

MINUTES
FOXFIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Foxfire Golf Country Club ~ 9 Foxfire Blvd
March 13, 2018 – 6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor E.M. McCue III called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. **Members Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Leslie Frusco, Councilman Don Boito, Councilman Ed Howze and Councilman Jon Sedlak
3. **Others Present:** Lisa A. Kivett-Village Clerk, Police Chief Chad Shue, Andy Moody, Tom McClellan, Timothy Neu, Bruce Geddes, Karl Bernet, Barbara Okula, Cynthia Lathrop, Michelle Howes, Scott Walston, Vilma Geisert, Lloyd Geisert, Mary Gilroy, Linda Straczewski, Mike Cole, Mr. Gruzewski, and Debra Ensminger
4. **Moment of Silence:** Mayor McCue requested those present to pause for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
5. **Presentation by NCDOT & TARPO on the Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Mayor McCue introduced Scott Walston from the NCDOT who gave a Power Point presentation on the Draft Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. *A copy of this Power Point presentation is made part of these minutes as an Attachment.*

Mr. Walston started off by saying the draft plan has been many years in the making. His presentation is for information only, to update the Village on upcoming meetings and the Village was not required to make any decisions. NCDOT may come back to the Village later in the summer to request adoption of what is in Foxfire's planning jurisdiction and if the Village chooses, to endorse the balance of the plan.

This is a long-range multimodal plan looking at the year 2040 and directed by State Statute. It is a cooperative effort between the NCDOT, Moore County Transportation Committee, and the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization. Moore County is the steering committee and the NCDOT is working through them. The plan emphasizes the local land development plan and community and state-wide goals. It's only a concept plan and not fiscally constrained.

Mr. Walston continued with his presentation which generated many questions and extensive discussion with the council regarding the plan data and the proposed Western Connector, other possible locations for the connector, the traffic circle, traffic flow in the area, and the concerns that the Western Connector does not affect Pinehurst.

Mayor McCue opened the floor for the audience to ask questions.

Karl Bernet does not agree that the Western Connector will alleviate traffic from Hwy 5 based on an independent traffic survey he conducted. He elaborated on his findings.

Tim Niu lives on Hoffman Rd. and is concerned about safety and increased traffic on Hoffman that would be generated by the Western Connector.

Bruce Geddes who lives on Bowman Rd. agreed with all of the council's comments and suggestions about the Western Connector. He feels the plan should be considered without the Western Connector and that changes should be made to the traffic circle.

Mike Cole agreed with Mr. Geddes comments and thinks the traffic circle is a problem.

Tom McClellan also has concerns about the traffic circle stop lights for golf carts on Hwy 5.

Mary Gilroy asked how the Village could adopt a transportation plan without having something in there about the traffic circle. Geddes replied its in the plan but does not specify what changes would be made.

Tim Nui said he was concerned about the speed limit on Hoffman Rd. and the possibility that it be widened into 4 lanes. Mayor McCue replied the Village has the authority to say no and would say no to widening. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco commented that the NCDOT has done several studies regarding the speed limit and actually suggested increasing the speed through the Village rather than lowering it.

There being no further comments, Mayor McCue thanked Mr. Walston for his presentation.

6. Additions and Approval of Regular Meeting Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a motion to adopt the agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda

All items listed below are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and without discussion

A. Approval of Minutes

- February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting
- February 22, 2018 Work Session

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as written. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Public Comment Period

Barbara Okula questioned how the duplex-looking home under construction on Richmond Rd. was approved. Mayor McCue replied that our residential zoning ordinance as it is currently written and the current definition of “duplex” allowed it to be built. Mayor Pro Tem mentioned SB25 which limits municipalities authority to enforce anything more than setbacks, bulk and height of a residential structure.

Tom McClellan was concerned about police activity over the weekend and asked why the community wasn’t notified of such activity. Mayor McCue and Councilman Howze replied they did not have information to provide an answer at this time.

9. Zoning Administrator’s Report – Lisa Kivett

Lisa Kivett reported the following zoning activities for the month of February:

Sixteen (16) homes are currently under construction or in the beginning stage of lot clearing. Fifteen are located in the Village corporate limits.

Two duplex units (Foxtail Lane)

Village

Autumn Ridge (Autumn Ridge)

Two (2) located in Grande Pines

Three (3) located in Pineland Preserve

N. Shamrock

Deer Track

Bermuda Circle

Two (2) located on Whitman Court

Eagle Drive

Richmond Rd.

