



**U.S. 1 COUNCIL OF PLANNING
MEETING**
Tuesday, October 31, 2023
11:00 AM
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Agenda

Welcome/Introductions

Tim Gardiner, Chair, will give the welcome and introductions.

Attendees		
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Chair Tim Gardiner of Wake County opens the meeting and asks if there are any introductions that need to be made to the group, no introductions were made. Tim asked for the Council to consider switching the “New Business” and “Old Business” agenda items to give more time for potential discussion around the U-5307A update. No comments were made from the group, agenda order was left unchanged.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes –March 30, 2023, May 1, 2023, and August 17, 2023 Attachments 1, 2, and 3

Action: The Council will consider approving meeting minutes from the March 30th, May 1st, and August 17th, 2023 meetings.

Tim Gardiner asked if any Council members had questions or comments for the Meeting Minutes for this action. With no comments put forward, Scott Hammerbacher of Franklin County motions for the Council to approve the Meeting Minutes, Shelby Power of CAMPO seconds this motion. No opposition from members.

Action Taken: *The Council approved the meeting minutes from the March 20th, May 1st, and August 17th 2023 meetings.*

Old Business

- U-5307 Project Updates
 - Attachment 4 – Project Schedule

Tim introduces this item and asks for information regarding project schedule and any movement for the projects at this time. Gaby Lawlor of CAMPO presents this item showing the current project schedule for U-5307A (Raleigh to Wake Forest). She states the most recent concurrence meeting held for the project was on September 13th and at this point all parties have signed off on that. Tim asks if NCDOT has any updates on this project to add. Shelby mentions that the Council was not expecting any updates from NCDOT on this project at this time.

Tim asks if the discussions on U-5307 B,C, and D will be brought forward at a different time or if that is a discussion to be held today. Shelby mentions there is a meeting scheduled for November 18th to discuss that project at a more macro level before anything needs to come before the Council. Tim mentions that no official pathway has been developed at this point but this group will need to know what is going on for this group to continue its work in corridor preservation and the steps after a project moves forward and preservation is no longer needed.

New Business

- Star Road | Tech Center (Jennifer Currin, Town of Wake Forest)
 - Attachment 5 – Aerial
 - Attachment 6 – Site Plan
 - Attachment 7 - Traffic Impact Analysis
 - **Action:** The Council will consider endorsement or recommendations as applicable

Tim introduces this item and turns the floor to Jennifer Currin of the Town of Wake Forest to present. Jennifer turns the floor to Patrick Reidy a Senior Planner for the Town of Wake Forest to review the project specifics. Patrick introduces the project as a rezoning petition that is bound on the west side by Star Road (a service road along US 1) and on the east side by the railroad tracks, just north of Burlington Mills Rd and South of Main Street. The development is a mix of uses with two retail buildings in the front by Star Rd, an office building in the bottom middle of the site plan, and three flex buildings for light industrial uses.

Patrick notes NCDOT has approved their Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) requiring a two-way left turn lane up to the Star Rd entrance to US 1. The developer has asked for feedback regarding interim stripping until the full cross section of the project has been completed as part of the U-5307 project. Jennifer mentions that the Town of Wake Forest has passed comments onto the developer about the roadway connections that they are not showing on the site plan that the Town is recommending. Tim asks if the Town will be looking for cross connections in the site plan from North to South. Patrick confirms that on the south end of the site where the Via Fortunata Plaza stubs into the site and the Town's CTP includes the backage road along the railroad. Tim asks for clarification if this is part of the U-5304B project, Jennifer confirms that the project is part of U-5307C project. Daniel Spruill from CAMPO shows a map showing an overlay of the site plan and the US 1 Corridor plan. Patrick mentions

that the site has some wetlands in the bottom right corner which is why the road design varies from the alignment in the Corridor Plan but the Town has asked for a larger exhibit to show how they will avoid the wetland and still make the alignment.

