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# Status Report

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Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point Joint Land Use Study

June 2018

BENCHMARK PLANNING

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### ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Since the kickoff meeting in April, the consulting team has been busy conducting background research and holding interviews with stakeholders. The team held its first meeting with the Advisory Committee on June 26 to present the initial background research results and discuss the process going forward. The team is currently working with MOTSU to develop a program for the upcoming public meetings on July 30 and developing the Land Use Compatibility Analysis that will be presented to the Advisory Committee in August.

### BACKGROUND RESEARCH

In conjunction with conducting stakeholder interviews, the consulting team has been conducting background research on a wide variety of topics, and have been gathering data, plans, documents, and studies that are being used to develop our base of knowledge about MOTSU and the region. Research has been conducted in the following topic areas, among others:

- Land Use and Growth Trends
- Land Use Plans and Regulations
- Environmental Issues
- Explosive Safety Policies and Regulations
- Transportation Plans and Infrastructure
- Utility Infrastructure
- MOUs / Licenses between MOTSU and Local Governments

### STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

Beginning in May, the consulting team began the process of interviewing the stakeholders that were identified in the Public Participation Plan. Interviews were primarily held in-person on May 21, 22 and 23, but several in-person and phone interviews were held both before and after the primary stakeholder interview period. Additional interviews, primarily by phone, are still being conducted. The following is a list of interviews held to date:

- Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point
- Brunswick County
- City of Boiling Spring Lakes
- Town of Leland
- City of Southport
- New Hanover County
- Town of Carolina Beach
- Town of Kure Beach
- Cape Fear Council of Governments
- NC State Port Authority
- NCDOT
- Wilmington MPO
- Cape Fear RPO
- Brunswick County Utilities
- H2GO
- NCDEQ
- Orton Plantation
- Wilmington District USACE
- Atlantic Commercial Properties
- Cape Fear Regional Jetport

## **JUNE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

On June 26, the first meeting of the JLUS Advisory Committee was held at the Cape Fear Council of Governments office. The meeting was led by the consulting team, and attended by representatives of each of the entities that are participating in the JLUS. The consulting team made a presentation (available under the Project Documents tab on the JLUS project website: <http://capefearcog.org/sunnypoint/>) that included a review of the JLUS process, a summary of the stakeholder interviews, background research on MOTSU's mission footprint, land use, regulatory matters, and environmental issues. Discussions were also held with the committee regarding the upcoming public meetings and the next Advisory Committee meeting, to be held in August.

## **JULY 30 PUBLIC MEETINGS**

On July 30, public meetings will be held in Southport and Carolina Beach to begin the public involvement portion of the JLUS and introduce the project to the community. The first meeting will be held in Southport at the Community Building from 1 pm until 3:30 pm. The second meeting will take place at Carolina Beach Town Hall from 5 pm until 7:30 pm. These meetings will provide a good opportunity for elected officials and key staff members from the participating communities who are not on one of the committees to learn about the process.

The format for each of the meetings will be a combination of a presentation / drop-in "open house" type of meeting. Col. Mueller is currently scheduled to attend, and will be giving an abbreviated version of the briefing that was presented at the April Kickoff meeting. We are planning on delivering the presentation three times during the course of each meeting, and attendees will have the opportunity to engage with MOTSU and CFCOG staff and the consulting team both before and after the presentations.

Advertising for the meeting in accordance with the Public Participation Plan will begin in mid-July, and the assistance of each of our local government partners is requested to help advertise the public meetings through their local communications networks (websites, newsletters, etc.)

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

The JLUS Advisory Committee will meet next in August to review the consulting team's work developing the Land Use Compatibility Analysis and to discuss the outcomes of the public meetings that will be held on July 30. The Advisory Committee will then meet again in October to review conflict resolution strategies related to any issues that are identified in the compatibility analysis. This will be followed by a meeting of the JLUS Policy Committee in November. The second round of Public Meetings will then be held following the Policy Committee meeting. A copy of the most recent version of the JLUS Project Schedule is included on the next page of the status report.

## MOTSU CHANGE OF COMMAND

As a reminder, MOTSU will be undergoing a change of command, with COL Mueller transferring out of his current role in early August (following the public meetings) and a new commander assuming his position. Mr. Steve Kerr, who holds the civilian position of Deputy to the Commander at MOTSU, will remain in his position and will remain as the primary point of contact for the JLUS. Additional details regarding the change of command will be distributed to the JLUS partners as they become available.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Dates	Meeting	Location
<b>2018</b>		
February 23	Project Team Meeting	CFCOG Office
April 11	Project Kickoff, Installation Tour & Committee Meetings	MOTSU
May 21-24	Stakeholder Interviews	CFCOG Office
June 26	Advisory Committee Meeting – Review Draft Background Research	CFCOG Office (10 am)
July 30	Public Kickoff Meeting – Study Overview & Background Research 1 Day (2 locations)	Southport 1 pm - 3:30 pm Carolina Beach 5 pm - 7:30 pm
August	Advisory Committee Meeting – Review Compatibility Analysis	CFCOG Office
October	Advisory Committee Meeting - Review Conflict Resolution Strategies	CFCOG Office
November	Policy Committee Meeting – Review Conflict Resolution Strategies	CFCOG Office
November	Public Meetings – Interim Findings 1 Day (2 locations)	Southeast Brunswick Co. & Pleasure Island
December	Advisory Committee Meeting – Draft Recommendations	CFCOG Office
<b>2019</b>		
January	Policy Committee Meeting – Draft Recommendations	CFCOG Office
February	Advisory Committee Meeting – Present Draft Study Documents	CFCOG Office
March	Advisory & Policy Committee Meeting – Finalize Study Documents	CFCOG Office
April/May	Public Meetings – Final Presentation 1 Day (2 locations)	Southeast Brunswick Co. & Pleasure Island