



US 1 Council of Planning Meeting

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Capital Area MPO Small Conference Room

US 1 Council of Planning – December 10, 2009 Meeting		
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MEETING NOTES

Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Eric Lamb began with a welcome to the Council of Planning participants..

I. Plan Review – Shoppes at Caveness Farms in Wake Forest

The Council of Planning began their discussion on the left-over configuration proposed at US 1 near the Caviness Farms development. Mr. Chip Russell was concerned about proximity of the project to the NC 98 Bypass ramps. Currently, there are installed left-turn movements between NC 98 Bypass and Falls of Neuse Boulevard. The desire is to improve access to the shopping center. Mr. Russell stated that he had not seen the plans before the meeting. Mr. Reid Elmore of NCDOT stated that Mr. Doumit Ishak had run a series of traffic simulation for this left-over. Mr. Ishak stated that the left-over works.

Mr. Ishak considers the design a “modified super-street”. Mr. Elmore was concerned as to how this would work with backage and frontage roads planned when US 1 is converted into a controlled access freeway. The group decided to review the Town of Wake Forest’s (draft) Transportation plan update. In the Plan, Ligon Mill Road runs parallel to US 1 and terminates at Stadium Drive. North of US-1A, Ligon Mill Road is four-lane divided.

Eric indicated that the Council of Planning has been generous in allowing super-street configurations along US 1 (until full freeway conversion), but had serious concerns about the proposed cross-section between NC 98 Bypass and Falls of Neuse Boulevard. He is not encouraging a recommendation for this project.

The group discussed creating a U-Turn at the Caviness Farm intersection as well. Putting a signal at the southbound dual left at the Caviness Farm intersection should address traffic movement that would come from the NC 98 Bypass ramps. The left-out movement is the questionable movement. A motion was put forward by Eric Lamb to move against the left-over design. The motion was seconded by Scott Hammerbacher. Ayes – all

II. Initial Plan Review – Galaxy Road Development

Christa Greene presented information concerning Galaxy Road. Galaxy Road is in close proximity to the Lowes Home Improvement store in Wake Forest. Ms. Greene is working with the property owners on access road concepts for the area. She has informed the property owners that they would have to build the north-south Ligon Mill Road connector. Concerns are about environment features in the area; which could be solved by creating two access points. Richland Drive has been approved to serve a potential connection, as well as Holding Avenue serving as a definite connection. The trip generation analysis as passed out represents a “worst-case” scenario for the property; therefore, any future proposal should address that scenario or lessen it altogether. A mixed-use development would function well on the property. The major concern is the potential of LOS F along the NC 98 Bypass ramps. One of the ideas is to create a “slip-ramp” off of the existing ramps at NC 98 Bypass. The proposal is being sent to NCDOT’s Control Access Committee for review. Mr. Elmore stated that the meeting on the subject will be held on tomorrow, December 10, 2009 at 9:00 am. The Control Access Committee would have to buy-in into the concept. If the Control Access Committee is satisfied, site plans for the area will be provided at a future meeting; and serve to continue proposed site plan development. The proposal also benefits visitors to downtown Wake Forest; particularly after the completion of the Southeast High Speed Rail line through town. Ms. Greene also stated to the property owner that the ramps between NC 98 and NC 98 Bypass need to be extended.

The group reviewed the US 1 Corridor Study Plan as adopted in 2006. Several access roads concepts were examined. Looping Galaxy Road back to Ligon Mill Road made sense. A roundabout configuration may also work as well. A key factor will be the impact of opening Phase A of the NC 98 Bypass. Eric suggested that Ms. Greene review the US 64 Bypass/Poole Road corridor analysis that was conducted prior to the opening of the US 64 Bypass. The information was received as a report.

Mr. Kenneth Withrow informed the Council that Ms. Shelby Powell will serve as the US 1 Council of Planning liaison beginning in 2010.

Meeting adjourned.