

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 25, 2011, 5:30pm
Agricultural Building Auditorium
45 South St., Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Buddy Denise
Chuck Gillis
Dale Chodorow
Dennis Geiser
Keith Gerarden
Philip Bors, Vice-Chair
Sharon Barnett
Tami Schwerin

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek

Others Present

Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
Scott Walston, NCDOT
Ashley Clowes, NCDOT
Mila Vega, CHT
Melissa Guilbeau, staff

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Mr. Bors called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. He then asked everyone
- 3 to introduce themselves.
- 4 2. Public Comment
- 5 No one from the general public was present to provide comments.

Action Items

- 6 3. Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting
- 7 Mr. Chodorow moved to approve the September meeting minutes with no changes. Mr. Bordsen
- 8 seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved with no dissent.
- 9 4. Adoption of 2012 Schedule of Regular Meetings
- 10 Ms. Guilbeau presented a draft schedule of regular meetings that follows the established pattern of
- 11 meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month, with the exception of November and December.
- 12 She mentioned that under the new advisory committee policy, the TAC is only required to meet four
- 13 times each year but can choose to meet more often. The group briefly discussed the option of
- 14 meeting less often. Mr. Geiser moved to approve the 2012 schedule of regular meetings as
- 15 originally presented and Mr. Gillis seconded. The motion passed with no dissent.

Information & Discussion

- 17 5. Introduction to Transportation in Chatham County, by Melissa Guilbeau
- 18 Ms. Guilbeau gave a brief presentation designed to orient new TAC members. The presentation is
- 19 available on the TAC webpage.

20 Mr. Bors then gave a brief presentation on the TAC Strategic Plan. He mentioned that a near-term
21 task for the group will be to update the Strategic Plan.

22 6. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, by Brendan Merithew, NCDOT

23 Mr. Merithew gave a presentation to introduce new TAC members to the Comprehensive
24 Transportation Plan (CTP). The presentation is available on the TAC webpage.

25 Mr. Merithew then presented a draft public survey to the group and asked for their feedback. There
26 was some discussion, then all agreed to take the survey home, review it and provide comments to
27 Mr. Merithew within the next two weeks. Mr. Bors mentioned that it may be desirable to form a
28 subcommittee specifically focused on the public survey, including how to distribute it. The group
29 briefly mentioned several options for distributing the survey, including libraries, schools (sending it
30 home with students), churches, the Chatham Chatlist and a weblink in utility bills.

31 7. Continuation of Carpooling Discussion

32 Mr. Chodorow presented the latest draft flyer which describes various means for residents to
33 carpool, rideshare and employ mass transit within and among Chatham and neighboring counties.
34 The group discussed the flyer and whether more information should be included about how to
35 carpool or available park-and-rides.

36 8. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee

37 Ms. Guilbeau provided an update on the SPOT 2.0 prioritization process; TARPO assigned their
38 points at their meeting on October 20th and DCHC MPO is set to assign their points over the next
39 month or two. Ms. Guilbeau agreed to send to the group a list projects showing how each
40 organization assigned their points.

41 Mr. Bors stated that the Executive Committee had not met and encouraged new TAC members to
42 consider joining the Executive Committee. He also mentioned several ways members can be active
43 in the TAC. Ms. Guilbeau mentioned that the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions will be up for
44 election at the January meeting.

45 9. Announcements and New Business

46 None were given.

47 10. Adjourn

48 By a motion by Ms. Barnett and seconded by Mr. Denise, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

49 Next meeting: December 6, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the Agricultural Building Auditorium in
50 Pittsboro