



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 17

DATE OF MEETING: January 20, 2015

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

SHORT TITLE: Public Hearing and Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

BACKGROUND: 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.

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SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To Hold a Public Hearing and Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

RESOLUTION

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

the Board hereby authorizes the adoption of the Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan and recommendations as described herein. 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 ___ Brown ___ McCoy ___ Piepmeyer ___ Tate ___

J. David Williams, Jr., Chairman 1/20/2015
Date

ATTEST 1/20/2015
Date

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MEMORANDUM

To: Pender County Board of Commissioners
Mr. Randell Woodruff, Pender County Manager

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

Date: January 20, 2015

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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