

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 28, 2011, 5:30pm
Agricultural Building Auditorium
45 South St., Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Claire Kane
Dale Chodorow
David Bordsen, Secretary
Faythe Canson Clark, Chair
Philip Bors, Vice-Chair

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek, Siler City

Others Present

Emily Yasukochi, Chapel Hill
Transit
Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
Scott Walston, NCDOT
Sarah Lee, NCDOT
Matt Day, TARPO
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 No one from the general public provided comment.

Action Items

- 5 3. Approval of Minutes from May 24, 2011 Regular Meeting
- 6 Mr. Bors moved to approve May's meeting minutes with no changes. Ms. Clark seconded the
- 7 motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved with no dissent.
- 8 4. Discussion and Action on New Term Limits [considered later during the meeting]
- 9 The BoC adopted a new policy on Advisory Committees (formerly 'Boards') which replaced the
- 10 original bylaws, established that terms of service will be for three years, that each service year will
- 11 be from July 1 to the next June 30, that no Committee member shall be a member of more than one
- 12 such Advisory Committee and made other minor changes. To transition existing Committee
- 13 members to these new terms, each current member's term will be extended to the June 30th of the
- 14 year after the member's original term expiration date. To achieve a balance of staggered terms,
- 15 new members filling the four existing vacancies will have term expiration dates of June 30, 2013.

Information & Discussion

- 17 5. Presentation on the Highway Element of Pittsboro's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, by
- 18 Sarah Lee, NCDOT
- 19 Ms. Lee updated the Committee on the progress of the planning process, such as six steering
- 20 committee meetings, two public meetings, multiple updates to elected officials, 19 Alternate Maps

21 produced and development of recommended alternative based upon Alternate 5. The Vision and
22 Goals includes right-of-way and CBD preservation, improvements in safety, easing of congestion,
23 providing alternative truck routes and encourage planned and strategic development.
24 Recommendations include US 15/501 Bypass west of Pittsboro, "High Level" Boulevard east of town
25 and grid street network east of town. Next steps include extensive modeling of potential roadway
26 alternatives, working toward the adoption on July 25 of CTP map and recommendations by the
27 Town Council, adoption by County on August 1, endorsement by TARPO on August 18, adoption by
28 NCDOT Board of Transportation in September.

29 6. Updates and discussion on Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, by Brendan
30 Merithew, NCDOT.

31 Mr. Merithew presented the updated draft vision statement for input by the Committee. Members
32 of the TAC should consider the draft vision statement and provide comments at the upcoming TAC
33 meeting. Dates for completing the recommendations for the CTP have not been established. No
34 input has been received from Siler City and Goldston but all 'models' (Siler City, Pittsboro, County)
35 are to ultimately mesh. A survey for public input is planned for future dissemination. NCDOT needs
36 feedback about the area shown on the map (available online), namely what has been left off which
37 needs to be addressed by NCDOT.

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

39 Ms. Guilbeau presented a number of updates. (1) A number of projects were submitted to the MPO
40 by Ms. Guilbeau for inclusion in the SPOT 2.0 prioritization process. (2) Both Siler City and Pittsboro
41 made submittals to TARPO for consideration (there were no county-level submittals). (3) Future
42 planning continues by Chatham Transit. Amber Wagner will update the TAC at its August meeting
43 about fare cards, ride reserve, frequency of routes. (4) Ms. Guilbeau will present the Chatham
44 County Bicycle Plan to the BoC at its July meeting. (5) Ms. Guilbeau will change to part-time status
45 in July. No change to her TAC involvement is anticipated.

46 8. Announcements and New Business – none

47 9. Adjourn

48 Ms. Kane moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chodorow seconded. Meeting was adjourned at
49 6:30 p.m.

50 Next meeting: July 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Building Auditorium in Pittsboro