Birdie Ct.

Green Valley

ETJ

Tufts Vista

Two (2) Certificate of Occupancy were issued (S. Shamrock Drive and Foxfire Rd.)

Cardinal Drive Trailer(s)

Both trailers have been moved from the house on Cardinal Drive.

10. Councilmember's Reports:

A. Finance – Leslie Frusco

1. Finance Report

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reported the following as of February 28, 2018:

The total cash balance in the General Fund is \$1,603,000 of which \$715,000 is restricted for the Debt Service Assigned Funds, K9 Funds, Street Maintenance Funds, and Police Vehicle Reserve leaving an unrestricted amount of \$887,900.

The total in the Water Fund is \$679,000 of which \$226,076 is restricted for a new well(s) and tank maintenance.

We are currently in the 2018-2019 Budget process. She asked that councilmembers have their initial preliminary expense numbers ready by Thursday.

Mayor McCue added that Citizen Participation Budget Meeting are scheduled for May 10th at 6:30 PM and on May 15th at 4:30 PM. This is an opportunity for residents to see how their money is being budgeted for the next year and to gather input. This information is available on the website.

B. Streets and Park – Don Boito

1. Tree on Shamrock

Councilman Boito reported the dead and leaning tree on Sunset was removed for \$100. It was located on private property. Boito questioned if the property owner should be billed for the removal or if the Village should just pay for it.

2. Boulder on Eastside

Boito will speak with the Appearance Committee about enhancing the appearance of the Eastside entrance.

3. Potential Drainage Issue with New Town Hall Parking Lot

Boito raised concerns about possible drainage issues when the new town hall parking lot is paved. Frusco replied it has already been addressed with the architect and will be discussed further at the next construction meeting.

4. Drainage Issue on N. Shamrock Dr.

Boito reported a drainage issue in front of a home on N. Shamrock. The property owner is willing to build a retention wall in contour with the property line, however it will fall within the Village's right-of-way. This request will be further reviewed by Boito and Councilman Sedlak.

C. Water Department – Jon Sedlak

Councilman Sedlak reported a large leak near the Clubhouse. The water was shut down on the eastside as well as in the area of the clubhouse because the shut off valve was buried when the new road was paved. It will need to be dug up and the road patched.

Sedlak reported that Graham-Currie did a static level test on the left-side southbound Hoffman Rd. well. This well produces 30-35 gpm and has the potential to pump 50 gpm. They are preparing a report with their recommendations and we should receive it in a week or so.

D. Public Safety – Ed Howze

Councilman Howze reported the Village council members and staff, police dept. and fire will be participating in a Disaster Drill exercise on April 11th. Scott Brooks, Moore County Emergency Services will conduct the drill which will be a “weather event”. This will help the council, police and fire to manage a storm of this size and nature. The entire council will be in attendance and a public notice will be posted. The council will not discuss any business or take any actions during the exercise.

11. Mayor’s Report

Mayor McCue reported attending a Kick-off Breakfast for the Moore County Bond Issues. At the May 8th election will be 2 bond issues on the ballot, one for elementary schools and the other for a health programs facility at Sandhills Community College. The school’s bond is \$103,000,000 to build three new elementary schools. The other bond is \$20,000,000 for a new health care education facility. McCue elaborated further on each bond.

12. Old Business:

None

13. New Business:

A. Long Range Plan

Mayor McCue reported that the draft Long Range Plan had been on the website for over a month and no comments were received from the website posting. He asked that the plan be approved.

Councilman Boito made a motion to adopt the Long Range Plan. The motion unanimously carried.

B. Absentee Ballots

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reiterated on a comment made at the last council meeting about the Village not having absentee ballots.

In 2013, the Council approved a resolution that eliminated absentee ballots. The reason behind the resolution was due to the cost of doing absentee ballots is about \$1,000 which is in addition to the \$4,500 spent each time we have a municipal election. The best turnout of voters in the last 15 years was 82, and in other years as low as 30. Data from 2007 when we had absentee ballots show that only 11 people used one. That ballot included county wide referendum.

In 2009, no one used absentee ballots and in 2011 there were only six that did. This data was reviewed before the 2013 election and the council determined that the additional \$1,000 was not warranted by six voters. If council wants to change the resolution, it will need to be changed before the next election. Moore County defines absentee ballots to include any voting that is not done at the primary voting poll. This means if we don’t have absentee ballots, you cannot go to Carthage at early voting and vote in municipal elections. She asked that council let her know if they wish to discuss further.

