



U.S. 1 COUNCIL OF PLANNING MEETING
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587
Conference Room 303 – 1:30 PM

Attendees		
MEMBERS	AGENCY	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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Welcome/Introductions

Tim Gardiner, Chair, opened the meeting and asked attendees to introduce themselves.

Election of Officers 2020

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.

Tim Gardiner turned the meeting over to Brandon Watson, who explained the election procedures and bylaws.

Action: Scott Wheeler made a motion for the nominations of Tim Gardiner for Chair and Scott Hammerbacher for Vice Chair. Shelby Powell seconded and the motion passed unanimously for both.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2019

Action: A motion was made by Scott Hammerbacher, seconded by Scott Wheeler, to approve the meeting minutes from the June 11, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

1. Project Update – U-5307 – US 1 Freeway Project

- Brandon Watson gave a quick update on the U-5307 project. CAMPO met with NCDOT to look at the latest design plans that NCDOT has from RS&H. They are not at a place to be released for comments yet as they are partially done and require further vetting through NCDOT due to the project holds. However, U-5307 Preliminary Engineering is scheduled to resume in January with a public meeting anticipated mid-2020. They are also looking at certain locations in a service road study to see which service roads would be required, as some of them are currently deemed optional as long as access is granted. ROW and utility costs for frontage and backage roads will not be received until July. There was discussion about options they are considering regarding connections across the Neuse River and the group stressed the importance of that connection. Tim Gardiner recommended that as soon as plans are ready to go to a public meeting they should be brought to the US 1 Council of Planning first. A separate meeting/workshop for members to see the plans and provide comments may be appropriate.

Action: No action. It is requested that the designs be brought back to the US 1 Council of Planning before the public meeting. Brandon Watson will check back with NCDOT regarding the schedule once the project work resumes.

New Business

1. Janko Building 2 Site Plan in Wake Forest

- Patrick Reidy introduced this development and described the location of the site plan. The site plan is located east of US 1 just south of Burlington Mills Road. The site plan is showing an expansion

for the business including repair bay and office. Patrick Reidy pointed out that Meadstone Way has not been extended further than what is shown on the aerial. The developer will be bringing the plans back showing the alignment shift with Meadstone Way. Jennifer Currin brought up that there are concerns that the new building would be located on one of the frontage roads shown in the US 1 Study. Shelby Powell expressed concern that new concepts being proposed in this area on proposed plans for U-5307 may have more significant impact than what was shown on the public meeting maps back in October 2018. She also added that the public meeting maps are what we have to go on right now until designs are released. However, the plans will affect the access road shown on the site plan. Tim Gardiner suggested to let the property owner know the timeline on when we will know. Jennifer Currin stated that the Town of Wake Forest has asked the developer to look at changing the alignment to see what that looks like. Shelby Powell clarified that NCDOT will not make a decision about the interchange and service road until after the public meeting for U-5307, most likely after the summer of 2020. There was discussion that led to the conclusion that at this point we only have the public meeting map and US 1 Study to go on as planning documents, but that there should be further discussions with NCDOT as the project and design plans for U-5307 moves forward. Tim Gardiner asked about parking impacts. Jennifer Currin stated that there is currently parking in the right of way, but that Wake Forest can only enforce minimum parking requirements. Tim Gardiner stated that due to the lack of information currently available, the recommendation would be to still make the frontage road connection unless there is other guidance from NCDOT.

