural, social, and recreational activities. Gave a packet to explain AAA. And how they fit into the Northwest Piedmont COG. Gave Powerpoint presentation.

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IV. Information Items

- RPO – Marc Allred
 1. Mocksville & Walnut Cove Walkability Study: Went over how to read the study. Streets are alphabetized by name. Going left to right you can see the comments put into Identified Areas for Improvement and Senior Friendly Amenities/Observations. And then you can see the RPO recommendations for each town. This walkability study will be used by the RPO in its CAC process of identifying pedestrian projects. Town of Elkin, Yadkinville, and City of Mount Airy were interested in this project.
 2. Report on adding RPO dues to COG dues statement: The COG approved putting the RPO dues into the COG dues statement in its March meeting. There have been no negative comments.
 3. Update on Draft 2007-2013 TIP: This has been postponed until June/July.
 4. Review of Old TIP Projects (Cleanup): Would like for planners/town managers too look over TIP projects. And if there are projects on the TIP that are not feasible, we will look at taking the projects off the TIP in the June RPO TCC/TAC meeting.
- NCDOT
 1. Hemal Shah – Transportation Planning Branch: Stokes CTP process has begun. We are holding meetings for the purpose of understanding the CTP process better, voting on network roads, and voting on boundary of the Stokes CTP plan.
 2. Division Engineers:
 - a. Mike Patton Division 9: Shallowford Bridge could open by Mid-May. Eight tiles have to be put in and reinforced and it has to be cured before vehicles drive on it.
- Public Comment



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- No public comment.

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V. Action Items

- Traffic Counter Insurance Resolution: **Motioned by Lloyd Payne, seconded by Chris Knopf. All in favor: unanimous. Opposed: None.**

VI. Other Discussion Items

- The Bylaws will need to be changed to include roster membership and its alternates.
 - Lloyd Payne brought up that using names will mean you will have to change the bylaws almost every meeting. The TCC agreed and Marc Allred will look into using positions instead of actual names.

VII. Adjournment:

- Cecil Wood motion. Ken Larking seconded. All in favor: unanimous. Opposition: None**