

Minutes  
Outer Banks Transportation Task Force Traffic Solutions Committee  
January 11, 2007

In Attendance: Carl Classen, Gwen Cruickshanks, Jerry Jennings, Ken Pagurek, Joe Walter, Emilie Klutz, Clifton Perry, W/S Midgett, Megan Gregory, and Jeffrey Itell

The Committee held extensive discussion about its role and the need for the Committee or another mechanism to provide policy leadership and coordination on transportation issues along the Outer Banks. The Committee discussed problems with the existing RPO structure and its lack of coordinating capabilities for the Outer Banks.

The Committee discussed the upcoming Symposium and the need for this event to lead to clarification of the transportation planning process.

The Committee recommended that the Transportation Task Force require all committees to prepare written policy positions on issues for the Task Force's consideration; and that the Task Force would forward these positions, as adopted by the Task Force, to appropriate local and county transportation decision-makers, as well as NCDOT and relevant regional bodies.

The above motion was discussed with the context of whether the Committee should continue meeting and working. Members expressed a desire for the Committee's work to feed in the transportation decision making process.

The Committee also moved unanimously that the Task Force should create a feedback mechanism so that the Committee would be informed of all comments related to its work.

Committee members asked that for the web link to NCDOT's Transportation Improvement Plan for District 1, which is provided below:

<http://www.ncdot.org/planning/development/TIP/TIP/Trans/division1.html>

Jerry Jennings of NCDOT provided updates on various transportation projects affecting Dare County. The projects cited below, unless noted, are underway or imminent.

Addition of a center turn lane extending about a half mile north of the Hilton Hotel in Southern Shores, plus improved pedestrian access from the Town Hall across NC12 to the Crown Station.

Fixing the intersection at Colington Road and 158 is complete. Mores study ~~in~~ are being conducted on hot spots along Colington Road. Current projects are estimated to cost about \$30 million. These are unfunded TIP projects. Three projects are being discussed, including ones at the Methodist Church and by the go-cart track.

In Kitty Hawk, sand will be replenished along 1500 feet of beach road.

North of Rodanthe, sandbags will be placed along a 900 foot stretch to protect the road from over-wash.

Expansion of the emergency ferry dock at Stumpy Point is underway, creating two additional docks. These docks will be used for providing alternate access for emergency vehicles if Oregon Inlet Bridge becomes unusable.

Six Dare County light signals along the Bypass will be upgraded over the next 18 months.

A project to improve pedestrian traffic in Ocracoke is out for bid, with hope that the project will be finished before summer. The project will create a three-foot pedestrian walkway on each side of the main road. Another project is the replacement of seven bridges along NC12 on Ocracoke.

Jerry had nothing new to report on the Bonner Bridge and Mid-Currituck Bridge.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.