

Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 26, 2010, 5:30pm
Agricultural Building Auditorium
45 South St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Claire Kane, Vice Chair
Dale Chodorow
David Bordsen
Delonda Alexander
Kimberly Sevy
Mary Bastin
Robin Emerson

Non-Voting Members Present

Michael Fiocco, Pittsboro

Others Present

Donna Maldovan, self
Thurza Morris, self
Jerry Morris, self
Susan Taylor, self
Ben Taylor, self
Dawn and Donald Roman, self
JoAnn Kane, self
Alice W. Howard, self
Don Peterson, self
Harold Howard, H&A Properties
Cathy Peterson, self
Maureen McGinn, self
Kris Howard, self
Dimas Benitez, self
Debbie Hoyt, self
Myungha Spencer, self
G. W. Odom (?), self
Jim Hinkley, Planning Board
Reuben Blakely, NCDOT
Esther Coleman, Human
Relations
Pinaki Santra, staff
Melissa Guilbeau, staff

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Claire Kane called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. She instructed
- 3 members of the public that they would have an opportunity to speak at the end of item #4.

Action Items

- 4 2. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2010 Regular Meeting
- 5 Robin Emerson moved to approve September's meeting minutes. Delonda Alexander seconded the
- 6 motion. The minutes were approved.

7 3. Decision on whether to cancel the November 23 or December 28 Regular Meeting
8 Dale Chodorow moved to cancel the November 23 and December 28 regular meetings, and to
9 instead hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at 5:30pm in Pittsboro. Mary Bastin
10 seconded the motion and it was approved.

11 **Information & Discussion**

12 4. Presentation and feedback on NCDOT Secondary Roads Projects for FY 2009-2011, by
13 Reuben Blakely, NCDOT Division 8 District 1 Engineer

14 Reuben Blakely discussed the process for selecting secondary road projects to be improved using
15 allocated Highway and Highway Trust Funds. He indicated that NCDOT has historically used this
16 funding source to pave unpaved roads, and that they have an established methodology for
17 prioritizing the unpaved roads. He indicated that recent legislation gives County Boards of
18 Commissioners the option to choose other secondary road projects, but cautioned that any decision
19 to deviate from the established prioritization methodology should be justified. He answered a
20 number of other questions from TAB members. He indicated that the next step for allocating these
21 funds is for the Chatham County Board of Commissioners to approve a resolution specifying which
22 projects will be completed with these funds. The Board of Transportation will then approve the list
23 of projects. In order to have the BOT approve the list of projects in time for work to begin, the
24 County Board of Commissioners must approve the resolution no later than February 1, 2010.

25 Ms. Kane indicated that she would like more time to review the list of projects before making a
26 formal recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Other members concurred. Ms. Kane
27 moved to table this item to the December 7th meeting and provide a formal recommendation to the
28 Board of Commissioners at that time. Ms. Alexander seconded and it was approved.

29 Several members of the public were present in regards to Jay Shambley Rd, which is an unpaved
30 road that is on NCDOT's list of secondary roads to be paved for FY 2009-2011. Mr. Blakely indicated
31 that this project will pave a portion of Jay Shambley Rd, from bridge #404 to SR 2165, where all
32 fronting landowners have agreed to contribute the necessary right-of-way. This project has been a
33 priority but has been on the "hold" list until all property owners agreed to deed sufficient right-of-
34 way. Comments from the public included:

- 35 • Kris Howard indicated that it was very important to residents that Jay Shambley Rd be paved.
- 36 • Harold Howard stated that some traffic cuts through an adjoining subdivision with private roads
37 in order to avoid Jay Shambley Rd, and that Jay Shambley Rd is not wide enough and is not safe.
- 38 • Don Peterson indicated that there are a number of safety issues on Jay Shambley Rd: he won't
39 walk on the road due to high traffic volumes; the ditch is inconsistently designed, causing safety
40 issues; high dust levels are a public health issue; and, he has had merchants refuse to go down
41 Jay Shambley Rd to make deliveries.
- 42 • Donna Maldovan indicated that she walks her dog on Jay Shambley Rd, but that there are
43 speeding cars and lots of dust.
- 44 • Susan Taylor stated that dust, mud and not being easy to drive are issues on Jay Shambley Rd.
- 45 • JoAnn Kane indicated that Jay Shambley Rd is dangerous, with speeding cars cutting through to
46 avoid dirt and gravel, and that there is bad dust causing a chronic cough. She stated that she
47 has waited a long time for this project.

- 48 5. Presentation and interactive session on Chatham County Bike Plan, by Pinaki Santra,
49 Chatham County Transportation Planning Intern
50 Pinaki Santra gave a presentation on a Chatham County Bike Plan. The presentation and handouts
51 are available on the TAB webpage. The group discussed the Plan, gave verbal feedback and gave
52 written feedback on a large map of the county.
- 53 6. Request from DCHC MPO regarding a Triangle Bicycle and Pedestrian Workshop
54 Melissa Guilbeau discussed a request from the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning
55 Organization regarding availability and interest of TAB members in attending a half-day bicycle and
56 pedestrian workshop. Michael Fiocco and Mr. Chodorow both expressed an interest in attending.
- 57 7. Update from Strategic Plan Subcommittee
58 Ms. Guilbeau stated that the Strategic Plan Subcommittee met on Thursday, October 21st at 8am at
59 Our Neighborhood School in Pittsboro. She summarized information from the Subcommittee's
60 meeting minutes. She emphasized the Subcommittee's request that the next regular TAB meeting
61 focus on the Strategic Plan and its goals, objectives and strategies. David Bordsen reiterated that
62 request and the Subcommittee's request that all TAB members begin thinking about what their
63 specific goals and strategies might be.
- 64 8. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee
65 Ms. Guilbeau updated the group on the Comprehensive Plan grant application, draft State
66 Transportation Improvement Program and the Siler City Shuttle. There were no updates from the
67 Executive Committee.
- 68 9. Announcements and New Business
69 There were no announcements or new business.
- 70 10. Adjourn
71 Ms. Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chodorow seconded. Meeting was adjourned at
72 7:00pm.
- 73 Next Meeting: December 7, 2010 at 5:30pm in Pittsboro (exact location to be determined)