



U.S. 1 CORRIDOR – COUNCIL OF PLANNING MEETING
February 10, 2016
Wake Forest Town Hall
9:00 AM

Attendees		
MEMBERS	AGENCY	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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Guests/Invited Agencies		
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Shelby Powell	Capital Area MPO	Shelby.powell@campo-nc.us

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome/Introductions

Scott Hammerbacher, Chair, welcomed attendees. Attendees introduced themselves.

Elect 2016 Chair and Vice Chair

At the first meeting of each calendar year, the US 1 Council of Planning elects a Chair and Vice Chair to serve

for that year. The officers of the Council of Planning consist of a Chair and a Vice-Chair serving annual terms for a maximum of two consecutive years. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall each be a representative from one of the “regular member” communities on the Council of Planning. A member of the Capital Area MPO staff shall serve as Secretary for the Council of Planning. Motion was made by Todd Delk, Second by Chip Russell, to nominate Scott Hammerbacher as Chair and Tim Gardiner as Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2015 Council of Planning meeting were distributed via email to members prior to the meeting, and copies were made available at the meeting. Motion made by Chip Russell, Second by Todd Delk, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Proposed Self Storage Facility on North Park Drive (SW quadrant of US 1 and NC 98 Bypass)

- TDC North Wake Land, LLC owns the southern parcel in North Park Office Park, which is at the SW corner of the intersection of US-1 and the NC-98 Bypass. TDC will be subdividing this parcel to create a 3.26 parcel for the development of a multi-story self-storage facility.
- Per the US-1 Corridor Study, provisions should be made for the extension of North Park Drive. Wake Forest intends to require TDC North Wake Land, LLC to accommodate the future extension of North Park Drive by reserving a minimum 60-foot wide future right-of-way corridor.
- Chip Russell noted that this development involves a subdivision of land, so the subdivision will need to consider the US 1 Corridor Study recommendations, per Wake Forest regulations.
- The Town expects to request adjustments to the parking and driveway layout to accommodate the future frontage road.
- Reid Elmore asked that the Town also request the developer show a loading plan to show how that will work given the right-of-way and grade on the parcel.
- Scott Hammerbacher noted that this development appears to be consistent with the US 1 Corridor Study.
- **Action: Motion made by Reid Elmore, Second by Todd Delk, that the Town approve this development plan and request the driveway and loading plans be reviewed for consistency with the Corridor Study. The motion carried unanimously.**

Other Business

Allen Farm Development on Bert Winston Road (East of US 1)

- A development TIA in Franklin County has indicated a need for ancillary improvements to Bert Winston Road at US 1.
- Scott Hammerbacher noted that this is a 400 acre tract of land on Bert Winston Road, and the TIA indicates that Bert Winston will need a turn lane onto US 1 due to impacts from this development.
- NCDOT District office suggested perhaps a superstreet solution could work in this location.
- Scott Hammerbacher reminded the group that 60% of Franklin County’s population travels to the south for work, and a superstreet could meet some resistance because cars would have to travel ¾ of a mile north to Materials Drive before an opportunity for a U-turn.
- Steve Winstead noted that there was a possibility that a U-turn could be implemented about 500’ north of the intersection.
- Doumit Ishak will request the synchro files from consulting firm Ramey Kemp to review.
- The developer is considering site access from Hicks Road and from Bert Winston Road. The alternate for people getting from this development to US 1 to go south would be to travel south on Hicks Road, west on Cedar Creek and through downtown Youngsville. This is not a path most would choose.

- There was discussion regarding the possible extension of a turn lane onto US 1; it was noted that the railroad tracks are only 130' from the intersection, and that could cause issues with extending a turn lane across the tracks. The Southeast High Speed Rail project will move the tracks to the east, but that is a long time coming.
- Reid Elmore suggested the County or the developer ask the railroad (CSX) if the TIA recommendations are even possible, because a wider footprint across the railroad would be needed to make any of this work.
- There was some discussion about the superstreet being constructed by the developer, or jointly by several developers in the area as a proportional share project. Doumit noted that it would likely be less expensive to build the superstreet than to widen across the railroad tracks. It would also be more in keeping with the US 1 recommendations, since eventually the plan is to re-route Bert Winston to the north.
- Scott Hammerbacher thanked everyone for their input and thoughts, and he will keep the Council up to date as this development moves forward.

Update: TIP Project U-5307 (US 1 Freeway Conversion from I-540 to NC 98)

Meredith VanDuyn (RS&H) and Undrea Major (NCDOT PDEA) attended the meeting to discuss this project. Meredith presented a powerpoint presentation that outlined the project team of consultants, the schedule moving forward, and the preliminary study area as developed in coordination with NCDOT Roadway Design Unit. She noted that this project will likely go through the Merger Process, and initial stakeholder meetings will begin in 2016. She also noted that a project hotline was created for this project, and that a public engagement plan was being established. She intends to include the US 1 Council of Planning as an integral part of the public engagement. Undrea Major noted that the Merger Process ensures that the project follows all applicable environmental processes and rules, but that the NCDOT will still have the flexibility to involve and be influenced by the stakeholder groups. Meredith stated that the NEPA process will get the project to the 25% design stage, and she hopes to have discussions that will guide the NCDOT Design/Build RFQ as to what flexibility is allowed in the corridor designs through the design/build process. She is also interested in further discussions about what the special use lanes in the US 1 Corridor Study recommendations should be evaluated as – BRT lanes, HOV lanes, etc.? She noted that the City of Raleigh was interested in evaluating their usefulness as BRT. Shelby said the original US 1 study recommendations intended them as HOV/managed lanes for vehicles with access for transit vehicles as well. Meredith said both alternatives could be studied, and warned the Council that the final cross-section to come from NEPA may not match the cross-section recommended in the study exactly.

Members of the Council noted that, while NCDOT and CAMPO will serve on the Merger Team, it will still be integral to involve the local agencies and Council of Planning in the process. Much work has been done since the initial creation of the US 1 Corridor Study in 2006, including an update to the study in 2014, and a CAMPO Hot Spot study on the proposed interchange at US 1 and Falls of Neuse/Main Street. Shelby Powell will send all that information to Meredith after the meeting. The Council agreed that the study area needs to be widened out to be able to look at the frontage and backage road connections as part of the study. Chris Lukasina also asked that the Council be allowed to review the traffic forecast for the project. Meredith and Shelby will coordinate on getting all appropriate documents posted to the US 1 Council of Planning page on the CAMPO website, including Meredith's presentation for today.

The Council briefly discussed scheduling regular meetings during this project, but determined it would be better to schedule meetings at meaningful points in the process instead, and will look to Meredith to let CAMPO know when meetings should occur.

Adjourn

There was no further business, and the Council adjourned.