

ADJOURNED MEETING CITY COUNCIL
August 13, 2012

The City Council of the City of Albemarle met in an adjourned session on Monday, August 13, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at City Hall. Mayor Elbert L. "Whit" Whitley, Jr. presided, and the following Councilmembers were present, to-wit: Troy E. Alexander, Martha Sue Hall, Judy Holcomb, Ronnie Michael, Jack F. Neel, Dexter Townsend and T. Ed Underwood. Absent, none.

The City Council held a meeting with the towns of Badin and New London, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RRRPO) to discuss the Comprehensive Transportation Plan Study.

Mayor Whitley called the meeting to order.

Ms. Dana Stoogenke with the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated there will be an update tonight on the strategic highway corridors and the alignment for NC Hwy 24-27.

Ms. Stoogenke handed out a copy of the recommendations summary for the draft of the Albemarle, Badin, and New London CTP. She began the presentation explaining the process which includes:

- Focus Groups
- Survey Public
- Data Collection
- Draft Plan
- Public Workshops
- Request for Adoption
- Request for endorsement from RRRPO

Request for adoption from the Board of Transportation

She presented a map of the 2010 traffic volume and the capacity deficiency. This showed the volume of traffic on each road in Stanly County. It depicted that part of NC 24-27 was over capacity and part near capacity in 2010. Also projecting to 2035, NC Hwy. 24-27 and US Hwy. 52, part is over capacity and NC Hwy. 73 is near capacity in 2035.

Mr. Reuben Crummy NCDOT Project Engineer came forward and continued the presentation going over the highway maps with recommendations. He covered maps including US 52, the “Northern Loop”, NC 24-27, NC 73, NC 24-27 Bypass “Southern Loop”, and minor connector/re-alignment improvements, and minor widening improvements and recommendations.

It was noted as follows:

US 52 will widen to a four lane boulevard from NC 24-27/NC 73 to the Albemarle, Badin, and New London southern planning area.

US 52 within Stanly County is recommended to be designated as a boulevard from North Albemarle, Badin, and New London planning area and continue to the south planning area.

The Northern Loop will be a four lane boulevard

NC 24-27/NC 73 will widen to a four lane expressway from Montgomery County to Sweet Home Church Road

NC 24-27/NC 73 will widen to a four lane boulevard from west of Creekrige Circle to west of US 52.

NC 24-27 Bypass “Southern Loop” will be a four lane expressway on new location.

Ms. Stoogenke stated that a public transportation and rail assessment was completed during the development of the CTP. She stated that it was

recommended to add a bus route and three park and ride lots. She stated the location of the park and ride lots. Also incorporated into the CTP are the existing bicycle facilities and pedestrian recommendations were integrated into the CTP from the 2007 Albemarle Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan and the 2008 Badin Pedestrian Plan. She displayed the routes on the maps.

Mr. Crummy and Ms. Stoogenke answered any questions that the panel had and they also received input on several issues at hand.

Ms. Stoogenke stated that there will be a scheduled public hearing which will be posted in the local paper and public workshops for the county in the next 4-5 weeks. Also, she stated that they should have an endorsement from the RPO by November 2012.

Upon questioning, the following were explained:

- 1) Freeways with a minimum of four lanes such as I-40 and I-95
- 2) Expressways such as NC Hwy. 49 and NC Hwy 24-27
- 3) Boulevards such as US Hwy 52
- 4) Thoroughfares with a minimum of 2 lanes.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Alexander, seconded by Councilmember Underwood, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, August 20, 2012 for a regular session meeting.