

Core Technical Team Meeting #6

February 11, 2016 – 2PM to 4PM

Double Barley Brewing, Upstairs Meeting Room

3174 US Highway 70W

Smithfield, NC 27577

Notes

- ◆ Introductions
 - ◆ Mayor Phillip Wright of Wilson's Mills
- ◆ MetroQuest Final Numbers
 - ◆ The MetroQuest online questionnaire closed at the end of 2015. We received over 1,000 responses and nearly 20,000 individual data points.
- ◆ Hot Spot Site Selection Process
 - ◆ Following the December CTT meeting, we coded the CTT hot spot recommendations into GIS and refined our hot spot criteria to be problems that we do not know how to address. Conventional widenings and realignments, for example, do not require hot spot analysis.
 - ◆ We will compile CTT recommendations, data-driven locations, and MetroQuest recommendations into our general recommendations process for the study.
 - ◆ We have decided to study fewer than 12 hot spot sites so that we can drill down deeper and answer bigger questions with the resources that we have for our hot spot analysis.
 - ◆ Scoping meetings will take place during February and March for three specific hot spot sites. There could possibly be 1-2 more sites. The timing of the analysis for these hot spots is important. For example, we do not want to expend resources studying the Cleveland area when it is about to change dramatically over the next five years or so. The potential CSX site in Selma also provides a great deal of uncertainty that would likely make detailed study unwise.
- ◆ Specific Hot Spot Sites
 - ◆ Archer Lodge Collector Street Plan: Examine the ability of existing transportation facilities to support emerging growth, and investigate ways to implement complete streets principles.
 - ◆ There is no full TIP project to address issues like S. Murphrey, but there could be small proposed spot safety projects.
 - ◆ Buffalo Road and Covered Bridge Road have been proposed as potential projects.
 - ◆ 40/70 Catalyst Site: Address congestion issues in the White Oak area.
 - ◆ We will likely need to revisit the land use perspective here and consider changing development patterns.

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- ♦ Smithfield Interchange Analysis: Conduct a corridor study to address wayfinding/circulation issues, especially related to the Johnston Community College access changes and Market Street flooding.
- ♦ Scenario Planning
 - ♦ Keypad polling from the first SOT meeting played a role in the scenarios that we are studying.
 - ♦ Scenarios
 - ♦ Dispersed: Business-as-usual approach, as if no planning took place. The dispersed scenario would likely result in heavy strip commercial development along major corridors.
 - ♦ Compact: Includes Johnston County rural conservation districts and increases density around urban centers.
 - ♦ Preferred: A blend of dispersed and compact scenarios.
- ♦ Next Steps
 - ♦ Refine scenario planning model and test impacts.
 - ♦ Careful coordination must take place before coding.
 - ♦ We welcome feedback from the CTT on the inputs to the model, in the form of consolidated comments from each community if possible.
 - ♦ We will begin to schedule hot spot scoping meetings with small targeted groups.
 - ♦ Preliminary recommendations will probably be ready in April, following a draft list of recommendation locations in March.