

**CAMPO/BPAC Joint Meeting  
November 29, 2005  
4:30pm @ TTA Board Room**

**CAMPO Members/Staff Present:**

Julie Woosley, Chair  
Bruce Rosar  
Steven Goodridge  
Amy Armbruster, TTA  
Jake Petrosky, CAMPO  
Adena Messinger, NCSU  
Ben Hitchings, Town of Morrisville  
Ann Ayers, Town of Wake Forest

**DBPAC Members/Staff Present:**

Phillip Barron  
Alison Carpenter, City of Durham  
Heather Fisher  
Bo Glenn  
Pete Schubert  
Caleb Southern  
Mike Wolosin

**Guests Present:**

Stan Chambers, N&O

**I. Call to Order**

CAMPO Chair Julie Woosley called the meeting to order.

**II. Introductions & Announcements**

Julie Woosley announced that there was much discussion in Raleigh recently about how to resolve issues related to bicyclists cutting through Meredith's campus and/or being blocked from using a shortcut on campus grounds to access the new trail and bridge near the NC Art Museum. Local officials are working to identify a plan and funding for a short trail segment along Wade Ave, to allow access from the Whole Foods shopping center and neighborhoods north and east of Faircloth Rd to the greenway, without penetrating the Meredith College campus. It is anticipated the project would cost around \$500,000. City of Raleigh and NCDOT staff are studying the feasibility of this connection. Citizens in support of improving access to the greenway are encouraged to visit [www.petitiononline.com/g2g2005/petition.html](http://www.petitiononline.com/g2g2005/petition.html) to sign the "Get to the Greenway" petition. There is also support for an extension of operating hours for the art museum greenway and other greenways in Wake County.

Alison Carpenter and Phillip Barron made a short announcement that the hours for the American Tobacco Trail will change, due to recent complaints by commuter cyclists related to police ticketing of trail users after dark. City officials and citizens met earlier in the week to discuss the matter, and agreed that changing the trail hours to 10am-5pm would better serve commuters. Cyclists will be required to use lights, per state statute.

**III. Public Comment**

N/A

#### IV. Regional Business

- a. **Bicycle Education Efforts** - Alison Carpenter gave an update on a recent federal CMAQ grant received by the City of Durham for bicycle education and maps. The City has hired a graphic designer to work on 'branding' for promotional/educational materials. Alison passed out samples of three graphic themes for brochures and pamphlets Durham is crafting, and asked for input on design and content. CAMPO members are interested in using materials after publication for Triangle-wide distribution. DBPAC members expressed willingness to share after publication is completed; Alison agreed to check on copyright issues and follow up with CAMPO.
- b. **CORE Bike/Ped/Greenspace Plan** - Alison and Jake passed around copies of the CORE plan and related maps. Ben Hitchings (who coordinated the project in his previous position with TJCOG) gave background on the plan, which focuses attention on the RTP-area. He explained the project priorities from the Plan, which will act as an "inter-local guide" through the Triangle. Alison mentioned that communities are being invited to adopt the plan if they like, for use locally. This is especially useful for town/cities without local bike/ped/greenway plans. Bo asked if regionally-significant projects might be eligible for congressional earmarks, etc. Ben explained that this was an idea behind the priorities when the plan was created. Copies of the CORE plan are available for download at [http://www.dhcmpo.org/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=cat\\_view&gid=17&Itemid=34](http://www.dhcmpo.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=17&Itemid=34)
- c. **Regional Events** - no upcoming events to discuss
- d. **Local Projects/Plans Update** - Jake Petrosky handed out copies of the new CAMPO "Bicycle Facility Planning & Engineering Guidelines" and explained its significance as a regional guidance document for new development, road construction, etc. The document is meant to shed light on the pros and cons of different kinds of bicycle facilities, including wide outside lanes, bike lanes, shared lane markings, wide shoulders and streets in general. Jake also updated the group on two local bike/ped plans in the CAMPO area. The towns of Cary and Clayton both received NCDOT grants for bike/ped planning. Cary has hired Louis Berger Group to do a pedestrian plan for the town; Clayton is working on a bicycle plan for their on-road and off-road system.

Alison Carpenter gave an update on the Durham Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan. The Pedestrian Plan is an NCDOT grant funded plan, which includes an extensive GIS sidewalk inventory. The Louis Berger

Group is working on the plan, which is nearing completion and expected to be adopted in March/April 2006. The Durham County Bicycle Plan contract was recently awarded to Greenways, Inc, a local firm who is nationally recognized for their bike/ped/greenway planning work. The Plan is expected to take approximately 9 months to complete, and will include recommendations for bicycle-related improvements and an on-road bicycle route network, which includes bike lanes, signage, wide outside lanes, paved shoulders and various intersection improvements. The plan will also recommend encouragement, education and enforcement programs.

There is approximately 9 miles of the American Tobacco Trail that is currently unimproved. This "Missing Link" of the ATT includes the bridge over I-40 in Durham (at Southpointe Mall), and two un-decked railroad trusses in Chatham County. This work will cost over \$6.5 million total, and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO is currently discussing the funding scenario for the Durham and Chatham portions of the trail. Several funding sources, including a recent federal earmark, will be identified to contribute to the completion of the three bridges and 9 miles of trail improvements. When the "missing link" is complete, the entire trail will be 23 miles long and connect Wake, Chatham and Durham Counties. Currently, there are local plans in Cary and Raleigh to connect Umstead Park to the ATT through local connector trails. This opportunity is also highlighted in the CORE Plan.

**e. Funding Opportunities**

This item was tabled due to time shortage.

**V. Implementation Tasks—Follow up Steps**

Alison will check on copyright restrictions related to the possible distribution of the bicycle education documents as drafted by Durham with a few changes which would give the document a "Triangle-wide" focus. When appropriate, the CAMPO BPSG will review the content of the bicycle education documents and send Alison suggested revisions.