

Outer Banks Transportation Task Force – Trolley Bus Committee Minutes
September, 20 2006

Jody called meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Those present: Jody Crosswhite, Cheryl Byrd, Kermit Skinner, Buck Thornton, Diane Sawyer, Greg Schwarga, Debbie Moore, Tina Tice, Emilie Klutz, Aaron Tuell, Charlie Cameron, Randy Carlisle, Jack McCombs, Ralph Buxton, Michelle Pharr, Ben Cahoon, Andy Szakos, Sue Cotelle, Joe Heard

Charlie Cameron gave thanks for the support toward helping gain approval of a school zone being placed in front of Nags Head Elementary School.

Purpose of meeting was to review and discuss the Public Transportation Implementation Plan. Many small changes to the wording and arrangement of sentences were suggested by board members. Major suggestions were as follows: The basic route map should include a NC12. Andy suggested that there should be a generic schedule showing the starting and ending points of the buses. He agreed to work with Cheryl in creating such a schedule. Cheryl, Randy and Buck discussed the importance of public presentations and the importance of having all facts available before the press is involved. Andy suggested that the public have the opportunity to review and make suggestions once a detailed plan is in place. Sue, Charlie and Andy discussed approaching the town managers in each town to get the appropriate contact person to head the bus stopping points in each town. It was discussed that under the sub title “Staffing Needs” that the staffing fund should be expanded because a staff of 24 would not allow for breaks and/or sick time. Charlie suggested that a paragraph be added to include “Other Considerations” this paragraph should include engineering fees, public permit fees, and facility/maintenance costs. The following information should be added under the “Capital Budget” sub title: facility costs, costs of lay over points, fare boxes, land acquisition. Andy and Cheryl agreed to work on creating a generic implementation schedule for review at the next meeting.

To be discussed at next meeting: Review of implementation schedule, the outcome of the research for possible location and costs of the maintenance facility and a possible briefing about the Currituck RFP from Currituck members of the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00