

RECORD OF MEETING

Williston Transportation Plan Subcommittee of the Planning Advisory Committee

Discussion about Draft Goals and Objectives for the Transportation Plan

March 5, 2009, 2:00 p.m.
Williston City Hall

Members in Attendance:

Kent Jarcik
Monte Meiers

Walt Peterson
Brent Bogar
Cindy Gray (via telephone)

Representing:

City of Williston Planning Department
City of Williston and Williams County Engineering
Department
NDDOT, Williston District
Williston City Commission
SRF Consulting Group, Inc.

Cindy Gray explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft goals and objectives for the Transportation Plan. She explained that the goals are very general, while the objectives start to get more specific about aspects of the system. She explained that the objectives can reflect on-going, long range, and short range activities and outcomes, and that the goals and objectives are designed to help city policy makers set their focus and their direction for dealing with transportation issues that they are frequently asked to address. The more detailed aspects of the Transportation Plan include the short and long range project lists, which can include either roadway construction and improvement projects, studies, pedestrian and bicycle projects, subdivision regulations (such as access control guidelines), public educational efforts, and so forth. After consideration of the goals and objectives by the subcommittee, Cindy will make revisions to the draft goals and objectives, and make them available for review by the Planning Advisory Committee. Cindy explained that Deeann Long has already reviewed the document and provided Cindy with a comment regarding the *Safety* goal. She suggested adding an objective regarding education of the public about crosswalks, which was incorporated into the document.

Comments and discussion about the goals and objectives consisted of the following:

1. Develop more specifics. If a similar objective shows up under more than one goal, insert wording that orients the objective to that goal.
2. It was suggested that the objective stating "Review existing roadway geometrics, existing and future roadway capacities, and existing and future traffic control needs." should be placed in another goal category other than Safety.

3. Tie land use to truck routes by inserting an objective that refers to the identification of traffic generators and their ability to access truck routes.
4. Move the objective regarding Sloulin Field International Airport Master Plan to Goal 4: Land Use and Development.
5. Add an objective that deals with consistency of speed limits on arterials.
6. The functional classification system belongs under Goal 7: Investments and Use of Funding rather than Goal 2: Efficient Movement.
7. The objective relating to education of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists about the use of crosswalks and school crossings should be worded to refer to a “public education program”.
8. Reword the goal about reviewing and proposing local jurisdictional modifications for discussion among affected governments so it’s more understandable.
9. Add an objective regarding emergency response vehicles and routes to the safety goal.
10. Include something about truck traffic generators that work with truck routes in the Economic Development section.
11. Make a reference to “regional” buses for clarification, since there is no general local transit service other than dial-a-ride types of services.