

STIP Project U-3125 US 117 Corridor Improvements

US 117 from I-40 (Sampson County) to I-795 (Wayne County)

Concurrence Point 1

Meeting Summary

December 19, 2018 – 1:00 pm

NCDOT Century Center Building A - Structures Conference Room

Meeting Participants:

Eric Alsmeyer – USACE

Patrick Flanagan* – Eastern Carolina RPO

Renee Gledhill-Earley* – NCHPO

Eric Howell* – Eastern Carolina RPO

Gary Jordan – USFWS

Ron Lucas* – FHWA

Rob Ridings – NCDWR

Amanetta Somerville* – USEPA-NES

Gordon Cashin – NCDOT

John Conforti – NCDOT-PMU

Jimmy Eatmon* – Division 4

Katie Hite* – NCDOT-Div 3

Ronnie Keeter* – NCDOT-Division 4

Harrison Marshal – NCDOT-PICS

Kiersten Bass – WSP (GESC)

Emily Robinson – WSP (GESC)

Scott Blevins – RK&K-Roadway Design

Kristina Miller – RK&K-Planning

Robin Pugh – RK&K-Planning

An asterisk () above indicates participation in the meeting via telephone (919.662.4552).*

Meeting Purpose:

The purpose of the Concurrence Point 1 meeting was to discuss and reach concurrence on the Purpose and Need and Study Area.

Meeting Materials:

Copies of the Concurrence Point 1 handout and meeting presentation were provided.

Discussion:

John Conforti welcomed everyone to the meeting. Following introductions, Kristina Miller presented an overview of the project, including recent public meetings, and reviewed the draft Purpose and Need and Study Area. No changes to the project need, primary purpose statement, or other desirable outcomes were requested. The following topics were clarified or discussed:

I-40 interchange – This interchange will be a freeway to freeway interchange with no signalization.

Study area – The study area presented is similar to (slightly larger than) the study area proposed in the 2015 feasibility study. In summarizing public comments, Kristina noted that some wanted the study area to be expanded, likely because of flooding in the Goldsboro area. At I-40, some wanted to include only the existing interchange in the study area, while others were in favor of studying a new interchange location.

Wetland and streams – Eric Alsmeyer noted the substantial effort that would be required to delineate the large number of wetlands and streams in the study area. He asked that delineations be completed based on corridors, and not the entire study area. Kristina explained that work on the NRTR would start at the southern end of the project and proceed northward



while the new location corridors are being developed. In the Goldsboro area, delineations would be completed for the corridors only. Gordon suggested GIS screening as well.

Historic resources – Renee Gledhill-Earley agreed that the historic architecture surveys would cover the entire study area, with supplements as needed. Archaeological surveys would be completed for specific alignments

Following discussion, all agreed on the Purpose and Need and Study Area Defines as presented. The CP 1 form was signed by those present. Refer to the CP 1 sheet attached for concurrence obtained during the meeting.

Action Items:

1. RK&K – Send concurrence form signed by those present to remote attendees for signatures.
2. RK&K – Send the signed concurrence form to Eric Alsmeyer.
3. RK&K – Email the presentation slides and handout to Kiersten Bass (GESG).

Summary prepared by RK&K.