



Comprehensive Plan Briefing to the Camden County Board of Commissioners

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C L A R I O N



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Presentation Overview

- Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- Comprehensive Plan
- Next Steps

What is a Comprehensive Transportation Plan?



- **A CTP is:**
 - **Long Range** → Addresses transportation needs 25-30 years into the future.
 - **Multi-Modal** → Highways, Pedestrians, Bicyclists, Public Transportation, and Rail.
 - **Non-Fiscally Constrained** → Does not have state or federal funding tied to projects.
 - **Adopted at three levels** → Local (county/municipalities), regional (MPO/RPO), and state (NCDOT)
- **A CTP does not:**
 - **Make a promise to build roads**
 - **Determine a pinpoint location for roads**

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

What work has been completed?

- Formed CTP Steering Committee
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Data Collection
- Developed and Conducted Public Survey
- Developed Vision Statement



What's Next?

- Complete Deficiency Analysis
- Draft CTP

Comprehensive Plan Project Update



Camden County, NC Comprehensive Plan Project Schedule

Tasks	2011						2012					
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
Task 1: Project Initiation and Community Assessment			SC	SC								
Task 2: Issue Identification and Needs Assessment					PW		BOC/SC					
Task 3: Development of Alternative Plans								SC				
Task 4: Selection and Refinement of Plan									BOC/SC/PW			
Task 5: Development of Recommended Plan												BOC/SC
Task 6: Project Reporting												
Task 7: Camden County Environmental Culture Document												

BOC Meeting with Board of County Commissioners
PW Public Workshop
SC Steering/Technical Committee Meeting

Updated: August 11, 2011

- Completed: Community Assessments, Community Workshops, Issue Identification
- Current Work: Developing Alternative Development Scenarios

Comprehensive Plan: Community Planning Influences Report

- Report sets out foundational information for plan
- Purpose to provide factual basis for development of policy framework
- Three parts to report:
 - Part 1: Summary of Planning Initiatives
 - Part 2: Summary of Existing Conditions
 - Part 3: Summary of Key Planning Influences and Opportunities

Envision Camden County Public Workshop

- Public Open House offered in two sessions – 110 attendees
- Keypad polling, visioning, and mapping exercises
- Comment forms and “meet with planners” other opportunities to get open-ended feedback





Planning in action...

Envision Camden County Public Workshop

- Ideas for Camden County in 2035:
 - Rural, quaint county with limited development
 - More employment opportunities
 - More public amenities and commercial services
 - Centralized development in South Mills and Camden
 - New bikeways, recreational facilities, and boating access

“We will become a destination, not just a place of passage.”

Envision Camden County Public Workshop

- How Should Camden Grow?
 - Managed, slow growth
 - Protection of environmental resources
 - Willingness to consider clustered development
 - Focus development along major roads
 - Provide incentives for commercial development

Community Survey

Key Points of Consensus:

- Need Balanced Growth
- New Development Needed
- Protect Environment
- Need Plan for Infrastructure
- Recreation is a Priority

Community Survey

Issues with Differing Opinions:

- How to Foster Growth
- Cluster Development
- Opportunities for Increased Densities
- How to Protect Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Preliminary Policy Questions

Big questions:

- What is the best pattern for future growth?
- How should the county foster development?
- How should the County manage areas not targeted for development?
- What are the priority areas for providing new water/sewer infrastructure?
- How should new infrastructure be paid for?

Alternative Development Scenarios

- Two proposed scenarios
 - Status Quo:
 - Low density development pattern that is distributed throughout the county
 - Some residential and commercial clustered along North US 17
 - Targeted Development:
 - Compact development form
 - Clusters development in targeted locations: North US 17, South Mills, Camden, Shiloh/southern area

Comprehensive Plan: Next Steps

- Develop and Test Scenarios
- Develop Plan Structure
- Policy and Strategy Options
- Meeting of Steering Committee mid-February to Present Scenarios