

# Executive Summary for Pender County CTP Survey

## Important Transportation Issues

### Top Rated Responses

- Safer and More Efficient Travel (Reduced congestion with the use of more turn lanes, better traffic signal timing, and improved intersection design)
- Community and Rural Preservation (maintain rural character, e.g. building a bypass)
- Economic Growth (Improve roadway, railway, and other infrastructure to support industrial and commercial growth)
- Increased Recreational Opportunities (expand and interconnect Greenway walking/hiking trails and bike trails systems with town and recreation centers)

## How to improve a road

### Top Rated Responses

- Improve intersection designs for turn lanes and traffic signal timing
- Build additional traffic lanes
- Provide for alternative means of transportation
- Control the frequency and locations of driveways and cross streets that access the road

## Alternate Transportation Methods

### Top Rated Responses

- Sidewalks
- Greenway walking and biking recreation trails
- On-road bike lanes

Most Popular Locations: Hampstead, Burgaw, Topsail, Surf City

## Most popular reasons for congested roads

- Heavy traffic volumes on US 17 in the Hampstead Area
- Many stops for school buses when in no pass zones the bus holds up traffic
- Beach Traffic on NC 210 East

## Areas in Pender County to focus on

- US 17 in Hampstead, specifically business entrances and exits without traffic lights.
- The intersections of US 17/Factory Rd, US 17/Country Club Rd, US 17/GoGas Entrance, US 17/Sloop Point Loop Rd, US 17/Washington Acres Rd, and US 17/NC 210
- NC 210 & NC 50 going into Surf City, Surf City Bridge
- US 117 in Burgaw and St Helena
- NC 53 through Burgaw
- Business driveways at NC 53/US 117 in Burgaw

## **Public Comments**

- Safety is more important than access.
- There should be traffic lights at intersections on US 17 that don't limit access.
- A bypass around Hampstead would alleviate a lot of problems.
- Need to enforce the speed limit on US 17
- US 17 has too many driveways on it. You could reduce the number.
- Too many trucks going through Burgaw

## **Requested locations for sidewalks**

- US 17 in Hampstead
- Walker Street in Burgaw
- Topsail Beach / Surf City
- Country Club Drive
- Sloop Point Loop Rd
- Around Kiwanis Park, schools, library area

## **Requested locations for bike lanes**

- US 17 in Hampstead
- NC 210 W of US 17
- Walker St in Burgaw
- Along 50/210 in Topsail / Surf City
- Kiwanis Park area
- Neighborhoods on East side of US 17

## **Requested locations for bus/taxi/van service**

- Burgaw to Wilmington
- Hampstead to Wilmington, Hampstead to Jacksonville
- Up and down US 17
- Surf City / Topsail to Wilmington
- Burgaw to Raleigh

## **Typical Travel Destination for work**

- 33% - Wilmington
- 22% - Burgaw
- 13% - Pender Beaches (Topsail / Surf City)
- 9% - Jacksonville
- 5% - Hampstead
- 4% - Raleigh
- 3% - Wallace
- 3% - Brunswick Co

## **Typical Travel Destination for purposes other than work**

- 31% - Wilmington
- 20% - Pender Beaches (Topsail/Surf City)
- 10% - Jacksonville
- 10% - Raleigh
- 8% - Burgaw
- 8% - Myrtle Beach
- 5% - Wallace
- 3% - Brunswick Co