

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

9/25/12, 5:30pm
Agricultural Building Auditorium
45 South St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Chuck Gillis
Dale Chodorow
Dennis Geiser
Keith Gerarden
Tammy Phillips
Matt Alexander
Philip Bors
Scott Evenson

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek (Siler City)

Others Present

Brendan Merithew (NCDOT)
Scott Walston (NCDOT)
Matt Day (TARPO)
Jeff Loflin (NCDOT Div8)
Dan Batten (UNC student)
Matt Cecil (CH Transit)
Jason Sullivan (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. Welcome to new TAC members
- 5 Mr. Bors welcomed two new members, Tammy Phillips and Matt Alexander. Committee members
- 6 and other attendees introduced themselves to the new members.
- 7 3. Public Comment
- 8 No one from the general public provided comment.

9 Action Items

- 10 4. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2012 Regular Meeting
- 11 Committee voted to approve minutes with no discussion or modification.

12 Information & Discussion

- 13 5. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) by Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
- 14 Mr. Merithew gave an overview of the plan to explain the basics to the new TAC members. It's
- 15 intended to be a long-range plan for multimodal transit addressing local needs while considering
- 16 larger areas like the state as a whole.
- 17 There will be a public input meeting in Siler City on Oct. 15 from 2-4 and again at 6-8 PM.
- 18 Mr. Merithew suggests that the new person on Chatham County staff, once hired, attend MPO
- 19 meetings to represent the county in that group.

20 Mr. Merithew notes that we are currently in the deficiency analysis stage of the CTP process.
21 Pittsboro and county deficiencies have been assessed, and Pbo highway recommendations for the
22 road portion are complete (bike and ped could still be added). The CTP has to work within
23 restrictions like the strategic highway corridor plan so as not to conflict with higher-level long-term
24 plans.

25 Next step is to develop alternatives by listening to public input and coming up with a few
26 possibilities to choose from. Matt Day and Brendan Merithew are meeting with Pittsboro planners
27 next week (10/3, 1 PM) to discuss pedestrian facilities in Pittsboro.

28 The committee discussed with Mr. Merithew what recommendations to make to accommodate
29 deficiencies identified in both Pittsboro and MPO plans- 15-501's status is a big question. Mr.
30 Merithew will break the county map into quadrants for us to look at in detail and provide
31 recommendations on. He'll email the quadrant maps to the TAC group when they're complete so we
32 can provide feedback, hopefully at the October TAC meeting.

33 When the Chatham County CTP is complete, the Pittsboro CTP will hopefully be absorbed into the
34 larger county-wide CTP so that CTP becomes the only overarching plan for the whole county.

35 The CTP includes existing and proposed fixed-route transit lines; committee should give thought to
36 what to recommend, if anything, in this area.

37 Mr. Bors and Mr. Sullivan will both try to contact the Chatham Transit Network to request their
38 input on transit lines for the CTP.

39 Mr. Sullivan will provide committee members some land-use information for background knowledge
40 and our future at the next TAC meeting- this may help us make better recommendations since we
41 can see where new development is likely to occur. Mr. Sullivan also noted that there is significant
42 agricultural land use in Chatham and posed the question of how to accommodate things like tractors
43 on roads.

44 6. Bike/Ped Subcommittee Updates

45 Mr. Bors provided updates. First priority at this time is to help Mr. Merithew develop maps and plan
46 narrative to accompany the CTP for 1) bike, 2) ped, 3) road, and 4) transit/rail. Subcommittee is
47 considering recommendations to make re: signed bike routes in Chatham County- members will first
48 assess the current condition of signed routes and use that to help guide recommendations for the
49 CTP.

50 Mr. Evenson is working on a redesign of the county bike map with help from the county visitors'
51 bureau on points of interest and other verbiage on the map. Subcommittee is investigating applying
52 for a small grant to help pay for printing the map. Mr. Merithew hopes to collect some data by
53 driving some of the signed routes after a scheduled meeting on 10/3 and will present that in next
54 subcommittee meeting.

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

56 Mr. Sullivan explained that the new staff person should start by next month's meeting, but Mr.
57 Sullivan will cover until that person or another appropriate person is in place and ready to come to
58 TAC meetings.

59 8. Announcements and New Business

60 No announcements or new business presented.

61 9. Adjourn

62 The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

63 Next meeting: October 23, 2012 at 5:30pm in the Agricultural Building Auditorium in Pittsboro