

Highlights

Traffic Solutions Committee Dare County Transportation Task Force March 10, 2006

The Traffic Solutions Committee of the Dare County Transportation Task Force met on March 10, 2006, at the Pitts Center, Southern Shores. The attendance list follows these highlights.

Mr. Classen, interim chairman¹, called the meeting to order, members introduced themselves, and the Committee approved its agenda. Mr. Classen stated that additional business owners had been invited to participate but that he had not yet asked a troop-level member of the Highway Patrol be asked to participate (as per the February 10 meeting).

At the February 10 meeting, the Committee discussed the need to get a handle on the pending transportation projects before the Committee could discuss transportation improvement needs. Mr. Classen discussed his effort at compiling information on transportation projects from a centralized source but stated that he could find none, including from the RPO/Albemarle Commission. He stated that NCDOT had its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Towns had road, stormwater, and path projects; and the Counties had path projects. However, there was no central repository for this information so it's difficult to know who is doing what and where. Mr. Classen will try to work with NCDOT and the local governments in developing this central information database.

Jerry Jennings, NCDOT, gave an overview of the 2006-2012 State TIP, including the status of each TIP project in Currituck and Dare counties. He also discussed several Division 1 projects that are not included in the TIP. Committee members asked numerous questions. Members appreciated the scope of the NCDOT work. The TIP discussion reinforced the need for an area-wide repository of State and local projects.

The Committee felt that until a central database of information is available it would be hard to appropriately discuss needed projects or improvements in transportation improvement policies. Mr. Classen was asked to work with Mr. Jennings and the County and Town managers to develop such a database for the Committee to review. From that source of information, the ITRE Report and its suggestions for improvements can be considered and the Committee can then begin making suggestions to elected and appointed transportation leaders.

During general discussion, Committee members brought up the safety of NC12 as it extends from Whalebone Junction southbound the Oregon Inlet Bridge. A question arose how much of that road was included in the Bridge project and Jerry Jennings said he would check. Also, Mr. Jennings noted that road was actually owned by the Park Service. Mr. Nunnemaker suggested that a representative of the Park Service be invited to participate on the Committee.

¹ Mr. Classen again asked for someone to become chairman but received no response.

The Committee agreed to meet again on Friday, May 12, at 2:00 PM, in Southern Shores. The extra time was to allow for the collection of the Town and County project information desired by the Committee.

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