

# Transportation Advisory Committee

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 4, 2014, 6:00 pm  
Agriculture Center Auditorium  
65 E. Chatham St., Pittsboro



### Voting Members Present

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

### Non-Voting Members Present

Jennifer Park, Ch. Co. Public  
Health

### 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 October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting  
7 Ed Regan moved to approve minutes as presented, Scott Evenson seconded. Minutes were  
8 approved unanimously with no edits.

### 9 Information & Discussion

- 10 4. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan- Brendan Merithew, NCDOT  
11 Brendan brought the draft CTP maps for the committee to review. The committee looked over the  
12 maps in their current form and saw that only minor changes have been made since the last time we  
13 reviewed these maps.  
14 Additionally, we had a discussion regarding the desired recommendation for treatment of route 64-  
15 question was, should we recommend it be configured as a freeway or expressway? Phil explained  
16 the background of the original 64 plan and the compromise that was reached: 64 could be upgraded  
17 to expressway but must have a multi-use path along it in order to continue to serve all modes of  
18 transportation. Discussion revolved around whether we should stick with that concept.  
19 An expressway is limited access but can have some interchanges and local roads connecting to it in  
20 prescribed manners such as superstreet intersections and right-in/right-out intersection, where a

21 freeway is controlled access and can only be accessed by ramped interchanges (no simple  
22 intersections that would slow traffic on the freeway).

23 After considerable discussion, a motion was proposed that 64 be treated as expressway from  
24 Pittsboro west to Siler City and from Pittsboro east to the county line (the section of 64 bypassing  
25 Pittsboro should remain designated as freeway), with an additional recommendation for a side path  
26 to provide good access for multimodal transportation. Phil proposed the motion, Ed Regan  
27 seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Hillary and Brendan will present the committee's  
28 motion to the Board of Commissioners and NCDOT's Division 8 in order to communicate our  
29 recommendation to the decision-making parties involved.

30 5. DCHC-MPO Discretionary Funds Followup- Hillary Pace

31 Hillary has submitted a dual proposal about the use of these funds and will let us know what comes  
32 of it.

33 6. Updates from County Staff- Hillary Pace

34 Hillary's update about the strategic transportation corridors was about the status of 64 and was  
35 thoroughly covered in the discussion detailed above.

36 7. Bike/Ped Items- Hillary Pace

37 Several project have been approved and funded for upcoming fiscal years, notably 1. Widening of  
38 Mann's Chapel from 15-501 west and 2. Widening of Mt. Carmel Church near Orange County line  
39 (both to create space for bike lanes, funded for the 2017 cycle. Additionally, projects for paths in  
40 Pittsboro (15-501 from Launis to Powell Place) and Siler City have been approved.

41 7. Announcements/New Business and Next Meeting Topics

42 Newly-elected county commissioner Diana Hales is the TAC's Board of Commissioners' liaison.

43 Hillary provided a proposed 2015 meeting schedule. First 2015 meeting is scheduled for February  
44 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Committee voted unanimously to adopt the proposed 2015 meeting calendar.

45 Matt Alexander asked about creating a subcommittee to address the Transportation Advisory  
46 Committee's strategic plan. Hillary said she and other county staff can't support an additional  
47 subcommittee at this time, during the end of the year, but that we can revisit this idea at the  
48 February meeting when more staff resources should be available.

49 9. Adjourn

50 The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

51 Next meeting: February 24, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom (across the parking lot  
52 from the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro.