

NC 119 Relocation Steering Committee Meeting

Mebane Arts and Community Center

October 7, 2004 7:00 PM

NC 119 Relocation Project

TIP Project U-3109

MEETING MINUTES

Prepared by RS&H, Inc.

The NC 119 Relocation Steering Committee held a meeting at the Mebane Arts and Community Center on Thursday, October 7, 2004 which was attended by members of the Committee, representatives of NCDOT and the consultant firms of Buck Engineering, Inc. and RS&H Inc. Twelve (12) of the twenty (20) members of the Committee attended the meeting as well as other members of the community. Mr. Omega Wilson videotaped the meeting. The meeting attendees list is attached to the meeting minutes. The following is a summary of the issues discussed at the meeting as per the meeting agenda.

I. Introduction

II. Project Description and Purpose and Need

The project team members were introduced by Karen Taylor, P.E., NCDOT Project Development Engineer for the NC 119 Relocation project, and a meeting agenda and handout was distributed to the attendees. Ms. Taylor presented an overview of the project description, purpose and need, and project history. The handout materials included a project map of the NC 119 relocation study corridor alternatives being considered, a typical section diagram of the proposed NC 119 facility, a project schedule through the year 2011, current and future traffic projections for the study area and a list of frequently asked questions pertaining to the project. The handout also included a summary of the questions and issues identified by the Steering Committee and responses to those questions based on information that is currently available as part of the on-going project work being done by NCDOT and the consultants.

III. Responses to Issues Identified at June 24, 2004 NC 119 Relocation Steering Committee Meeting

The handout materials were reviewed by the project team and the question and response summaries were discussed with the Steering Committee. The majority of the discussion focused on the following issues:

- local street connections to NC 119 corridor and possible access points to nearby neighborhoods
- planned access to NC 119 relocation route from major cross streets such as US 70, Holt Street, Mebane Rodgers Road, and the Norfolk Southern railroad
- potential for increased traffic volumes (including truck traffic) on area roads

- advantages and disadvantages of alternative corridors considered for the NC 119 relocation route
- relationship of the NC 119 relocation project to other long-range transportation improvement plans (prepared by the Burlington-Graham MPO) for the study area including a future eastern bypass route of Mebane
- potential for growth within the study area as a result of the proposed project
- potential impacts to water quality and water supply watershed critical area as a result of the project
- possible mitigation measures to protect water supply watershed areas and State regulations regarding development within watershed protection zones
- future traffic volumes within the study area and congestion management
- potential impacts to historic properties
- possible displacements; desire of community residents to know the likely location of the new NC 119 route in order to make decisions regarding future sale or acquisition of their properties

Several members of the Steering Committee expressed concerns regarding the potential changes in community character and the “small town atmosphere” of Mebane as a result of the proposed relocation of NC 119.

The Steering Committee also discussed their role in the progress of the NC 119 relocation project and their understanding of their contribution to the on-going work by NCDOT and the consultants involved in the project. They agreed that they would like to continue to participate in future activities of the project, provide input and reactions to project information as it become available, and disseminate that information to interested others in their communities. The Steering Committee recognized the differing priorities and concerns among various communities within the project study area and the need for open discussion of issues as they evolve during the future stages of project development. It was also recognized that, as with most community involvement efforts, it is not necessary to have complete agreement among the Steering Committee members on all issues associated with a project in order to have meaningful input to the decision-making process.

IV. Future Activities

The future project activities anticipated during the next several months involve the continuation of work on the preliminary design of the NC 119 relocation alternatives and preparation of the draft environmental impact studies for the project. NCDOT will continue to keep the community and the Steering Committee informed about and involved in the project through distribution of a newsletter in November 2004 and creation of a project website, as well as on-going communication with local officials and members of the Steering Committee. The representatives of NCDOT expressed their willingness to meet at future scheduled meetings of the Steering Committee, if so requested. It was also stated that the project study team anticipated having additional information available by Spring 2005 for a meaningful project update report for the Committee.

The NC 119 Relocation Steering Committee meeting of October 7, 2004 concluded at approximately 9:15pm.

List of Attendees of the NC 119 Relocation Steering Committee Meeting
October 7, 2004

Steering Committee Members

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| Pat Brewer | Woodlawn |
| Gail Thompson | West End |
| Evon Connally | White Level |
| Donald L. Tate | West End |
| Melvin King | Woodlawn |
| Michael Jackson | White Level |
| Bruce Middleton | Fieldstone Farms (3rd Street) |
| Lacy Bennett | Downtown |
| David Wilson | 5th Street |
| Ted Johnson | Woodlawn |
| Steve Cole | Woodlawn |
| Rev. Jesse T. Alston | White Level |

Other Community Members

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| Marylyn Snipes | West End |
| Omega Wilson | West End |

NCDOT Representatives

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| Karen Taylor | NCDOT-PD&EA Branch |
| Brian Yamamoto | NCDOT-PD&EA Branch |
| Travis Totten | NCDOT-PD&EA Branch (Office of Human Environment) |
| Ed Lewis | NCDOT-PD&EA Branch (Office of Human Environment) |

Consultant Firms

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| Craig Young | Buck Engineering, Inc. |
| Jan Anderson | RS&H, Inc. |
| Debbie Porter | RS&H, Inc. |