

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 28, 2012, 5:30pm
Agricultural Building Auditorium
45 South St., Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Buddy Denise
Dale Chodorow
Chuck Gillis
Keith Gerarden
Philip Bors, Vice Chair

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek
Michael Fiocco

Others Present

Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
Travis Marshall, NCDOT
Megan Bolejack, Chatham Co.
Mila Vega, Chapel Hill Transit
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.

- 3 2. Public Comment
4 No one from the general public provided comment.

5 Action Items

- 6 3. Approval of Minutes from the January 24, 2012 Regular Meeting
7 Mr. Denise moved to approve the January meeting minutes with no changes. Mr. Gillis seconded
8 the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved with no dissent.

9 Information and Discussion

10 Mr. Bors asked for a slight change in the agenda. Megan Bolejack made a brief presentation on
11 behalf of her Chatham County Leadership Academy group. For their graduation project, they are
12 developing an orientation for all County advisory committees and they need input from the advisory
13 committees on what should be included in the orientation training. She distributed a survey and will
14 send an electronic version of the survey for those TAC members not in attendance.

- 15 4. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), by Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
16 Mr. Merithew reminded everyone that earlier in the process, the group had identified roads that
17 should be included in the study. NCDOT planning branch staff then looked the annual average daily
18 traffic (AADT) on each of those roads for the previous twenty years or so and made a trend-line
19 projection of future traffic over the next thirty years based on those past trends. He noted that
20 some roads had only a few years of past traffic data providing less background for the projections.
21 He also noted that traffic on some roads was not projected due to a lack of traffic data or low traffic
22 volume counts. Mr. Merithew then asked if the entire TAC wanted to review these traffic
23 projections or create a subcommittee to review. He stated that he needs to know as soon as
24 possible whether these projections seem to be accurate.

25 Mr. Bors proposed that TAC members use a “divide and conquer” approach to review the
26 projections. Four TAC members volunteered to review the traffic projections and send any
27 comments to Mr. Merithew within three weeks. The members and the section of the map that they
28 volunteered to review are: Keith Gerarden, sections 2 and 3; Buddy Denise, sections 1, 4 and 7;
29 Chuck Gillis, sections 5, 6 and 8; and, Phil Bors, sections 5, 8 and 9. Mr. Bors also requested that
30 County Planning staff and/or the Planning Board, as well as the RPO coordinator, also review the
31 traffic projections. Mr. Fiocco will look into traffic projections developed for the Town of Pittsboro’s
32 recent CTP so that they can be reconciled with this project. Ms. Guilbeau will contact the MPO
33 about the Imagine2040 demographic projections and email the maps to TAC members.

34 Mr. Merithew gave a brief update on the bicycle/pedestrian and transit elements. Mr. Bors asked
35 about multimodal data.

36 5. Update from Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee (BPS)

37 Mr. Gillis stated that the subcommittee met last Thursday. The current course-of-action is to look
38 for easily accomplished actions from the Bicycle Plan. Mr. Gillis has been tasked with looking at
39 opportunities for bicycle project funding. Mr. Bors is looking at the Pittsboro Pedestrian Plan.

40 Mr. Bors mentioned that there may be Safe Routes to School funding available at the discretion of
41 NCDOT Division 8. Mr. Merithew is looking into this.

42 Mr. Bors stated that he had been invited to join a planning committee for the Rocky River Trail. He
43 indicated that he could not commit to this and asked if other TAC members might be interested.

44 6. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee

45 Ms. Guilbeau stated that she had recently distributed the commute brochures and CTP survey flyers
46 at ten locations throughout the county. She also mentioned that the final scores for the latest SPOT
47 prioritization had been released and that NCDOT Division 8 has a new engineer.

48 Mr. Bors mentioned that the Hispanic Liaison in Siler City would like some commute flyers and he
49 agreed to deliver them if necessary.

50 7. Announcements and New Business

51 None were given.

52 8. Adjournment

53 Next meeting: March 27, 2012 at 5:30pm in the Agricultural Building Auditorium in Pittsboro