



U.S. 1 COUNCIL OF PLANNING MEETING

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MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees		
MEMBERS	AGENCY	E-MAIL ADDRESS
Tim Gardiner – Chair	Wake County	Tim.Gardiner@wakegov.com
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Welcome/Introductions

Tim Gardiner, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Election of Officers 2023

According to the US 1 Council of Planning Bylaws, the Council will elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the upcoming year at the first meeting of each calendar year. The Chair and Vice Chair must be representatives from one of the Regular Member agencies. Officers are eligible for consecutive terms,

and no term limit shall be applied. Tim Gardiner turned the meeting over to Shelby Powell, who explained the election procedures and bylaws.

Action: Jennifer Currin made a motion for the nomination of Tim Gardiner for Chair, Jason M. seconded. Scott Wheeler made a motion for the nomination of Scott Hammerbacher for Vice Chair, Paul Black seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjustments to the Agenda

- There was a request by Jason Myers to include additional materials for the City of Raleigh, but too many members had a hard stop at 3pm. The Council agreed to table the City of Raleigh items until a subsequent meeting in February.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes – October 3, 2022, Attachment 1

Action: A motion was made by Jason M., second by Paul Black, to approve the meeting minutes from the October 3, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Amavi Development in Wake Forest
 - Jennifer Currin, Wake Forest, introduced this item and handed over to Patrick Reidy to review the item as he was more familiar with the details.
 - Jennifer Currin mentioned that the developer has worked with DOT to make sure the service road location works with U-5307. Patrick R. explained that the idea was to push the service road far enough west so that if the recommendations from the hot spot ever come to fruition, there are no conflicts. Jason M. asked if the developer is proposing a frontage and backage road. Jennifer C. then explained that it has always been the plan to only provide a frontage road at this location. Tim G. suggested that if the backage road is not being included as part of this site plan, we may need to consider including it in the design elsewhere (i.e. just to the west of this site). Terry Farr reiterated that the design currently being advanced by NCDOT does not include a frontage road. Scott W. asked Jennifer C. to confirm that the proposed configuration would not interfere with the potential overpass/grade separation. Jennifer C. deferred to Patrick R., who confirmed that it would not interfere. Terry F. stated that there are no issues with the site plan from NCDOT's point of view.
 - Tim G. checked with the group to make sure all agreed that there are no issues with shifting the frontage road further west and that this design, as proposed, can be endorsed by the Council of Planning. Tim G. also asked whether NCDOT plans to update its current design for US 1, based on this development to reflect the discussed changes. Terry F. explained that, on NCDOT's end, the design will not be adjusted to reflect what the site plan is showing; those changes will not be made until the U-5307 project design phase advances, at which point they adjust to reflect whatever existing development is showing, at that time.
 - Tim G. asked for clarification regarding what will be done with Stadium Drive and calling for a frontage road to connect all the way to Stadium Drive. Shelby Powell explained that CAMPOs understanding is that once the design is updated on NCDOT's end, we will true that up with the MTP. Section D of the U-5307 project will go in for reprioritization and we'll see what that does to the scoring.
 - Jason M. added a friendly suggestion/recommendation that a roundabout be considered at the intersection there to accommodate future volumes and growth in the area. Jason M. asked whether the

- Stadium Drive at US 1 Hot Spot was complete at this point? Shelby P. answered that it is complete but that the purpose of the hot spot was just to determine whether an overpass at that location was possible – the finding was that it is possible. However, a design was not completed as part of that hot spot work. Jason M. asked whether the work completed for the hot spot is accessible via CAMPOs website, for reference purposes, and what Fiscal Year was that completed. Shelby P. explained that the hot spot was completed as part of the Northeastern Area Study (NEAS), which is available on CAMPOs website, along with the hot spot documentation.
- Patrick R. explained that the Town is just asking whether everyone is in agreement that the developers proposal is not in conflict with U-5307. Patrick R. also explained that the development group is coordinating with the neighbor to the south to ensure that there is no issue with that property owner regarding the deviation from most recent public U-5307 plans and the roadway configuration near the property. Wake Forest staff are working to finalize those details prior to rezoning.

Action: A motion was made by Shelby P., seconded by Jason M., for a finding of general consistency with the understanding that future coordination is needed to hammer out specifics regarding the frontage road alignment. The motion carried unanimously.