C. Pool Fees

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco reported that council decided the pool would not be staffed by lifeguards this year. Season Pass memberships and Punch Cards will be available. There was extensive discussion on fees and punch cards. Council will further discuss and make a decision on fees at the next work session.

14. Public Comment:

Cynthia Lathrop commented on the recent CodeRed message regarding a water leak.

Thelma Geisert asked if pool fees would be lowered since lifeguards would be eliminated. Mayor Pro Tem Frusco replied no.

Linda Straczewski commented on her punch card purchase for the previous year.

Mary Gilroy made suggestions on pool pass fees for non-residents and single memberships.

Mayor McCue thanked Councilman Sedlak for repairing the leak and fixing the pool house. This may be the last year for the existing pool house.

15. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Frusco made a motion to adjourn. The motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

As so incorporated to these minutes of March 13, 2018 are exact copies as so recorded in the ordinance and resolution books of Foxfire Village as if fully set out in the minutes.



Lisa A. Kivett, CMC, NCCMC, CZO
Village Clerk



E.M. McCue III
Mayor



Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Foxfire presentation
March 13, 2018

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Comprehensive Transportation Plan Overview

- Today's presentation is informational – **no decisions needed**.
- But adoption may be requested in the summer

Purpose:

- Update you on the Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Let you know of the upcoming meetings and schedule

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Comprehensive Transportation Plan Overview

- Is a Long-Range, multimodal transportation plan (highway, public transportation/rail, bicycle and pedestrian). **We are planning for the year 2040!!**
- Is developed cooperatively with NCDOT, the RPO/MPO, County and Municipal stakeholders.
- Emphasizes the local land development plan as well as community and statewide goals such as the protection of Strategic Corridors.
- Is only a **Concept Plan**.
- Is not fiscally constrained.

*It is important to note that CTP proposals are **Concepts** and any project will go through a rigorous environmental process before final alignments or designs can be determined.*

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Proposed Growth in the County

- County Commissioners/Town Councils need to find a balance of the rights of landowners and developers with the rights of citizens, wildlife and the environment.
- Based on the 2013 Moore County Land Use Plan, the county expects the population to increase from ~88,000 in 2010 to 122,000 by 2030

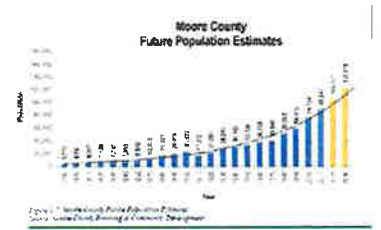
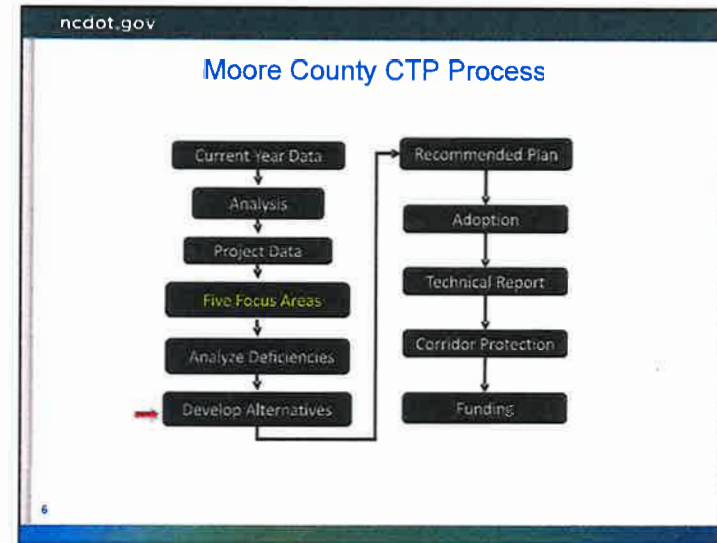
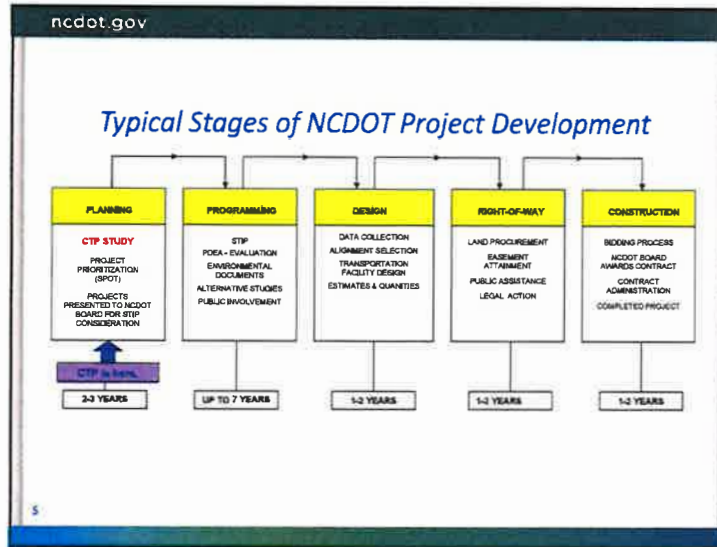


