

Outer Banks Transportation Task Force

Minutes of the meeting on June 30, 2005, Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Jody Crosswhite, Erin Burke, Willo Winterling Kelly, Carl Classen, Kevin Schwartz, Ralph Buxton, Lori London, Ben Sproul. Guests: Herb Mullen, ICPTA; Sharron Sanderson, Dare County Transportation; Jud Lawrie, ITRE; Sara Cunningham, Va. Pilot.

1. Called to order at 8:30 a.m. by J. Crosswhite.
 2. The minutes of the April 28 and May 26 meetings were approved.
 3. Van Pilot Project – Members were brought up to date on the status of the program, which was to begin July 5 with a Chamber ribbon cutting at the Baum Center at 5 p.m. R. Buxton asked about a stop at the Community Care Clinic, and it was discussed that anyone who wanted to be dropped there prior to the Marketplace stop would be, but at the time the route was locked in, its actual nights and hours of operation were not known. C. Classen wanted to know what provisions had been made to notify property owners that the vans would be stopping in their shopping center lots. He asked that the Marketplace be advised.
 4. Potential Trolley Bus Service – J. Lawrie provided a number of handouts and led the discussion about trolley service. He discussed that ITRE was looking at 10-12 case study sites as they found no site that was that similar to our area. He said the engineers were looking at a number of options. The task force discussed potential trolley routes, including NC 12 and US 158, major destinations, hotel and motel stops, major beach accesses and commercial centers. A route connecting at Whalebone to Manteo was discussed, as was an in-season service time period of 18 weeks and days and times. J. Crosswhite noted that the focus should be first on where the most people would be served, and service could be expanded over time incrementally.
- H. Mullen updated the Currituck effort and mentioned that Duck was part of it. Currituck has a DOT study and is looking for service on the ground beginning 5/31/06, and noted that DOT would have to do a feasibility study down here before anything could happen. The task force asked for ITRE to analyze what it would take to make the same thing happen down here by May 2006.
5. Transportation Management Associations – J. Lawrie described what they were and what they did. The members commented that it sounded like the TTF already was one, except without a full-time director or funding.
 6. Oct. 12 Symposium – J. Lawrie discussed the program format for the symposium Oct. 12 at the Ramada. The first half would be a plenary presentation on the ITRE project recommendations. Then there would be several breakouts for participant discussion of the recommendations. The results would be discussed at the following TTF meeting rather than back in another plenary session that morning. It was determined that ITRE would release its recommendations to the TTF on Sept. 15, so that the task force could select what it wanted to highlight at the symposium at its meeting Sept. 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.