- Burlington Mills Road Development in Wake Forest
 - Jennifer C. introduced this item and handed over to Tim Richards to present on the proposed conditional zoning. Tim R. gave an overview of this project located along Burlington Mills Road, in the southeastern corner of its intersection with Capital Blvd. This plan proposes a mix of multi-family and commercial/retail. A master plan would be required due to meet conditional use zoning procedures. The developer designed the site to conform to a skewed partial cloverleaf interchange configuration (Option B – the 2nd alternative being considered at this location) for the Capital Blvd/Burlington Mills Rd intersection. The site plan includes the service road that Option B design calls for.
 - Terry Farr pointed out that this site plan would be in conflict with the diamond interchange alternative (Option A), and Option A was developed to accommodate signalization at Urial Drive. Otherwise, there could only be a right-in/right-out movement at that intersection. A preferred alternative for this location has not been selected yet but this should be discussed.
 - Jason M. asked whether the Town prefers either option. Jennifer C. responded that the Town does not currently have a preference either way. Both options have advantages and disadvantages – option B would have less of an impact on this quadrant and allow for large development; option A would allow the signalization at Urial Drive but would impact this parcel more substantially. Terry F. explained that option B would have greater residential impacts, and option A was preferred because it would accommodate better traffic operation. NCDOT could look at a more compressed diamond design to reduce the footprint and minimize impacts. Jennifer C. asked what the timeline was for selecting an alternative. Terry F. responded that it was anticipated that a preferred alternative would be selected by the end of 2023. Tim Richards asked how much the diamond design (Option A) could be tightened. Terry explained that that is unknown, that option would need to be explored further.
 - Bradley Kimbrell asked whether the developer explored the possibility of designing the site to accommodate the diamond alternative. Scott Wheeler and Terry Farr coordinated with the developer and provided the design files for both alternatives. The understanding was that the developer would configure the site to minimize the potential for future impacts for either alternative. Scott W. had not seen this site design previously. Jason M. suggested that perhaps the developer did not intentionally configure the site in a problematic way, and asked whether the traffic signal is absolutely necessary at Urial Drive. Terry Farr explained that without a traffic signal, allowing for full movement at that intersection, trucks traveling

northbound on Urial Drive, going towards Capital Boulevard, would face a complicated maneuver; and there is considerable truck traffic making that movement. Jason M. suggested that the developer should modify the site design to reduce potential conflict with the diamond interchange alternative.

Action: A motion was made by Tim G., seconded by Scott W., for a finding of general inconsistency with the US 1 corridor plan and the U-5307 design alternatives, and that the Town of Wake Forest should request that the developer revise the site plan configuration to minimize potential impacts. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

- Presentation: U-5307 US 1 Freeway Project Update – Terry Farr, NCDOT Div 5
 - Terry Farr, the project manager for the NCDOT U-5307 project, provided an update on the project schedule and progress on environmental documentation for the project. The second public meeting was held on December 21, 2022.
 - Initially, the expectation was that the preferred alternative for U-5307A would be complete by the end of 2022, but the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) requested a merger meeting and determined that the NEPA classification would be an Environmental Assessment, not a Categorical Exclusion, which has prolonged the process and delayed the schedule by roughly a year. There will be another public meeting and eventually NCDOT will need to obtain a Finding of No Significant Environmental Impact (FONSI). The project team is still in the process of determining whether a FONSI will be obtainable.
 - Current assumed preliminary schedule has preliminary design completion by the end of 2023, and Least Damaging Practical Alternative (LDPA) around January 2024. It is not guaranteed that the project will obtain a FONSI but it is not anticipated that there will be an issue.
 - After another public hearing and public comment period there will be another merger meeting; once that is complete, preferred alternatives will be selected (targeted for early 2024).
- Presentation: S-Line Corridor Update, NCDOT Rail Division –Jason Orthner, NCDOT Rail Division
 - Jason O. presented on coordinated efforts between NCDOT and Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) for the S-line segment between Richmond and Raleigh. Efforts have included securing grant funds towards rail corridor purchase, TOD planning, for survey and PE, and most recently, funding towards design for mobility hubs.
 - In order to capitalize on funding opportunities, STIP projects along the S-line are being used as match funding towards other federal funding through the FTA and FRA. Upcoming activity includes S-Line grade separation construction projects between Wake Forest and Raleigh.
 - Jason M. asked about the connection between Raleigh and Charlotte and whether passenger service will be expanded. Jason O. answered that that will be a crucial component of this effort.
 - Tim G. proposed that NCDOT Rail and the Council pursue joint effort to coordinate grade separation planning and ensure that these projects are coordinated, where appropriate. Jason O. replied that that would be a great idea, and NCDOT Rail has been working closely with the City of Raleigh and the Town of Wake Forest, as well as with the community and developers.

- Shelby P. asked that Gaby Lawlor (US 1 COP Secretary) coordinate scheduling of the next Council meeting to review the City of Raleigh developments that Jason M. mentioned at start of the meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Gardiner adjourned the meeting.