Figure 1-7 Moore County Future Population Estimates
Source: Moore County Planning and Community Development

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Highway Proposal Listing Review

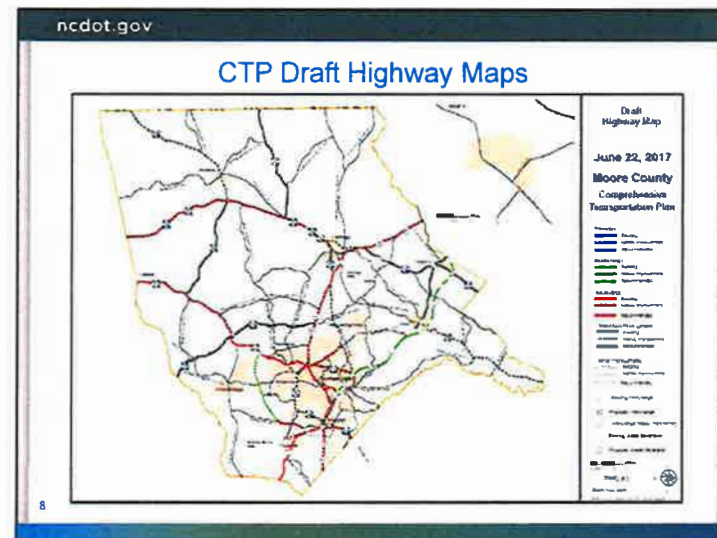
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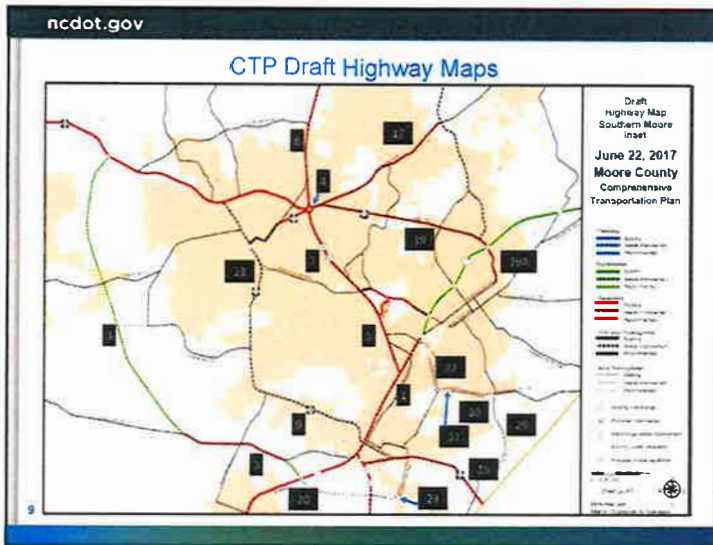
Proposal Number	Section	Project Description	Project Location	Project Type	Project Status
1	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 17 to US 101, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
2	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101 to US 101A, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
3	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101A to US 101B, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
4	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101B to US 101C, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
5	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101C to US 101D, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
6	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101D to US 101E, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
7	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101E to US 101F, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
8	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101F to US 101G, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
9	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101G to US 101H, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active
10	1-177	Improvement to 1-177 from US 101H to US 101I, including widening, resurfacing, and drainage improvements.	US 17, Moore County	Improvement	Active

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The following proposals are **NOT listed in any priority order.**

ALL OF THESE CTP RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DRAFT AND CAN BE CHANGED AS NEEDED





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Western Connector Problem / Constraints

Problem: Connect the communities in western Moore County with amenities in the east and relieve congestion on existing roads, like NC 5.