Tim clarifies that the Council's goal for Star Rd is to maintain and support its connectivity in relation to this project. He mentions that the Council is largely concerned about maintaining the connectivity in the backage road but are amenable to changes to the exact alignment that are needed to be constructed. Patrick comments that the site plan only shows partial amount of the backage road constructed but the Town wants to encourage them to build out as much as possible and avoid utilizing fees-in-lieu (FIL) for the project. Tim asks if members of the Council have any additional thoughts on this project. Shelby states that Wake Forest seems to already be making the developer take a look at the issues the Council find important and seems consistent with what the Council is attempting to address. Tim mentions that this project backs up to the railroad and asks if there has been any discussion with NCDOT Rail Division related to this project. Meredith Van Duyn speaking on behalf of the Rail Division mentions she is not aware of any discussions the Division has had with the developers of this project but notes that the proposed S-Line would actually flatten the curve, pulling the railroad away from the site plan.

Shelby motions that this site plan is consistent with the corridor plans. Scott Hammerbacher seconds the motion.

Action Taken: *The Council agrees this site plan is consistent with the intent of the US 1 Corridor Plan and recommend the down continue dialogue with the developer to ensure the inclusion of the North-to-South connector backage road acknowledging design may differ slightly to ensure constructability.*

Other Business

- Expand US Council of Planning Scope to include S-Line coordination
 - Attachment 8 - S-line Corridor
 - **Action:** Discuss US Council of Planning Scope potential changes for incorporation of the S-Line

Tim introduces this item. Daniel Spruill presents this item and indicates that CAMPO is asking for direction on whether the Council of Planning wants to incorporate the S-Line and the Rail Division into the Council of Planning. Daniel shows an overlay of the US 1 Corridor and the S-Line corridor to show that these projects are close together though they are separated by nearly a mile at the widest point around Youngsville and Wake Forest. Daniel points out that today's presentation from the Town of Wake Forest is an excellent example of how this incorporation could be used, showing a site plan overlay with the site plan, US 1 Corridor Plan, and the S-Line Corridor Plan to show the impact of all on the site plan. If the direction of the Council was to move forward with this plan the CAMPO would draft changes to the MOU and Bylaws to present at the next meeting of the US 1 Council of Planning. Shelby summarizes that CAMPO believes that there is a lot of value in this endeavor but that would require of the jurisdictions and NCDOT Rail Division additional tasks. The jurisdiction would have an expanded area that they would need to bring projects to the Council and the Rail Division would need to bring project information to the Council and inform them if changes/updates are made.

Jennifer states that Wake Forest is open to the concept, but they would need participation and commitment from NCDOT and the rest of the members to get feedback on the proposals they bring forward. There is concerns that lack of definition in what is needed could negatively impact the area, the town's need commitment from NCDOT to bring information forward on the rail project. Shelby

mentions that there have been conversations with NCDOT and that this would definitely need to be a two-way street with the Town's and NCDOT working together which would need to be outlined explicitly in the MOU update. Meredith states that NCDOT Rail Division is committed to providing whatever resources the Council needs to make it's decisions. She states that the map a shown is the corridor and not just a line on a map but a signed Federal EIS (environmental impact statement) and ROD (record of decision). Short of anything that would create unforeseen and unscalable obstacles this line work is the final linework for the project. Meredith states that currently the project is funded through 30% design and is hoping to hear next month about a \$1 billion federal grant to complete the project.

Jennifer asks if there are more detailed plans for bridge designs yet, Meredith responds they don't have profile sheets of those yet but more defined information will be coming as the 30% design work starts in the early Spring of 2024. Tim states that this work may be similar to the work the Council did in it's early years where they looked at the more granular level with grading lines to determine if something was physically possible to give more implementable recommendations to developers. Shelby has an idea that it might be worth having a workshop to deep dive into this corridor with the Rail Division to look at the corridor with the Town's and their plans so everyone can better understand the position of everyone else. Scott Hammerbacher of Franklin County agrees with the idea of an in-person workshop to go over these plans. Tim puts forward January as a potential time to look for a time, CAMPO will follow up with a doodle poll to determine actual time. Shelby states that an update to the MOU and Bylaws would require both individual town action to approve and CAMPO Executive Board approval, the order of which will need to be worked out. Wake Forest offers to host the workshop in January.

No action is taken at this meeting, CAMPO has been directed to organize a workshop to review S-Line and US 1 Corridor plans with local municipalities and draft revisions to the MOU and Bylaws for the next meeting.

Adjourn

With no other items before the group, Chair Tim Gardiner Adjourns the meeting.