

ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

NOTE: Attach current list of members and identify officers.

Name of Committee:	Transportation Advisory Committee	
Date of Presentation:	May 19, 2014	
Time Period Covered:	May 2013- May 2014	
# of Meetings Held During Period (including any special meeting or community input)		6
<p>MISSION & GOALS – Summarize concisely the committee’s mission (charge), key goals, objectives and measures below. You also may attach as a separate document, but limit to no more than one page single-spaced.</p> <p>Mission: Identifies and studies issues and makes recommendations to the Board of Commissioners, and serve as a venue for public discourse, on transportation and related issues. Pursues the long-term goal to have a sustainable transportation system that offers access to various modes of transportation for people and goods.</p> <p>TAC Strategic Plan Goals: The TAC (1). Is a viable means for public participation in transportation decisions; (2.) Provides guidance and recommendations to BOC and county staff on policies and plans related to transportation; (3.) Provides meaningful guidance/recommendations to BOC and county staff on prioritizing transportation projects that impact Chatham residents; (4.) Collaborates with existing agencies to provide convenient and accessible transportation services; (5.) Measures and assess the status and quality of the transportation system; (6.) Provides credible information sharing on transportation issues relevant to Chatham County.</p>		
<p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES – Summarize concisely below the committee’s major accomplishments and activities of the past year. This should include reports, research, projects, public input, etc. Be sure to identify how they relate to specific goals, objectives or measures. You also may attach as a separate document but limit to no more than one page single-spaced.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Service as Steering Committee for Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This aligns with TAC Strategic Plan Goal #1. The TAC continues to support the development of the CTP with meaningful public input and participation. The Committee also stays updated on various transportation studies such as the NCDOT 15-501 study, providing regular input and review as needed. 2. Creation and completion of Chatham County Recreational Bike Loop Map. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This aligns with TAC Strategic Plan Goal #4. The TAC partnered with Chatham County Public Health to produce the Recreational Bike Loop Map from the Healthy Communities Grant funds. 3. Inclusion of an Ex Officio Public Health representative on the TAC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This aligns with TAC Strategic Plan Goal #3. With Public Health as a major topic for community wellness and quality of life, it is intrinsically linked to transportation. 4. Service as recommending body for SPOT 3.0, the state's transportation prioritization process, for the County, Triangle Area Rural Transportation Organization (TARPO) and the Durham-Chapel Hill- Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO). The Committee reviewed and recommended projects for the Board of Commissioners endorsement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This aligns with TAC Strategic Plan Goal #1 and #3. Serving as a venue for public discourse, representing all of Chatham County, the TAC provided meaningful input into the submission of transportation projects into the SPOT 3.0 transportation ranking process. 		

BARRIERS & CHALLENGES – Identify any barriers or challenges that make it difficult for the committee to achieve goals or objectives. Limit to the space provided below.

SPOT 3.0- The new transportation prioritization process has been challenging in terms of coordination of projects, stimulation of public input, and the scoring of projects. The new data-driven process appears to favor metropolitan areas and as a result, many County projects were not as competitive across the region. The TAC has worked collaboratively with Chatham’s municipalities to submit transportation projects that are balanced across the county and towns.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES: Please list any recommendations to the Board of Commissioners related to the changes in the advisory committee’s membership, mission, goals, objectives or other related issues.

The TAC intends to revisit the Committee’s Strategic Plan, adopted February 2011, over the next year. Areas of intended focus within the plan include a discussion of ways to improve eligibility for transportation projects within the state transportation ranking system and the inclusion of Public Health as a consideration in County’s transportation planning. The TAC wishes to include the goals from the Strategic Plan into the Chatham County Citizen Advisory Committees Policy Addendum A. The TAC may also embark on creating a work plan for annual evaluation and approval by the Board of Commissioners, with the goal being to clearly connect the TAC’s goals with Commissioner goals. Additionally, the TAC will continue to form partnerships with existing agencies such as Chatham Transit to promote the agency’s transportation services and increase public awareness of these services.

OTHER INFORMATION: Provide any other information or observations that the Board of Commissioners should know about. Provide in the space below.

1. The TAC has moved to a bimonthly meeting schedule, as of February 2014.
2. TAC membership recruitment has resulted in potentially 3 new committee members for appointment in May 2014. The TAC has enjoyed regular participation by its voting and non-voting members as well as regular visits from interested citizens within the community. Currently, the Committee has 8 voting members and 5 non-voting members representing local jurisdictions and transportation agencies.
3. Commissioner Jim Elza’s participation as the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) member for Chatham County in both TARPO and DCHC-MPO is beneficial for Chatham County’s transportation initiatives.