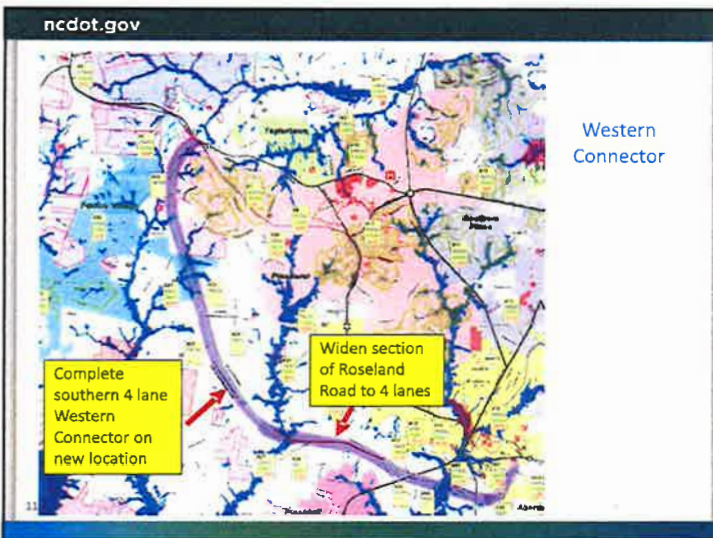
NC 5 is congested now, and traffic will continue to increase by 2040

NC 5 is difficult to widen due to the adjoining railroad right-of-way. Based on mapping it appears that the Railroad owns 160' of right-of way (80' on either side of the track). Therefore, most of NC 5 (south of the bridge in Pinehurst) is in Railroad right-of-way.

Areas to minimize / avoid:

- Landfill
- Natural Heritage Area (rare species, important animal assemblages)
- Water/Streams and stream crossings
- Human Environment (housing, businesses)

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Benefits of the Western Connector

1. It benefits the traffic in the southern part of the county. Overall, Scenario 7 revised is a benefit, not just NC 5, but the overall network (as the bottom negative numbers indicate on the previous slide)
2. It reduces traffic on NC 5 in Pinehurst. Shows a reduction of 3,900 to 5,400 vehicles per day reduction in Pinehurst. Based on this data, 2040 traffic will be about the same or less as it is now.

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Opposition Concerns

1. Growth projections
2. Traffic
3. Don't like the process

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THE PILOT.COM

2013 Newspaper of the Year

'THE WORLD DISCOVERED US'
Moore County's Growth Is Changing Everything

Article: 20,000 new residents since 2000

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Growth Projections Concerns

1. Locally derived assumptions for growth based on the 2013 Land Use Plan. That doesn't mean they are not reasonable.
2. Large portions of land in the area are not forever "off the table" for development, just because current owners may not want to develop their property.
 - Property in private ownership will eventually change hands.
 - Heirs/next owners may be financially motivated to develop
3. If they projections are "wrong" or "oversubscribed" the Western Connector may not ever be constructed. Planning for a Western Connector concept will help ensure mobility if the projections are reasonable and growth does occur.
4. There is nothing to bind future councils or Boards to honor zoning.
5. Some developments have changed since the projections were made.

