



U.S. 1 CORRIDOR – COUNCIL OF PLANNING MEETING
Thursday – September 16, 2010 – 2:30 – 4:00 PM
Capital Area MPO Small Conference Room

Agenda

2:00 pm

Welcome/Introductions

Mr. Eric Lamb, US 1 Council of Planning Chair, will give the welcome and introductions.

2:05 pm

Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2010

Action: The Council will consider approving meeting minutes from the July 15, 2010 meeting.

2:15 pm

Wake Union Place Development

Rynal Stephenson with Ramey Kemp Associates will discuss proposed improvements at the intersection of US 1 and Wake Union Church Road. A standard superstreet design is proposed, which should conform to the acceptable design proposed for this corridor as an interim solution to the freeway. Mr. Stephenson will also provide a brief summary of the project and the recommendations from the TIA.

Action: The US 1 Council of Planning will conduct a review of the proposed intersection design.

3:00 pm

Other Business

Extension of Study Area

Since the US 1 Corridor Study was completed in 2006, the area along the corridor north of the study area in Franklin County has experienced growth that may compromise the mobility of the Corridor. As such, several members of the Council have requested a discussion about extending the Study area to the north. Doumit Ishak with NCDOT's Congestion Management Unit will review some superstreet concepts with the group for the area to the north of the corridor. The adoption of and adherence to these concepts by Franklin County and Franklinton may be able to serve as an interim solution, delaying the need for detailed corridor study until funding becomes available.

Action: The Council of Planning will discuss this issue and make recommendations as appropriate.

Council of Planning Membership and Bylaws Update

Since its creation in 2007, the US 1 Council of Planning has not adopted formal Bylaws. A set of draft Bylaws was created in 2006, but was never acted upon by the Council. The Council of Planning reviewed a draft set of Bylaws at its July 15, 2010 meeting. Members suggested amendments and updates to the draft. The Bylaws will be considered for adoption by the Council at this meeting.

Action: The Council of Planning will review the Bylaws as drafted in July 2010, and consider adoption of the Bylaws.

4:00 pm

Adjourn



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MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees		
NAME	AGENCY	E-MAIL ADDRESS
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Welcome/Introductions - Mr. Eric Lamb, US 1 Council of Planning Chair, gave the welcome and conducted introductions around the room.

Meeting Minutes – July 15, 2010 – The Council reviewed the minutes from the July 15, 2010 meeting as presented by staff. A motion was made by Chip Russell and seconded by Scott Hammerbacher to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Wake Union Place Development -- Rynal Stephenson with Ramey Kemp Associates and Becky Wright with Interface Properties presented a proposed set of improvements in the vicinity of Wake Union Chapel Road that would be associated with the Wake Union Place Development in Wake Forest. A standard superstreet design is proposed, which should conform to the acceptable design proposed for this corridor as an interim solution to the freeway. The proposal includes access between an existing hotel site and the proposed development site since the hotel's original access would be closed by this plan. Three signals are proposed, which would be in superstreet configuration and would be coordinated with one another. Mr. Stephenson stated it could be difficult to time the signals with the Jenkins road signals or others. NCDOT

Congestion Management and the District Office feel it would be appropriate for the developer to be responsible for road improvements including adding a third southbound lane, a third northbound lane from the on-ramp to the shopping center's right-in, right-out turn, and a turn lane at Jenkins Road. The Council also felt it was important to maintain right-of-way for a possible future frontage road. Ms. Wright questioned the need to dedicate two roads, stating that the developer is already constructing a backage road as a collector street behind the development. The group also asked about transit amenities, and Mr. Stephenson confirmed that there would be transit easements for stops, but no dedicated transit lanes.

This development has submitted a site plan with the Town of Wake Forest and has not gone to public review. The first public meeting is scheduled for tonight (Sept. 16, 2010). The developer has notified adjacent property owners of the public meeting and the development plans. The developer indicated that this plan is fairly consistent with the US 1 Corridor Study recommendations, and that the LOS is now an F at the PM peak period, but that a two-phase superstreet signal replacing the current full movement signal will improve the LOS by relieving queues.

The Council reviewed this section of the Corridor Study plan, and Mr. Russell indicated that the residents in the area were not in favor of the backage road on the plan lining up with the residential street. Mr. Lamb stated that the Town should request dedication of the right-of-way in the triangular area right of Wake Union Church Road to preserve for a realignment of Wake Union as a through-movement in the future. The developers seemed willing to discuss this as a possible tradeoff. The Council also asked the developer to consider direct access to the hotel site from the proposed development's parking lot; Ms. Wright indicated that would not be a problem if the hotel wanted to connect the two parking lots.

This proposal could move through the public process upon receiving some type of conceptual endorsement from the Council of Planning.

A motion was offered by Reid Elmore, with a second by Scott Hammerbacher, to endorse the concept as presented at the meeting, pending final geometric approval or requirements by NCDOT, and requesting the dedication in Outparcels 2, 3 and 4 and the area adjacent to Wake Union Church Road that would be necessary to implement a frontage road in the future, and coordination with the signal on Jenkins Road. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Other Business

Extension of Study Area

Since the US 1 Corridor Study was completed in 2006, the area along the corridor north of the study area in Franklin County has experienced growth that may compromise the mobility of the Corridor. As such, several members of the Council have requested a discussion about extending the Study area to the north. Scott Hammerbacher indicated that the original study area was intended to reach Franklinton, but budget constraints caused the study area to be reduced back to Park Avenue in Youngsville. Tammy Ray, Franklinton Planning Director, indicated that the Town would be supportive of extending the study area and participating on the Council of Planning. Ms. Ray also indicated that water and sewer expansions were planned or underway in and around Franklinton, and that this would spur additional growth on the corridor. Mr. Hammerbacher stated that growth and congestion to the north of the study area could compromise efforts being made in the Wake Forest and Raleigh areas of US 1. The group discussed the availability of funding through CAMPO, mentioning the unrescinded PL funds recently reinstated at the MPO. Shelby Powell indicated that a Planning Work Program subcommittee was evaluating how to spend those funds, and that they would either be programmed for the current FY 11 PWP or in the FY 12 PWP for next year. Mr. Lamb indicated it would be

nice to have two studies, one to extend the original study area up to the northern CAMPO boundary that would include interim and ultimate recommendations, and another to look at interim solutions for the original study area because that would help the Council make determinations on proposals such as the one they considered today.

Scott Hammerbacher offered a motion for the Council of Planning to request two studies for consideration in the CAMPO UPWP. The first study, which would be of higher priority, would extend the original study up to the northern CAMPO boundary in Franklin County and would explore ultimate and interim solutions, and would cost somewhere around \$300,000 - \$350,000. The second study would revisit the original study area from I-540 north to Park Avenue in Youngsville, and would contain more traffic analysis, a closer look at transit needs, appropriate locations for superstreets, signal timing issues, and other improvements that could enhance or maintain mobility via interim solutions until funding is available for the construction of a freeway, and would cost somewhere around \$150,000 to \$200,000. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Council asked Shelby Powell to submit these study ideas to the appropriate staff at CAMPO for consideration in the development of the UPWP.

Council of Planning Membership and Bylaws Update

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Motion was made by Scott Hammerbacher, with a second offered by Reid Elmore, to adopt these minutes as amended today. Motion carried unanimously.

There was some discussion regarding the adoption of the Bylaws and whether each MOU signatory needed to take the Bylaws to their respective Boards, or to the MPO TAC, for adoption. Staff agreed to review the MOU for direction on this issue.

Adjournment – There being no additional business for discussion, Mr. Lamb declared the meeting adjourned.