

Orange County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
Steering Committee Meeting
April 15, 2009

Present at meeting: Scott Walston, NC DOT; Sara Ezzell, NC DOT; Paul Black, Triangle J Cog; Andy Henry, DCHC; Karen Lincoln, Orange County Planning; Karen Markovitz, Orange County Planning; Tina Love, Orange County Planning; Nancy Baker, OUTBoard Vice-Chair; Paul Guthrie, OUTBoard

Introductions were made.

Sara review information from last meeting. NCDOT did a study for Orange County in 1990 but it was never adopted. DCHC MPO has an LRTP and the goal is to match. The old plan was a thoroughfare plan and very highway intensive. The new way is multi-modal and is call the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

Scott discussed the possibility of changing the TIP to a 5-year work plan. One part of the TIP would basically be the delivery TIP and the other part would be the development TIP.

Andy asked if this plan would just be the part of Orange County that is outside the MPOs.

Scott agreed that was what they had been planning. He thinks that some time in the future there will be one big plan that will be together. Typically these plans take 1 to 2 years but he believes that since there are no municipalities, it can be done in a year.

Andy mentioned that the whole area has been modeled.

The Goals and Objectives and Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element was discussed as being reworked into a mission statement. A resolution will also be done. Moore County was used as an example. Scott will provide an original.

The group determined that the public would be included early in the process through outreach and that all projects from both MPO and RPO would be combined as Orange County projects as a working title. It was decided it would work better to include the public early in the process. Similar to the process the rail group used. It would include having maps and being able to answer questions. Comments cards and website surveys could be included. Several maps will be included for the public: road functional classification and what is being proposed, bicycle plans, LRTP maps, land use and future land use, etc.

June is the target for going to the Board of County Commissioners with the resolution and early September is being targeted for the Outreach meeting.

The group discussed roads to be studied and process. This will go to the elected officials. It will include data collection, traffic projection, traffic counts. Classifications were discussed. Karen will update the OUTBoard and it will make recommendations to the group on which roads should be included in the studies. Information on transportation projects from neighboring counties to be gathered and considered. Discussion included truck traffic and how to control it. There was discussion to have that added to the goals.

The group agreed to meet the third Wednesday of each month at the Planning Department at 10 a.m.