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MEMORANDUM

To: Pender County Planning Board

From: Kyle M. Breuer, Director, Pender County Planning and Community Development

Date: November 5, 2014

RE: Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan

A Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is a long-range multi-modal transportation plan that identifies deficiencies and formulates recommendations to existing and future transportation networks. The development of this document was following a yearlong planning process involving numerous agencies and jurisdictions including the following: NC Department of Transportation, Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization, Pender Adult Services, The Nature Conservancy, and the Towns of Atkinson, Burgaw, St. Helena, Surf City, Topsail Beach, Wallace, and Watha. A kickoff meeting for Pender County's CTP was held on January 13, 2011, with the committee meeting monthly until April 2012 to make recommendations to the existing and future comprehensive transportation network for the study area. The Pender County Planning Board, on August 7, 2012 unanimously recommended approval of the Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

Due to circumstances outside of Pender County's control, the CTP was never adopted by the Board of Commissioners and has been delayed through the beginning of 2014. Overall, all policies and recommendations are consistent with the Board's initial recommendation, excluding geographical boundary changes that have taken place since the initial review. These changes included the additional area within Pender County that has since been included within the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organizations jurisdiction. Also, areas included within the Topsail Area CTP (2011) were removed due to redundancy in that adopted plan. To accommodate these changes, an additional 30-day public comment period was opened and an open house was held to garner further comment. With these changes, Staff, along with the NCDOT and Cape Fear RPO, are respectfully requesting the Planning Board recommend approval of the Pender County CTP.

As you will see within the Recommendations section of the Plan, four (4) major topics were identified for future recommendations, and these are: Highway, Public Transit, Rail, and Bicycle and Pedestrian improvements. Implementation of the recommendations within the CTP will follow Pender County's Local Prioritization Program which was established in 2011 to be able to allocate local requests through the Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization. Also, as the Plan

states, it is critical that NCDOT and Pender County continue to coordinate on relevant land development reviews and all transportation projects to ensure proper implementation of the CTP.

A public hearing will be held for your consideration on the complete CTP which was provided to you on October 7, 2014.