



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 2.

DATE OF MEETING: October 3, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Kyle M. Breuer, Director, Planning and Community Development

SHORT TITLE: Presentation of Draft US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study

BACKGROUND: The Wilmington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the North Carolina Board of Transportation commissioned the study of the US 17 and NC 210 Corridors within Pender County to identify near term strategies to address safety and mobility deficiencies on US 17 and NC 210 in Hampstead. The objective was to identify practical strategies that are consistent with the vision for Hampstead, that reduce the rate of injuries and fatalities in traffic crashes, reduce travel delay, and improve travel for pedestrians and bicyclists. The study report describes a preferred access plan for US 17 from Washington Acres Road to Sloop Point Loop Road (a distance of 5.66 miles) and for NC 210 from US 17 to Island Creek Road (a distance of 3.72 miles).

The planning process included three (3) public input workshops at Topsail High School, four (4) Steering Committee meetings, and three (3) focus group sessions for citizens, business owners, and economic developers. The public input meetings were heavily advertised and well attended.

The study will be available for public review throughout the month of October. A public hearing will be held November 1, 2011 to obtain the Planning Board's recommendation and subsequent public hearing and request for adoption by the Board being held November 21, 2011.

A project representative from Martin, Alexiou, Bryson, PC, the consulting firm hired to assist in the study, will update the Board concerning the draft US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study and resultant recommendations.