



**U.S. 1 COUNCIL OF PLANNING MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 10, 2022**  
**Webex Virtual Meeting**

<b>Attendees</b>		
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**Meeting Minutes**

**Welcome/Introductions**

Scott Hammerbacher, Vice Chair, gave the introductions and welcomed all to the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes – Jan. 18, 2022, Attachment 1

**Action: Motion made by Jason Myers, Second by Jennifer Currin, to approve the meeting minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **Old Business**

- Wrenn Site Plans in Youngsville, Attachments 2 and 3

Shelby Powell reviewed the issues discussed at the last meeting that the Council had questions on. Those issues were

- The curvature of the proposed access road on the west side of the Wrenn Property could be problematic with the anticipated curvature needed on the south end of that road near Atlantic Packaging;
- The location of the proposed access road on the west side of the Wrenn Property could interfere with future interchange plans at NC 96 and US 1; and
- To carry the proposed access road across NC 96 to the north could be problematic given the two existing businesses at that location.

Scott Wheeler noted that the TIA from the developer was received by NCDOT and shared with the Town. All comments had been addressed. For the curvature issue, both the corridor study plan and the recommended site plan alignments were problematic from a curvature perspective, and the road will need to be designed at a 30-mph speed rather than a 40-mph speed. This was acceptable to the group.

Mr. Wheeler reported on his conversation with NCDOT Congestion Management Unit on the potential interchange issue, and noted that since this is not a funded project, it is too early to tell whether conflicts will exist. However, it does not appear that the placement of the access road as proposed on the Wrenn site plan will preclude the development of an interchange in the future.

Regarding the affect of the proposed road alignment with the continuity of an access road across NC 96 in the future, Erin Klinger noted that the town did not have specific transportation recommendations in that area. Brian OKane, the engineer for the Wrenn site development, noted that the alignment was drawn such that the road could be carried across NC 96 in between the two existing businesses. It was noted that these businesses could redevelop and that would provide an opportunity for the completion of the road on the north side of NC 96.

Ms. Powell asked Ms. Klinger if there were other issues the Town would like for the Council of Planning to discuss with regards to this project. Ms. Klinger responded there were not.

- **Action: Motion made by Scott Wheeler to forward a statement to Town of Youngsville that the review of the Council of Planning produced no issues of concern regarding consistency with the US 1 Corridor Study; Second made by Shelby Powell. The motion carried unanimously.**

- U-5307 – US 1 Capital Blvd North – City of Raleigh Comments, Attachment 4; GoTriangle Comments, Attachment 5

Shelby Powell noted that she had communicated with Terry Farr, NCDOT project manager for U-5307, and there were no real project updates at this time. NCDOT is in receipt of the comments provided by CAMPO, GoTriangle, Wake Forest and City of Raleigh, and are reviewing those along with the comments received from the public. There are many comments to respond to and figure out how to react to or incorporate into the project. Mr. Farr also noted that, due to the nature of some of the comments received, FHWA may require NCDOT to revisit the environmental document type. Currently the project is under a Categorical Exclusion, but due to some of the impacts outlined in the comments, FHWA may request it be elevated to an Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment. These unknowns are being worked out by the Department now.

Jason Myers asked how the US 1 Council of Planning should be engaged with the project moving forward, or whether it was in the purview of the group to be involved at that level. He also asked about the Department's ability to fund the project as it currently stands, let alone with the changes requested through the comments submitted.

Ms. Powell noted that the Council of Planning was created to review developments along the corridor to maintain the integrity of the US 1 project as envisioned in the US 1 Corridor Study. However, she noted that this Council has also served as a technical steering committee for other plans and studies along the corridor and has acted as a technical resource throughout the development of U-5307. As such, having these discussions among this group would be advantageous given the group's familiarity with the project area. Scott Hammerbacher stated that he feels the US 1

Council of Planning definitely has an advocacy role for the corridor since they have been instrumental in maintaining the viability of the project.

As to Mr. Myers's question about how the Council of Planning or the MPO could be involved with the project design moving forward, Alex Rickard noted there are multiple avenues the MPO has to stop or delay the project, including removal from the MTP or the TIP. However, the goal is to have the MPO and NCDOT work together to come to a conclusion that is acceptable to the Department and the municipalities. Having an understanding of the local priorities for this is integral to those discussions. Ms. Powell noted that CAMPO staff has met with the Mayors of Wake Forest and Raleigh to discuss this project, and that, while neither of them were fully pleased with the current designs, neither wanted to cause further delays to the project. The MPO is trying to negotiate the balance between further project delays and being able to deliver a project that is necessary and acceptable to the jurisdictions. There were several comments submitted about only proceeding with the interchange elements of the project; the MPO has discussed this with NCDOT and they are trying to figure out if or how that could work from a construction, funding and environmental document standpoint. The MPO intends to continue utilizing the Council of Planning to work through these issues at a staff level, and will continue to share information and convene meetings of the group at integral points.

Mr. Wheeler reiterated that NCDOT had received a large number of comments on the project and it was taking some time to go through them all. He noted that Division 5 has requested that the comments be tagged to a map so it would be easier to evaluate locations of changes requested. He also noted that it was his understanding that there would likely not be a final design for the corridor before the end of the year, given the number and content of the comments received. He was also unsure of where the funding for the project will fall in the new draft STIP that should be coming out soon.

Mr. Hammerbacher reiterated the importance of the Council of Planning to continue discussing this project as it moves forward.

- **Action: None.**

## **New Business**

- None

## **Other Business**

- Round Robin – Brief Updates from Council Members
  - Scott Hammerbacher, Franklin County – there is a development being discussed at the northwest corner of NC 96 and US 1 that could have impacts to a future interchange there. It may be hard to maintain the adequate land for an interchange given that it's not a funded project. Ms. Powell noted that the future interchange is on the MTP and the County CTP and could hopefully remain viable through development. Mr. Rickard noted that it is a second decade MTP project (meaning it is anticipated to be implemented by 2040). Mr. Hammerbacher also reported that there is a forthcoming development along Long Mill Road near Chris Leith auto, but no site plan has been submitted yet.
  - Shelby Powell, CAMPO – the MPO is contracting with STV to conduct a bicycle connections study on the west side of US 1 near the Raleigh/Wake Forest border. That study will begin in the next couple of weeks.
  - No other members had updates to share.

## **Adjourn**