Wilson County CTP Steering Committee Minutes March 11, 2010, 9:00 am

Members Present

R. Bryant Bunn, III, P.E. Gronna Jones Jimmy Eatman, P.E. Ron Sutton, P.E. Janet Holland Rodger Lentz Daniel N. Van Liere Elaine Swinson Janet Holland Tommy Hawkins Ron McCormick Robert Barlett Bill Bass Elina Zlotchenko Elena Talanker Jeff Crouchley Cheryl W. Hannah

1. Welcome

Elina Zlotchenko with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Transportation Planning Branch began the meeting at 9:10 am and welcomed everyone to the steering committee meeting for the Wilson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

2. Public Transit in Wilson County and City of Wilson

Mrs. Zlotchenko introduced Jeff Crouchley with NCDOT Public Transit to present an overview on public transit in the state. The presentation consisted of an overview of current transit services available in the city of Wilson and Wilson County, A look at needs identified in the 2009 Local Coordinated Plan (LCP), A look at current funding usage, & Possible future urban/rural operational efficiencies.

3. Coordinated Transit Plan

Daniel Van Liere with the Upper Coastal Plain RPO explained that the RPO had developed a Coordinated Transit Plan or LCP as described by Mr. Crouchley, for all four RPO counties. This plan surveyed transit users and user organizations to find deficiencies and areas for improvement within the transit agencies. The actual plan is available on the RPO's website at www.ucprpo.org

4. Rail Services

Cheryl W. Hannah with NCDOT Railroad Division presented an overview of rail services throughout the state of North Carolina. She discussed ranking projects for stimulus funds, scoring system, ways to improve corridors, and service times.

5. Public Transit and Rail in Wilson

Mrs. Zlotchenko asked the steering committee to gather and discuss areas populations that need to be addressed by the Wilson County CTP transit section and coordination of commuter corridor. It was agreed upon that the railroad and transit maps where all proposed railroad improvement services as well as on-call transit services for the county (with emphasis on cooperation between the city and the county) would be reflected in the CTP report and that the committee agreed on proposing new bus routes that would be added to the map as proposed. This map would be posted on the NCDOT and UCPRPO websites for review.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place ether in April 8, 2010.