

Rocky Mount MPO CTP Meeting

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Meeting Date: June 3, 2015

The meeting began at 2:05 PM in Conference Room One on the 2nd floor at Rocky Mount City Hall.

In attendance:

- Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4 Program and Schedule Support Manager
- Ken A. Graves, Planning & Community Development Director
- Brian Hassell, Town of Nashville Planning Director
- Cynthia Jenkins, Edgecombe County Planning Director
- Brad Kerr, Rocky Mount Director of Engineering
- Bob League, Rocky Mount Principal Transportation Planner
- Suzette Morales, NCDOT Transportation Project Engineer
- Nancy Nixon, Nash County Planning Director
- Travis Marshall, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Eastern Unit Head
- James Salmons, Upper Coastal Plain RPO Director
- Steve Yetman, Rocky Mount Assistant City Engineer

Updates to Highway Map

Suzette provided an updated version of the draft highway map, with changes suggested by the Steering Committee at the April 22, 2015 meeting. She also provided a highway map which joined the Edgecombe County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and the Nash County CTP for the committee to review to projects. It was suggested that Halifax Road (SR 1554) needs improvement. Representatives from Nash County informed the group that their County CTP is being updated to improve/widen NC 43 from the Rocky Mount MPO Boundary to Red Oak Road (SR 1003). They are also planning to show US 64 as a needs improvement to upgrade it to interstate standard as is done for the Rocky Mount MPO. Suzette informed the committee that she would make the Rocky MPO Draft Highway Map available online.

Eastern Avenue (SR 1770) Cross-Section

The Steering Committee had requested in the previous meeting that Suzette provide cross section information for Eastern Avenue (SR 1770) as they would like to upgrade the facility to a four lane boulevard. Suzette briefly summarized her findings for Eastern Avenue (SR 1770). The committee then asked that the results be written in a formal report to be presented to the TCC and TAC.

Sutton/Kingston Bridge

Suzette provided present (2013) and future (2040) volumes for Sutton Road for different scenarios. The 2013 AADT (Average Annual Daily Traffic) is 2900 vehicles per day (vpd). With only existing plus committed projects, the 2040 AADT is estimated to be 3600 vpd. With projects from the MTP included, including the southern connector and the bridge, the AADT is estimated to be 5600 vpd. If the bridge project was not to be built but the southern connector and all other projects built, then the AADT is projected to be 5400 vpd.

Title VI

Suzette showed the committee Title VI Maps for the Rocky Mount MPO area which contained data, in block groups, from the 2007-2011 US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. The maps provided located areas with Limited English Proficiency, Poverty Status, and Minority populations. There was also a map which showed the Median Household Income. The maps and the knowledge of the committee of the MPO would aid in public outreach. The committee was informed about and noticed that there were some discrepancies with the data such as areas near or below poverty



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having high median household incomes. The committee suggested that population densities could skew the numbers and how the block groups are shaped could also affect the numbers. In addition, the MPO boundary and the census block groups near the boundary do not match. The block groups, in some areas extend past the MPO boundary. The committee requested that Suzette provide a map with the block group boundaries completely shown and the MPO boundary. The committee also requested census definitions for poverty and median household income. Suzette said that she would make the block group map available online.

CTP Schedule Review

Suzette gave the committee a general idea of the CTP Schedule and informed the group that she would have a better idea of her scheduled deadlines for the Rocky Mount MPO CTP in the next couple of months.

Next Meeting and Potential Topics

The Steering Committee agreed to set the next CTP meeting to Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 2:00 pm. Suzette informed the committee that the potential topics for the next meeting would be finalizing the highway map, reviewing environmental maps, begin looking at bike/pedestrian recommendations, and discuss public outreach.

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The next meeting will be at 2:00pm on **Wednesday, July 22, 2015.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

