

Wilson County CTP Steering Committee
Minutes
June 11, 2009, 9:00 am

Members Present

Charles W. Pittman, III
R. Bryant Bunn, III, P.E.
Gronna Jones
Jennifer Lantz
Robert Bartlett, P.E.
Jimmy Eatman, P.E.
Ron Sutton, P.E.

Andrew Small
Mark Johnson
Daniel N. Van Liere
Bill Bass
Elaine Swinson
Elina Zlotchenko
Elena Talanker

1. Welcome

Daniel Van Liere with the Upper Coastal Plain RPO began the meeting at 9:15 am and welcomed everyone to the steering committee meeting for the Wilson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

2. Minutes

Mr. Van Liere asked everyone to look over the minutes from the previous meeting and asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes. No comments or corrections were made.

3. Goals and Vision Statement

Mr. Van Liere explained that the purpose of the goals and vision statement was to give the steering committee a direction to work towards as well as provide a written document that can be taken to each municipality and the county to inform their council members and commissioners as to the goals for this group.

Mr. Van Liere asked the steering committee to look over the goals and vision statement and make comments or suggestions. Jennifer Lantz asked that a sustainable community and infrastructure goal be added to the listed. Mrs. Lantz expanded on this, adding that linking Wilson to Raleigh or to Greenville should be viewed within the CTP document as the CTP is planning towards 20 plus years into the future. Charles Pittman suggested that an education of transportation issues and alternative forms of transportation available to the public be added to the list to help the individual that have been here 6 months or their whole life. Robert Bartlett recommended that a purpose be added to explain the CTP is a living document, to provide a framework, and to be a means for education.

4. Resolution of Participation

Mr. Van Liere explained that the goals and vision statement would serve as a basis for requesting each municipality and the county to sign a resolution of participation for the CTP as a way of assuring that each government entity agrees to work with the steering committee to complete this project.

Mr. Van Liere asked the steering committee to look over the resolution and make comments and suggestions. Mark Johnson asked that the resolution add all of the municipal names when recognizing the government agencies cooperating with the CTP plan for the county's proposed resolution. Mrs. Lantz asked that a "whereas" be added that addresses the recently suggested goals and visions.

5. Public Participation

Mr. Van Liere explained that the Public Participation Plan (PPP) is a document developed by the Upper Coastal Plain RPO to provide a generalized approach to reaching the public. Mr. Van Liere described a meeting that occurred between Rodger Lentz, City of Wilson Planning Director; Mrs. Zlotchenko, and Mrs. Talanker which discussed the potential of focus groups for providing public input within the CTP. The focus groups would be extended to the county areas and would take place based on municipal input.

Mr. Van Liere explained that the survey will still be used within the plan and asked that steering committee members suggest areas for distribution and other ideas as to how to get the survey out to the public. Mrs. Lentz asked that she be given a copy of the survey so that she could pass it along to local businesses in the community.

6. Website Development

Mrs. Zlotchenko explained that she has added information regarding the Wilson County CTP to the NCDOT TBP website. She stated that the minutes, resolutions, goals and visions statements, and any other documents that necessary are available or can be available on that website.

7. Analyze Roads

Mrs. Zlotchenko presented multiple maps that illustrated the road network within Wilson County. The remainder of the meeting was spent highlighting roads that committee members felt needed to be addressed within the Wilson County CTP.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2009 at 9:00am at the Wilson Operations Center located at 1800 Herring Blvd. Wilson, NC.