



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 9.

DATE OF MEETING: June 16, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Ashley Frank, Senior Planner, Planning & Community Development

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Adopting Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments.

BACKGROUND: Along with Pender County, the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for the City of Wilmington, Town of Carolina Beach, Town of Kure Beach, Town of Wrightsville Beach, Town of Belville, Town of Leland, Town of Navassa, New Hanover County, Brunswick County, Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. On December 15, 2010 the Wilmington MPO adopted the fiscally constrained Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan to satisfy the requirements of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). On July 18, 2012 the Wilmington MPO was designated a Transportation Management Area (TMA) and with this designation the Wilmington MPO became a recipient of Surface Transportation Program - Direct Attributable (STP-DA) funding. This allows the Wilmington MPO Transportation Advisory Committee to approve allocations of STP-DA funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects and intersection improvement projects. A requirement of the STP-DA funding is that projects must be included in the MPO's fiscally-constrained long range transportation plan. A potential multi-use path connecting Doral Drive to the Safe Routes to School Project along Sloop Point Loop Road has been submitted for consideration. This project was not included in the adopted Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan but would like to be considered for future allocations of STP-DA funding. Planning Staff is requesting that the lowest ranking Pender County bicycle and pedestrian project in the adopted Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan be removed and replaced with the planned Doral Drive Multi-Use Path connection to the Safe Routes to School project. The Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan is a fiscally constrained plan and this will allow the realized Doral Drive project to move forward in securing grant funding for the construction of this facility. It is being proposed that the Scotts Hill Loop Road multi-use path be removed from the adopted Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Plan due to the fiscal constraint and lack of identified funding for the project. It is identified that this is a desired project and Staff will request that this project be identified in future plans for construction. This amendment will be presented to the Wilmington MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at the next available meeting prior to the STP-DA application deadline of Fall 2014.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution adopting an amendment to the Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan Amendments.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Respectfully recommend approval.

CBW
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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the Board hereby approves a resolution adopting an amendment to the Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan Amendments. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Williams: _____ McCoy: _____ Brown: _____ Tate: _____ Ward: _____

J. David Williams, Jr., Chairman 06/16/2014
Date

ATTEST 06/16/2014
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