

Transportation Advisory Board

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 22, 2011, 5:30pm
Agricultural Building Auditorium
45 South St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

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

Non-Voting Members Present

Brian Bock, Chatham County
Michael Fiocco, Pittsboro

Others Present

Matt Cecil, Chapel Hill Transit
Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
Pinaki Santra, staff
Melissa Guilbeau, staff

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Faythe Canson Clark called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending.
- 3 2. Public Comment
- 4 There being no one from the general public present with comment, Ms. Clark recited the process for
- 5 such public comment as set forth by the Executive Committee, whereby the chair would solicit for
- 6 such comment, request any and all participants to identify her/himself, step forward to a general
- 7 speaking location, address the TAB for a prescribed period of time, and retreat to the gallery.

Action Items

- 8 3. Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2011 Regular Meeting
- 9 Claire Kane moved to approve January's meeting minutes. Dale Chodorow seconded the motion.
- 10 The motion to approve the minutes was approved with no dissent.
- 11 4. Approval of the "Chatham County Transportation Advisory Board 2011-2013 Strategic Plan"
- 12 Mr. Chodorow moved to accept the Plan. Ms. Kane seconded the motion. The motion was
- 13 approved with no dissent. Discussion concerning the Plan occurred later in this meeting.

Information & Discussion

- 15 5. Presentation on the Chatham County Bike Plan, by Pinaki Santra, Chatham County
- 16 Transportation Planning Intern
- 17 Pinaki Santra gave a presentation on the preliminary results of his analyses of a survey of bicycle
- 18 riders in Chatham County. This plan will be included with the Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- 19 for the county. The survey of cyclists has been completed, the data have been crosstabbed and

20 analysis has commenced concerning ridership and bicycle corridors. Mr. Santra also showed
21 preliminary bike route maps and solicited input from the TAB.

22 Mr. Santra surveyed approximately 450 cyclists, collected certain basic demographic data,
23 categorized the respondents by type/ability level (beginner, intermediate, advanced), then asked
24 members of each ability level to answer questions about how, why, where and when they ride in
25 Chatham County as well as asking about specific biking issues concerning safety, obstacles and
26 desired road improvements.

27 Mr. Santra will next draft his report with recommendations. His preliminary timeframe is:

- 28 • 3/1 – first full draft review period
- 29 • 3/11-4/1 – draft revision period
- 30 • 4/1 – Target date to release revised report to the public
- 31 • 5/1-Summer '11 – Present to BoC

32 6. Discussion of the TAB Strategic Plan: Next Steps

33 The full TAB having voted to accept the Plan document, Mr. Bors gave an overview of the status and
34 anticipated future of the Plan. The Plan is designed to be a dynamic document, to be continually
35 updated (on a process deferred to a later date). With input from Chairperson Clark, Mr. Bors,
36 Commissioner Bock and Ms. Guilbeau, the process will elevate to the construction of an updated 15-
37 20 minute PowerPoint presentation which will be presented by Chairperson Clark and Mr. Bors to
38 the BOC at an upcoming work session, whereupon the TAB will seek guidance from the BOC.

39 7. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee

40 CTP – Ms. Guilbeau stated that the NCDOT discussed its Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) to
41 the Chatham BOC who then gave their approval for NCDOT to work through Ms. Guilbeau.
42 Mr. Santra's Chatham County Bike Plan will be given consideration as part of the CTP.

43 TIP – Ms. Guilbeau stated that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by the DCHC
44 Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has been released for public comment. The TIP is
45 available online and discussions will be held on 3/9 at Durham City Hall.

46 TAB membership – Chairperson Clark discussed ongoing TAB membership issues, specifically
47 concerning the failure of some members to fulfill their attendance requirements at TAB meetings.
48 The Executive Committee will take up the matter and will subsequently offer suggestions about how
49 to proceed with the absentee issue. The TAB currently has two vacancies. Chairperson Clark and
50 Ms. Guilbeau to discuss the matter and refer their recommendations to the TAB, including a process
51 whereby representation is achieved from Cary and Goldston.

52 Safe Route To School – Mr. Bors shared with the TAB that NCDOT has grant monies for education
53 and infrastructure. The program is dormant but remains funded. Municipalities such as Pittsboro
54 and Siler City must serve as applicants for these grants of up to \$100,000 per project.

55 Pittsboro Express Line (PX) to Chapel Hill – Chatham County's commitment to provide funding for
56 the express bus will end this summer. The role of Chatham Transit was discussed. A 'partnership'
57 meeting between the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro is scheduled for 3/22. Item to be added to
58 the agenda for the 4/26 TAB meeting.

59 8. Announcements and New Business

60 There were no announcements or new business.

61 9. Adjourn

62 Mr. Bors moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bordsen seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35

63 p.m.

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65 Next meeting: March 22, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Chatham Community Library – Holmes

66 Meeting Room, 197 Hwy. 87 North, in Pittsboro.