

Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 22, 2010, 5:30pm
Agricultural Building Auditorium
45 South St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Delonda Alexander
Mary Bastin
David Bordsen
Philip Bors
Faythe Canson Clark, Chair
Dale Chodorow
Robin Emerson
Claire Kane
Kimberly Sevy
Rosa Sutton

Non-Voting Members Present

Michael Fiocco
Dale Olbrich

Others Present

Melissa Guilbeau, staff
Ben Howell, staff
Bill Barlow, NCDOT PTD
John Anton, Pittsboro Place

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Ms. Guilbeau gave a brief overview of the meeting agenda.

Action Items

- 3 2. Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2010 Regular Meeting
- 4 Ms. Canson Clark called the meeting to order and asked if everyone had reviewed the minutes and
- 5 were there were any changes. A motion was made by Mr. Bordsen and seconded by Mr. Chodorow
- 6 to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7 3. Election of Vice-Chair
- 8 Ms. Canson Clark asked for nominations and then nominated Ms. Kane to be Vice Chair. Ms. Kane
- 9 agreed with the caveat that she would do her best given her work schedule. Ms. Canson Clark
- 10 indicated that she expects the executive board to be active so that the work load is distributed
- 11 appropriately. Ms. Bastin seconded the nomination and Ms. Sevy moved to approve. The
- 12 nomination was passed unanimously.

Information & Discussion

- 13 4. Commissioner's request for TAB comments on NCDOT's draft US 64 Corridor Study Report –
- 14 Presented by Ben Howell, AICP, COZ, Chatham County
- 15 Ben Howell presented. The presentation is available on the TAB website.
- 16 As background information, Ms. Guilbeau distributed a letter from the Chatham County
- 17 Commissioners, dated May 2009, that addressed concerns with the US 64 study. NCDOT's response

18 letter was provided as well. Mr. Howell's presentation covered Phase IIA of the study that consisted
19 of short- and long-term considerations involving improvements to the US 64 corridor between US 1
20 and the Pittsboro Bypass. The public comment period ends June 30, 2010; however, NCDOT has
21 given Chatham County until September 1, 2010 to provide comments.

22 Comments:

- 23 • Ms. Sevy voiced concerns about air pollution and increased traffic with respect to long-term
24 solutions. She would like more mass transit data related to Chatham County.
- 25 • Ms. Canson Clark questioned long-term planning with respect to environmental impacts and
26 has concerns about signal warrant timing along the corridor causing traffic back-ups.
- 27 • Mr. Bors voiced concerns about bicyclist safety on the superstreet configuration.
- 28 • Ms. Kane and Mr. Olbrich expressed concerns about school buses traveling on the corridor.
29 Ms. Kane indicated there needs to be more emphasis on mass transit.
- 30 • Mr. Olbrich noted there seems to be a disconnect between sustainability and the desire to
31 increase traffic along the US 64 corridor to relieve traffic on the I-40/I-85 corridor.
- 32 • Ms. Canson Clark suggested considering the use of reversible HOV lanes and a large public
33 awareness campaign targeted at changing the behaviors of commuters and rewarding them for
34 the change.
- 35 • Ms. Bastin provided written recommendations to the Commissioners based on her experience
36 with transportation planning in Miami, FL: She explained how the city provided a multi-use
37 corridor for buses, vans, and other designated vehicles.
- 38 • Ms. Emerson wanted to know if time-lines had been set for constructing the superstreets.
39 Mr. Howell explained the time frame based on the short- and long-term solutions.
- 40 • Mr. Olbrich indicated that traffic counts need to be redone in light of the high-speed rail that is
41 planned between Raleigh and Charlotte.
- 42 • Mr. Bors suggested that Chatham County should not be limited to a freeway and that a multi-
43 modal solution should be considered.
- 44 • Ms. Guilbeau asked board members to please e-mail additional comments to her prior to the
45 next meeting. She will compile them and they will be approved at the July TAB meeting before
46 being sent to the Commissioners.

47 5. Presentation on Transit Funding –

48 Presented by Bill Barlow, NCDOT PTD, Mobility Development Specialist

49 Mr. Barlow provided a handout to board members that included information about transit funding.
50 He reviewed the various funding mechanisms on federal, state, and local levels. He explained how
51 his office works with Chatham Transit Network. He noted that PBS&J is developing a 5-year
52 transportation plan for Chatham Transit Network. Mr. Olbrich indicated that there should be as
53 much public input as possible to the plan and that the TAB should take an active role in the plan
54 development. His handout is available on the TAB website.

55 6. Announcements and New Business

56 Ms. Guilbeau announced that the Commissioners passed the budget for FY 2010-2011. Funding for
57 the comprehensive land use plan was passed, as well as a pilot Guaranteed Ride Home program.
58 Mr. Bors would like a presentation from NCDOT's pedestrian/bicycle division regarding how they
59 relate to rural counties. Ms. Kane would like to invite Triangle Transit Authority to speak to the
60 board about van pool programs. Ms. Canson Clark is working with a group on workforce

61 development for a social services center. She would like the board and the County to coordinate
62 services to facilitate transportation.

63 7. Adjourn

64 A motion was made by Ms. Canson Clark to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chodorow
65 with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

66 Next Meeting: July 27, 2010 at 5:30pm in the CCCC Multi-Purpose Room