

Outer Banks Transportation Task Force

Minutes of the meeting on Dec. 2, 2004, Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce

Members present: Nancy Bellantine, Anna Sadler, Pat Morrisey, Lori London, Jody Crosswhite, Kevin Schwartz, Wilo Winterling, Kermit Skinner, Debbie Moore, Greg Loy, Dan Scanlon, Chris Layton, Ralph Buxton Guest: Norma Mills, Dare County Attorney

Called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman J. Crosswhite.

1. The minutes of the Oct. 28 meeting were approved.

2. Discussion of ITRE Project – J. Crosswhite reported that the funding for the project had been approved through the matching grant from DOT and by each of the eight governments who would pay the 10 percent match. ITRE had provided a list of issues they wanted discussion and decisions on prior to meeting with the TTF in January.

Other studies – K. Schwartz will provide them with the Currituck Sound Area Study. They also want information about the bus service that was provided during the First Flight Celebration. G. Loy said KDH had local studies including one on Colington Road that he would provide, and K. Skinner suggested that all the towns be contacted for such studies as many have been done. It was also decided to contact Dave Hoare who tried double-decker buses for a time, and to get OBX Pathways survey of business needs.

A number of specific sites, routes and intersections were identified for specific study, including: Coinjock to the NC 12 turn off at US 158; Pirate's Cove to US 64; NC 12 from Southern Shores through Corolla; the intersection at US 158 and S. Dogwood; Whalebone Junction; from Eighth Street in Nags Head to Colington Road along US 158 including French Fry Alley; the Village Commercial area in Duck; the area along US 158 near K-Mart; the most congested areas in Hatteras – probably through Rodanthe to Salvo; and the issue of speed limits from Duck through Corolla.

Community input meetings were discussed, and the consensus was to hold five in three days at the following locations:

Fessenden Center, Buxton; Roanoke Island Festival Park, Manteo; Nags Head Fire Station; Pitts Center in Southern Shores; and the Hampton Inn, Corolla.

The case studies sites were discussed, and there was consensus to eliminate Hilton Head, but possibly add Biloxi, Miss., but that specific criteria to choose the sites was needed and perhaps ITRE could provide guidance on this when they visit.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.