Planning Director Thrown For 'Loop' Over Bypass Plan

BY RAHN ADAMS

The Brunswick County Planning Board learned last week that the latest route for a proposed Wilmington bypass cuts through the hearts of Navassa and Leland.

The Northern Outer Loop-a four-lane highway that will connect Interstate 40 in New Hanover County to U.S. 17 in Brunswick County was a main topic of discussion at last Wednesday's two-hour planning board meeting in Bolivia. Michael Schaub was the only member ab-

Although the board took no position on the possible route, Planning Director John Harvey indicated he felt that county officials should formally comment to the N.C. Department of Transportation on the proposal, due to the project's potential impact on northern Brunswick County.

The board voted unanimously to table discussion of the matter, after members said they didn't have sufficient information on the new route

to make a judgment about it. According to Harvey, DOT is considering three possible paths for a section of the bypass from the Cape Fear River to U.S. 17. Based on the planning board's discussion, the course preferred by Brunswick County is the one outlined in the county's current thoroughfare plan -an actual loop that crosses the Cape Fear River near Royster, travels west to the Phoenix area, then swings south across U.S. 74-76 to U.S. 17 near Goodman Road.

Another optional course follows Lanvale Road.

The possible route that is of particular concern to Harvey crosses the Cape Fear near Royster, then heads due southwest toward the iunction of U.S. 17 and U.S. 74-76 -an option that was recommended to DOT earlier this month by a transportation planning committee serving the Wilmington Metropolitan Area, Harvey said.

Although the straight line route is the shortest of the three plans, it would pass through heavily developed areas in Navassa and Leland, even beside Navassa Town Hall and the town's water tower, the planning director noted. He said possible drawbacks to the route are that the four-lane could divide both towns and cause traffic problems.

However, board members observed that an upcoming environmental impact study of the route undoubt-









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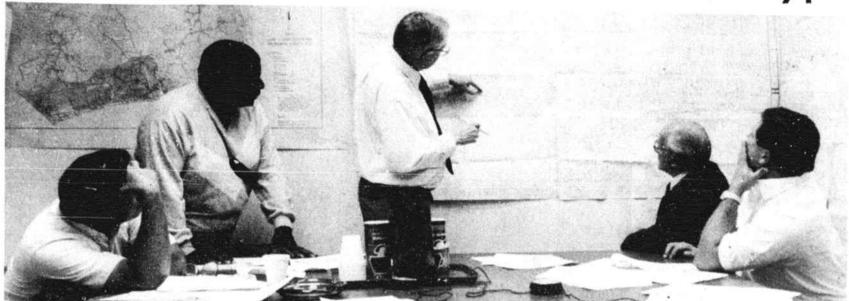
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COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR John Harvey plots the new proposed route for a Wilmington bypass that will link Interstate 40 in New Hansver County to U.S. 17 in Brunswick County. Also pictured (from left) are Brunswick County Planning Board members Benny Ludlum,

edly will take the concerns mentioned by Harvey into consideration. "Whatever of the three routes it goes, we're going to have to live with it," Ludlum said, later adding,

'You can't stop progress; you've got to go with it.'

According to DOT's Transportation Improvement Program, the estimated cost of the Wilmington bypass is \$108.8 million. Actual project planning is to begin in 1990, followed by design work starting in 1992. Right-of-way acquisition is

scheduled to begin in 1994, with construction to commence in 1997.

Plan Discussed In another matter last Wednesday, the planning board agreed to hold public information meetings Dec. 5, 12 and 19 on the county's first shoreline access plan. No meeting times or places were finalized, although Harvey indicated that the meetings would be held in different

sections of the county. The \$7,800 study is being formulated by Howard T. Capps & Associates of Wilmington. It is funded by a \$5,226 state grant and \$2,574 in local monies.

Capps told the planning board that the plan will identify existing public shoreline access areas and develop a recommended priority list of proposed future facilities. Designs will be presented of at least six sites.

Harvey noted that the study will address more than just public boat ramps; it will involve both active and passive waterfront recreational facilities for boaters, swimmers, pedestrians and sightseers.

The target date for completion of the access plan is February 1990, so that the county can apply for Coastal Area Management Act access grant funding the following month, Capps said.

Plats Approved Three subdivision plats also received the planning board's preliminary approval. The proposed devel-

opments were: -Liberty Landing, located in opposed."

Town Creek Township on the east side of River Road and south of Jackey's Creek, 66 lots averaging 39,000 square feet in size, owned

by Atlantic Lands. -Holly Cove, located in Lockwood Folly Township on the south side of Morgan Road west of the Stanley Road intersection, nine lots

averaging 17,000 square feet. -An "after-the-fact" subdivision, located in Town Creek Township at the northwest corner of U.S. 17 and Bell Swamp Connector Road, consisting of several parcels that previously were sold in apparent violation of the county subdivision ordinance and a tract that is being bought by John Kopp, Hubert Brittain and Glenn L. Hubbert. The subdivision applicant was Betty Jane Clemmons.

After approving the Clemmons subdivision, the planning board voted unanimously to ask County Attorney David Clegg to obtain an opinion from the state Attorney General's office concerning the public recordation of land divisions. According to Harvey, subdivisions sometimes are recorded by the Register of Deeds' office without Planning Department or Planning Board approval.

Harvey said Clegg had advised him that separate state laws outlining the Register of Deeds' authority and the requirement that landowners must abide by county subdivision ordinances are "diametrically

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