

Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 24, 2010, 5:30pm
CCCC Multi-Purpose Room
764 West St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Mary Bastin
David Bordsen
Philip Bors
Faythe Canson Clark, Chair
Dale Chodorow
Robin Emerson
Delonda Alexander

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek, Siler City
Tom Vanderbeck, County
Commissioner

Others Present

Melissa Guilbeau, staff
Paul Black, Triangle Area Rural
Planning Organization

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Faythe Canson-Clark called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.

Action Items

- 3 2. Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2010 Regular Meeting
- 4 Ms. Canson Clark moved to approve July's meeting minutes. Phil Bors seconded the motion. The
- 5 minutes were approved.

- 6 3. Recommendation of Legislative Issues to Board of Commissioners
- 7 Tom Vanderbeck explained the process and deadlines. Ms. Canson Clark noted senate bill 1333
- 8 regarding a sustainable task force that leverages federal funds for transportation and would like to
- 9 bring this to the attention of the Board of Commissioners.

- 10 Philip Bors asked for clarification on suggestions regarding transportation policy. Paul Black and Mr.
- 11 Vanderbeck indicated that the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO) and the Chatham
- 12 County Board of Commissioners (BOC) would welcome suggestions concerning policy.

- 13 Mr. Bors cited North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) policy regarding no
- 14 sidewalks on state roads that extend outside municipalities. To his knowledge, Chatham County is
- 15 the only county that has accepted maintenance responsibility for a sidewalk.

- 16 Mr. Vanderbeck discussed NCDOT's policy and Mr. Black explained NCDOT's state street-aid (Powell
- 17 Bill) as it relates to sidewalks. Mr. Black indicated that the sidewalk policy is unlikely to change
- 18 unless it is incorporated into a roadway project during the engineering phase.

- 19 Ms. Canson-Clark wants to make sure that Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) suggestions are
- 20 moved forward to the BOC and beyond.

21 David Bordsen asked Mr. Vanderbeck for suggestions on topics that should be considered for
22 legislative consideration.

23 Mr. Black discussed the equity formula (urban/rural balance) and Mobility Fund.

24 Larry Cheek asked Mr. Vanderbeck if going through the TARPO committee would be beneficial to
25 help move policies forward. Mr. Vanderbeck indicated that was a good idea.

26 **Information & Discussion**

27 4. Presentation on Rural Planning Organizations, by Paul Black, TARPO Secretary

28 Mr. Black provided a presentation on rural planning organizations. The presentation is available on
29 the TAB website.

30 Ms. Canson Clark asked about health modeling. Mr. Black said North Carolina uses CMAQ modeling
31 standards. Mr. Bors offered to pass along information on health modeling with respect to
32 transportation that is being used in California.

33 Mr. Vanderbeck asked what the TAB's level of commitment will be for the May-June 2011 CTP
34 process. Mr. Black indicated it would be a once-a-month commitment for about 18 months.

35 5. Update from Strategic Plan Subcommittee

36 Mr. Bors gave a brief update from the subcommittee. The subcommittee has developed an outline
37 for the mission and purpose of the group. They will be working with Ms. Guilbeau.

38 Mr. Bordsen asks that everyone be mindful of their individual interests as they pertain to the TAB
39 and how these interests will be helpful as the board moves forward.

40 6. Announcements and New Business

41 Ms. Guilbeau provided an update on the HUD/DOT grant that the County submitted for the
42 comprehensive plan update. She also reminded the group about the upcoming Accessible
43 Transportation workshop on September 15 and 16. She mentioned that NCDOT informally
44 announced that Chatham Transit had been awarded the 5310 and 5316 grants that they applied for
45 early this year.

46 Ms. Canson-Clark indicated that notes have been sent out to the TAB members regarding their
47 availability to serve.

48 7. Adjourn

49 Mr. Bors moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Emerson seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

50 Next Meeting: September 28, 2010 at 5:30pm in the Agricultural Building Auditorium