

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

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



Voting Members Present

Philip Bors, Vice-Chair
Scott Evenson
Keith Gerarden
Dennis Geiser
Dale Chodorow

Non-Voting Members Present

Others Present

Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
Scott Walston, NCDOT
Matt Day, TARPO
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. A voting quorum was
- 3 reached.
- 4 2. Public Comment
- 5 No one from the general public provided comment.

6 Action Items

- 7 3. Election of Secretary to serve remainder of 2012
- 8 Mr. Bors called for nominations. Mr. Gerarden self-nominated. Mr. Geiser made a motion to elect
- 9 Mr. Gerarden as secretary, Mr. Chodorow seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 10 4. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2012 Regular Meeting
- 11 Committee voted to approve minutes with no discussion or modification.
- 12 5. Approval of Minutes from May 22, 2012 Regular Meeting
- 13 Committee voted to approve minutes with no discussion or modification.
- 14 6. Approval of Minutes from July 24, 2012 Regular Meeting
- 15 Committee voted to approve minutes with no discussion or modification.

16 Information and Discussion

- 17 7. Review and Comment on DCHC MPO 2040 MTP Alternatives
- 18 MPO is asking for public input at this time. Ms. Guilbeau presented on behalf of Andy Henry.
- 19 Committee reviewed slides from presentation. The MTP is part of the CTP and is fiscally constrained,
- 20 not a wish list. Current stage requesting public input regarding different scenarios of land use and
- 21 transportation modes. Determining preferred options determines where to invest. See questions in
- 22 slide 16 of presentation (available on the TAC website for the August 28, 2012 meeting).

23 Also related, short discussion of Collector Street Plan - do we need to identify more of them? Public
24 input is welcome here as well. Public comment due by Oct. 10 either online or at one of several
25 public workshops.

26 8. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, by Brendan Merithew (NCDOT)

27 Mr. Merithew explained to those who missed the July meeting that in that meeting the group
28 looked at capacity deficiency maps for the CTP. This month, Pittsboro deficiencies have been added
29 to the overall county map. Mr. Merithew believes Pittsboro deficiencies are well documented and
30 planned for. The committee went over the MPO area as well, with discussion of whether to suggest
31 Mann's Chapel Rd and Andrews Store Rd as potentially deficient. There will be a public meeting in
32 Siler City to collect detailed recommendations for Siler City area, date TBA.

33 9. Update from Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee

34 The bike/ped subcommittee met on Thursday 8/23 and discussed roads that should be included in
35 CTP for bike/ped-specific concerns. Mr. Bors explained the map used as a starting point and some
36 updates and changes that the subcommittee has suggested. For example, if a road is designated as a
37 bike route, it should have Share the Road signage and if possible meet certain minimum safety
38 conditions. A motion was made and approved to approve the current deficiency analysis so
39 Mr. Merithew can move forward with presenting the CTP to appropriate groups.

40 10. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee

41 Ms. Guilbeau checked and found that funding for a new printing of a county-wide bicycling map is
42 not available through the County Planning office. Scott Evenson will investigate getting the
43 Pittsboro-Siler City visitors' bureau to contribute to printing costs. NCDOT is in process of creating a
44 statewide bike plan, located at walkbikenc.com.

45 Ms. Guilbeau stated that the MPO is considering expanding further into Chatham. This was vetoed
46 once in the past but they may try again. If the county wants to bring more of the county into the
47 MPO, the MPO would welcome it, but this is not a forced expansion. Potential benefit is a small
48 amount of money that could be shared with Chatham. The MPO is beginning to charge dues in order
49 to spread local match money out further. Avoiding this cost is probably a reason to avoid expanding
50 the MPO to cover more of Chatham.

51 Ms. Guilbeau informed the committee that two new members have applied to the TAC. They must
52 be approved by the county board first but should be able to participate starting with the September
53 TAC meeting.

54 Chatham Transit Network leadership will change in the near future; its current leader is moving.

55 Ms. Guilbeau announced that her last day with the County is 9/14 and she will not be with the
56 committee going forward. Jason Sullivan will take over at least some of her tasks for the time being.

57 11. Announcements and New Business

58 No announcements or new business were raised.

59 12. Adjourn

60 The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

61 Next meeting: Sept. 25, 2012 at 5:30pm in the Agricultural Building Auditorium in Pittsboro