Action: A motion was made by Shelby Powell, seconded by Bob Clark, to recommend to the Town of Wake Forest to take into consideration the US 1 Study as currently adopted. An additional recommendation is to be mindful of additional adjustments as U-5307 moves forward and service roads are finalized on the plans. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Essex Village Phase II Development in Franklinton

- Scott Hammerbacher introduced this development and described the location of the site plan. The proposed development is between US 1 and S. Main Street in Franklinton. The development is asking for right in right out south of Budget Inn where the commercial property is proposed, as well as asking for a connection through to the spine road from US 1. The engineer is currently working on a revised plan showing it connect with the right in right out. Scott Walston added that a connection on the opposite side where the frontage road will be will serve the two parcels and be cut off when US 1 is converted to a freeway. Tim Gardiner expressed concern where the road and interchange will go in the future if this development is built as shown. Shelby Powell reiterated that the concern is the functionality of the road in regards to the region. Scott Hammerbacher added that a portion of the development is already developed. There was discussion of using the road in the site plan as the frontage road, but concern was raised as to maintaining a large right of way through a subdivision. Shelby Powell added that this part of the US 1 Study is in the CAMPO 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) at the unfunded Comprehensive Transportation Plan level. Tim Gardiner suggested that 2 lanes could be appropriate for the area now with 4 lanes dedicated. There was discussion as to whether any of this development came through the US 1 Council of Planning previously and it did not. Tim stated that if this area is envisioned to have NC 56 come through plus an interchange that it would not be an at grade crossing and developments should keep that in mind. Shelby Powell raised concern that this development could be limiting the ability for NC 56 to come through as planned. Tim Gardiner suggested that the alignment could be shifted slightly north to match recommendations but would go through the subdivision. He also added that keeping in mind this is conceptual at this point, if it is built from current right of way it would be very close to the units so the Town and developer should make sure to consider the 2045 MTP and US 1 Study as this is worked out.

Action: A motion was made by Shelby Powell, seconded by Jennifer Currin, to recommend to the Town of Franklinton to take into consideration both the currently adopted US 1 Study and CAMPO 2045 MTP as this site plan moves through the approval process. An additional recommendation is to utilize, as much as possible, the future NC 56 alignment shown in CAMPO's adopted 2045 MTP and the US 1 Study, possibly by building 2 lanes on 4 lanes of ROW in the interim. Additionally, please be mindful that the Town of Franklinton has signed a memorandum of understanding with the other agencies along this corridor stating that any new development such as this one that affects US 1 would be brought to the US 1 Council of Planning prior to approvals. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

1. Round Robin

- Bob Clark reported that there is a lot of activity on the east side of Holden Road at Capital Blvd. Fortunately, the frontage road is on the plan but to the east of that frontage road there are some likely commercial business parks. One project is proposing townhomes. Youngsville will most likely be bringing this development to the US 1 Council of Planning at a meeting soon. He also reported that the Town of Youngsville is showing on the south side of Youngsville somewhere in the vicinity of Holden Road a 2 lane on 4 lanes of right of way road to get from 96 back to US 1. This proposed truck route road is north of Wake Forest and has some potential areas to figure out another way to help relieve truck traffic that is on 96 through downtown. It was noted that this road is not currently in the Franklin County CTP or CAMPO's adopted 2045 MTP. Youngsville has been talking with the developer in the area about the best alignment but will bring it back to the US 1 Council of Planning for further discussion. Shelby Powell brought up the NC 96 Bypass northern arc in CAMPO's MTP (A418) as being proposed to serve as the truck route. She remembered the original Northeast Area Study showed trucks were mostly going north that were passing through downtown. Bob Clark responded that the north arc is still a possibility, but the southern road provides a connector east west south of downtown. It was decided that the Northeast Area Study Update will be a good venue to discuss this recommendation and the impact to the MTP. Bob also introduced Erin Klinger, a planner for Youngsville, as this meeting being her first US 1 Council of Planning meeting.
- Jennifer Currin reported that they may be bringing a proposed school development off of Harris Road close to the interchange to the US 1 Council of Planning in the near future. There is also a recent Traffic Impact Analysis done for some parcels that are in both Wake and Franklin counties. She also reported that Wake Forest could have other smaller projects coming forward in the next few months.
- Scott Hammerbacher reported that Franklin County could have a bicycle pedestrian plan moving forward in the next couple of months.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Tim Gardiner thanked attendees and presenters, and adjourned the meeting.