

Minutes of TMA Meeting – June 9, 2006 – OB Chamber of Commerce, KDH

Members present were: Cheryl Byrd, Jody Crosswhite, Willo Winterling, Gary Perry, Charles Cameron?

The "Organization Committee" of the OBTTF met on June 9, 2006 to discuss how to proceed with our effort to develop a future organizational structure for the ongoing efforts of the OBTTF.

We decided that an organizational structure - such as a Transportation Management Association - is what we need for the long run. In the interim, the Committee recommends that we explore with the OBXCDC the possibility that the mission of a TMA is consistent with that of the OBXCDC. Specifically, we want to explore whether the OBXCDC can be structured to pursue both its current mission and additional mission of a TMA by dedicating some staff to each mission and sharing those staff, who can help with support of all missions of the OBXCDC.

Speaking of missions, we (Jody, Willo and I) believe that the following statement best reflects the transportation mission; it is our first draft and may undergo some changes, but it captures the essence of what the OBTTF is trying to accomplish:

The mission of the "transportation entity" is to coordinate the business community's efforts, including developers, corporations, commercial property owners and employers to address common transportation concerns, improve accessibility and mobility, provide transportation services, and work cooperatively with local government to mitigate traffic congestion. Goals include, but are not limited to: (1) reducing traffic congestion, (2) developing bicycle and pedestrian networks, (3) providing a coordinated ride-sharing service, (4) evaluating future alternative highway corridor and intersection designs in coordination with NCDOT to improve traffic flow and safety, and (5) establishing public transportation service where and when it is viable.

TMA members also continue to be concerned about the impact on funding for future Trolley Transportation if Dare County does not form a regional organization with adjacent counties – such as Hyde and Tyrrell counties – or join an existing organization – such as the ICPTA located along the north side of the Albemarle Sound. We agreed that the OBTTF needs a more complete discussion of the issue with the Public Transportation Division (Charles Glover and Miriam Perry), and this discussion should also include our NCDOT District Representative to the NC Board of Transportation (Stan White).

Minutes prepared by Cheryl Byrd