

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Special Meeting

March 10, 2015, 6:00 pm
Dunlap Classroom
80 E. Chatham St., Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Scott Evenson
Phil Bors
Ed Regan
Matt Alexander
Dennis Geiser
Susie Moist
Tammy Phillips

Non-Voting Members Present

Jennifer Park, Ch. Co. Public
Health
Melissa Ansley, Chatham Transit

Others Present

Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
Matt Day, TARPO
Hillary Pace, Chatham Co.

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Matt Alexander 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 December 4, 2014 Regular Meeting
- 7 Ed Regan moved to approve minutes as presented, Dennis Geiser seconded. Minutes were approved
- 8 unanimously with a minor edit.

9 Information & Discussion

- 10 4. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan- Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
- 11 Brendan discussed new updates to the CTP. Updates included an interchange north of Siler City, in
- 12 the County's jurisdiction. The interchange is currently unfunded and will serve the Siler City
- 13 megasite. Brendan indicated to the committee that he will seek the Town of Siler City's input on the
- 14 proposed project. Concern was raised regarding the planning for transit at the interchange. Brendan
- 15 stated the public input meetings for the CTP are planned for May/June of 2015. General discussion
- 16 ensued.
- 17 5. Updates from County Staff- Hillary Pace
- 18 Hillary discussed the possible update of the TAC Strategic Plan. Phil Bors summarized the original
- 19 development process for the Strategic Plan and outlined the need for plan update, mentioning the
- 20 use of 2010 Census data as one example. The committee discussed various aspects of the plan and
- 21 Hillary mentioned the TAC annual report as a method to update the Board of Commissioners on the

22 TAC's work in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 and inform the Board of the TAC's intention to update the plan.
23 The committee agreed to include the update to the Strategic Plan into the annual report and the
24 group was asked to review the plan document before the next TAC meeting for additional dialogue.
25 Discussion was raised regarding county staffing as it relates to staff support to the committee's work
26 on the plan and Hillary advised the committee that additional staffing in the planning department is
27 currently requested through the FY 16 budget. The committee discussed aspects of the annual
28 report to include and Hillary indicated that she will provide an outline of the report for discussion
29 and development at the next TAC meeting. Hillary also informed the TAC on the status of the MPO
30 discretionary funds for non-highway and planning projects in the MPO boundary, indicating the
31 Board of Commissioners received a presentation by planning staff in January and no action has been
32 taken on the funds to date.

33 6. Bike/Ped Items- Hillary Pace

34 Phil Bors updated the committee on the work being completed by the Steering Committee for the
35 TARPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Framework draft plan. The purpose of the framework was
36 discussed and Phil showed the committee the project details on the TARPO website. He stated the
37 steering committee is wrapping up work on the document by identifying priority bike/ped networks
38 and the committee will meet again in April.

39 7. Appointment of Committee Officers

40 The committee discussed the appointment of new officers and the reappointment of those serving
41 on the committee currently. A motion was made to elect Ed Reagan as Chair, Matt Alexander as Vice
42 Chair and Keith Gerarden as Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

43 8. Announcements/New Business and Next Meeting Topics

44 9. Adjourn

45 The meeting adjourned around 7:30 PM.

46 10. Next meeting: April 28th, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom (across the parking lot
47 from the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro.