

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 25, 2015, 6:00 pm
Dunlap Classroom
80 East St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Ed Regan
Keith Gerarden
Dennis Geiser
Scott Evenson
Susie Moist
Matt Alexander
Roy Girolami
Jo Ann Beal
Jamie Nunnally
Casey Mann
Don Wollum

Non-Voting Members Present

Anna Testerman,
ChathamTransit and TAC ex
officio member
Jennifer Park, Chatham County
Public Health and TAC ex officio
member
Larry Cheek, Siler City

Others Present

Michael Fiocco, Pittsboro Town
Commissioner
Hillary Pace, Chatham County
Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
Matt Day, TARPO
Diana Hales, Chatham County
Commissioner

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
2 Ed Regan as new committee chairman welcomed attendees. A quorum was reached.

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

5 Action Items

- 6 3. Approval of Minutes from the June 23rd, 2015 Regular Meeting.
7 Matt Alexander moved to approve the minutes as presented; Dennis Geiser seconded. Minutes
8 were approved unanimously with no edits.

9 Information & Discussion

- 10 4. Welcome New TAC Members
11 Ed Regan suggested a round of introductions so new and existing members can get to know each
12 other. Each person introduced him/herself and gave a little background about why he/she is
13 interested in transportation and in serving on the TAC.
- 14 5. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan- Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
15 Brendan updated the committee on the status of the CTP. The draft report is still in progress and
16 has not yet been officially reviewed internally at the DOT. He anticipates that the problem
17 statements will be available to TAC members before holding public input meetings. We hope to

18 schedule public input meetings for the last week of September. Only need maps, not the full report
19 text, for the public input meetings. Matt Day recommends, however, holding off on officially
20 adopting the maps or any part of the CTP until the full report is available to be sure there won't be
21 any surprises. Tentative meeting dates are Monday Sept. 28, Tuesday Sept. 29 and Thursday Oct. 1,
22 meetings to be held in open house format from 5:30-7:30 PM in Pittsboro, Siler City, and Moncure.

23 Additional discussion ensued about translating the meeting announcement flyer and other materials
24 into Spanish and having a translator present at the Siler City meeting if possible. The TAC will
25 hopefully be able to discuss problem statements at its October meeting. Some further background
26 was provided by Brendan, Matt, and Hillary as well as long-time TAC members regarding the
27 concept of the CTP and past efforts like the 1983 thoroughfare plan.

28 6. Chatham County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Representative

29 Hillary explained to the TAC that Chatham County is undertaking an effort to create a
30 comprehensive plan for all aspects of the county's future. An RFP has been released for bids on the
31 project. A TAC member is needed to sit on the steering committee for this project. Likely will be
32 time-intensive with one or two meetings per month for the first year of an approximately two-year
33 process. Three parts to the first phase: Community Assessment, Stakeholder Meetings, and
34 Development of Public Engagement Plan.

35 Once phase one is complete, project will move into full comprehensive plan work. Details are and
36 will remain available on the county website. Ed Regan called for volunteers. Casey Mann
37 volunteered as the primary representative, and Jamie Nunnally volunteered to act as an alternate.
38 Matt Alexander moved to approve these appointments, Scott Evenson seconded the motion, and it
39 was unanimously approved.

40 7. Updates from County Staff

41 a. TARPO Update- The county has resubmitted last year's highway and bike-ped projects, and most
42 of them made it onto the final list. Final list is now being shown to town boards, etc. for letters of
43 intent to be provided for the projects that require funding matches. The RPO plans to approve the
44 list in October and submit it to the DOT, then proceed with the project ranking process in the spring
45 of 2016.

46 b. DHCH- MPO Submittal for SPOT 4.0- Chatham Co. has developed a list of projects to submit to the
47 DCHC MPO for their SPOT 4.0 process. Hillary showed the committee the intersections on the list.
48 Dennis moved to approve the list as presented, Jamie Nunnally seconded the motion, and it was
49 approved unanimously. The TAC's motion allows the list to go to the Chatham County Board of
50 Commissioners at their next meeting along with our recommendation to approve the list for
51 submission to the MPO. Additionally, a safety issue was raised by Ed Regan, who suggested
52 considering moving the stop sign at Whippoorwill Lane closer to the intersection itself. Hillary will
53 bring that to Darius Sturdivant's attention as a safety improvement to be considered by NCDOT
54 Division 8.

55 c. O'Kelly Chapel Road- Additional safety-related action has been taken by citizens, and further
56 efforts are underway through both individuals and groups like Chatham County Planning.

57 8. Bike/Ped Items

58 There are no bike/ped items to discuss separately from the bike/ped projects previously discussed
59 as part of the SPOT process updates.

60 9. Announcements and New Business

61 The Chatham TAC has formed a small working group, with the approval of the Chatham County
62 Board of Commissioners, to update the committee's strategic plan. Ed Regan informed new
63 members of this effort and offered that additional volunteers are welcome to join the working
64 group if desired.

65 Hillary presented to new members a printed copy of the Chatham County bike map that the TAC
66 completed last year. Scott, Dennis, and Keith described where the map came from and how that
67 project went.

68 There is a transportation manager meeting scheduled for September 21.

69 Chatham Transit provided an update on funding for the PX route- a grant has been funded that will
70 provide additional monies for expanding the feeder routes that supply the main PX route ridership.

71 Discussion of the Big Woods Rd./Rte. 64 intersection ensued due to a report from a TAC member of
72 an accident he was made aware of at that location. Hillary and Matt believe that the DOT is
73 considering a superstreet treatment to improve safety there.

74 10. Adjourn

75 Matt Alexander moved to adjourn, Dennis Geiser seconded the motion, and it was unanimously
76 approved; the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

77 Next meeting: October 27th, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom in Pittsboro