Moore County Future Population Estimates

2017 census estimate 97,597

2020 Land Use Plan Estimate 104,131

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Moore County CTP Process

STONEHILL PINES

FOXHILL RESORT

PINEWILC COUNTRY CLUB OF PINEHURST

PINEHURST RESORT

PINEHURST, NC

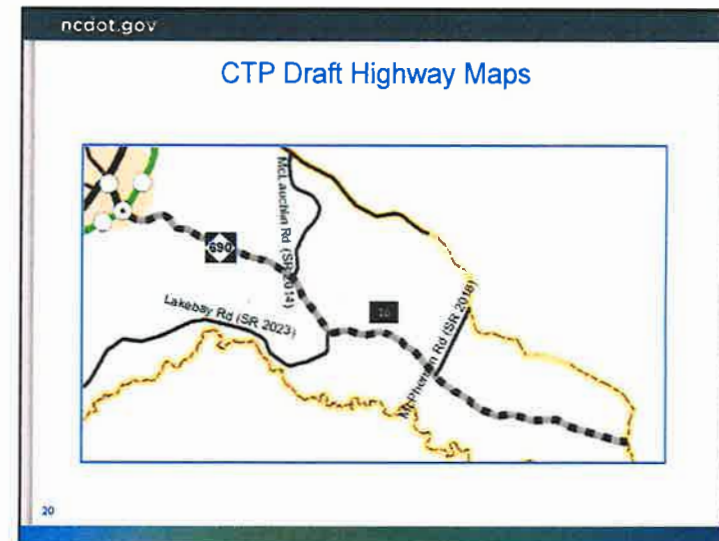
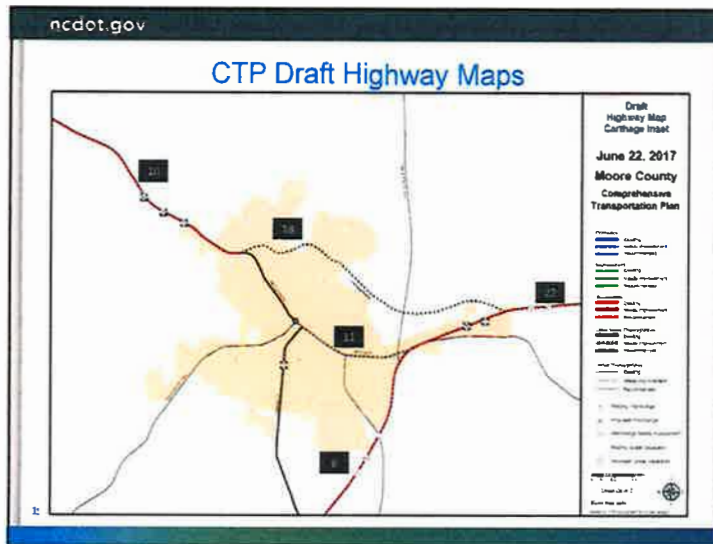
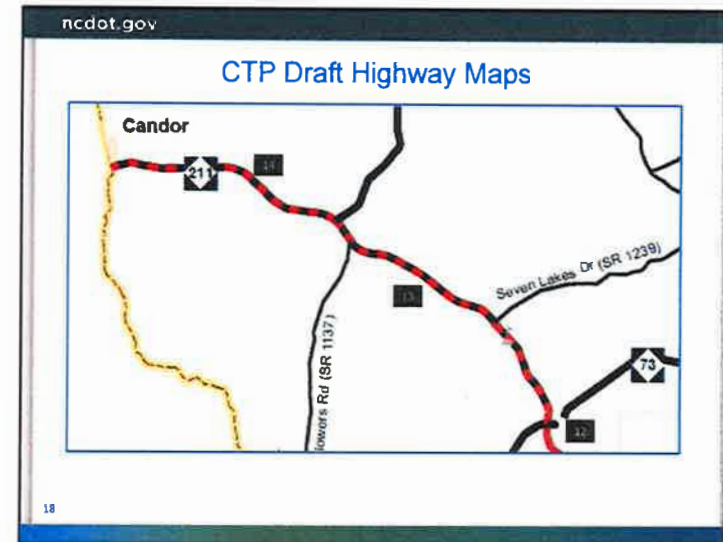
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Traffic Concerns

1. Presenters used 2010 traffic flow diagrams to attempt to argue that there is no need for a Western Connector.
2. We need to consider 2040 traffic.
3. Travel Demand modeling indicates a shift off NC 5 for the Western Connector Concept.
4. 2040 Traffic will be worse in the southern part of the County without a Western Connector.
5. Improved shoulders, improved traffic lights, and some turn lanes, etc. will help congestion slightly, but they are more "band aids".

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CTP Draft Highway Maps - Robbins

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Public Meeting Schedule

April 9th – Carthage Agricultural Center – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

April 11th – Vass Town Hall – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 April 11th – Cameron Fire Department – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

April 12th – Southern Pines Douglas Center – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

April 17th – Aberdeen Lake Park – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 April 17th – Pinehurst Village Hall – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

April 19th – Robbins North Moore High School – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

April 23rd – Aberdeen Elementary School – 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

***Information the same at each meeting.

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Tentative Schedule

March 5 – March 27- **Local informational meetings with municipalities**

March 26- **Public Meeting announcements, draft report placed online**

April 9- April 23- **Public Meetings**

May 7- **public comment period ends**

June 18- **public meeting summary report and final draft CTP released**

June/July – **Moore County Transportation Committee Meeting to review comments and endorse**

July/August- **local adoptions**

August 9 or October 11- **RPO endorsement**

September or November – **NC Board of Transportation adoption**

Report finalized.

*** Assumes no major local changes and consent to move forward.

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Questions

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