

# Transportation Advisory Committee

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 28, 2014, 6:00 pm  
Dunlap Classroom  
80 East St, Pittsboro



### Voting Members Present

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

### Non-Voting Members Present

Michael Fiocco, Pittsboro

### Others Present

Matt Day, TARPO  
Brendan Merithew, NCDOT  
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT

- 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 August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Meeting  
7 Matt Alexander asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ed Regan moved to  
8 approve, and Dennis Geiser and Scott Evenson seconded. A vote was taken, and the minutes were  
9 approved unanimously as presented.

### 10 Information & Discussion

- 11 4. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update, Brendan Merithew  
12 Brendan explained that he has minor updates to CTP maps that we can look over. These maps were  
13 provided electronically by Hillary to the committee prior to this meeting. DOT internal review of  
14 report should be complete by mid-December. Brendan anticipates scheduling public input meetings  
15 in January 2015. Committee members' presence at one or more of these public input meetings  
16 would be welcome but is not required; DOT personnel will run these meetings. Brendan will  
17 continue to work with Hillary to reserve municipal meeting venues and schedule the meetings  
18 themselves.

19 5. DCHC-MPO Discretionary Funds Discussion, Hillary Pace

20 This discussion was moved to the end of the meeting rather than being held in the order of the  
21 original agenda. The Board of Commissioners has asked the TAC to provide feedback as to where or  
22 for what the TAC thinks it would be useful to use this money. DCHC MPO Discretionary Funds would  
23 total about \$35,000 with a required local 20% match (about \$9,000). These funds are not  
24 necessarily easy to utilize as they require quite a bit of oversight, but they are available. Projects  
25 using these funds must be within the DCHC MPO area. Several possible projects would be striping of  
26 the American Tobacco Trail; parking facilities along the ATT; short-term projects already on existing  
27 plans such as share the road markings; or rolling it into a comprehensive plan. In a twist, if this  
28 money is used for planning purposes, it could in effect be used to plan projects that do not fall  
29 within the DCHC MPO boundaries.

30 After discussion, it appears that the town of Cary may have plans to make improvements to the ATT,  
31 so we are included to look into different ways to use these funds. Hillary asked the committee to  
32 formulate a response to the BOC so she can present our conclusion to the board at their November  
33 meeting. TAC members think that the ATT is less appealing, but we would like to consider and  
34 further discuss the other two options of using these funds toward existing short-term projects or  
35 committing them to a comprehensive plan.

36 Erik Broo raised the question of what exactly a comprehensive plan is and what it means for the  
37 county. Hillary, Phil, and Michael Fiocco described the different elements of a comprehensive plan,  
38 how it is developed, and what it's used for over time.

39 Phil Bors moved to deprioritize the ATT project and to explore the remaining two options. Erik Broo  
40 seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Hillary will report back to the BOC with an  
41 overview of our discussion.

42 6. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee

43 a. 15-501 Corridor Study and 751 Feasibility Study Update- Hillary Pace

44 Hillary updated the committee, explaining that Stantec is working to address all comments and  
45 finalize the 15-501 corridor study. An update was provided to the Chatham Board of  
46 Commissioners in June, and final presentations are being made to other partners. The 751  
47 feasibility study is being considered for deletion after a scoping meeting and review of that  
48 corridor.

49 b. Strategic Transportation Corridors, Hillary Pace

50 15-501 is not shown on the map at this time, justification would be required to add it. NCDOT  
51 will present to BOC during the BOC's work session in November meeting on 11/17. TARPO and  
52 DCHC-MPO have provided comments, waiting for Chatham comments. Members of TAC  
53 registered concerns about multimodal transportation and generally wanting more information  
54 about this initiative. Hillary will take those concerns to the appropriate meetings and will  
55 update the TAC after doing so.

56 7. Bike/Ped Items, Hillary Pace

57 a. TARPO Bike/Ped Planning

58 Hillary, Matt Day, and Phil are on the steering committee of the TARPO regional bike/ped plan  
59 analysis project. Two major topics came out of the steering committee's kickoff meeting. First,  
60 the prioritization process is a challenge since picking 20 projects out of as many as 500 projects

61 is nearly impossible. Second, they are trying to share information with local governments to  
62 help those entities develop their bike/ped infrastructure efficiently and effectively.

63 b. TJCOG Regional Bike Map

64 This is a regional bike map funded with a Community Transformation Grant that intends to  
65 gather together all bike infrastructure in Orange, Durham, Chatham, and Wake counties. This  
66 helps to show users the existing facility inventory. According to Matt Day, the TARPO effort is  
67 more of a planning exercise where the TJCOG map is a promotional effort.

68 c. SPOT 3.0 Prioritization

69 Hillary updated the group with the information that the Mann's Chapel and Mt. Carmel Church  
70 projects have been included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

71 8. Announcements/New Business and Next Meeting Topics

72 Dennis Geiser asked whether anyone knows about a statewide project counting bike and ped usage  
73 of greenways that he read about recently. No one in the room was aware of it, but Hillary will look  
74 into this to see whether she can find any additional information.

75 Matt Alexander asked about an update to the TAC's strategic plan. Hillary explained that she and  
76 the county staff are extremely busy at this time. She would like to see a subcommittee form to work  
77 on this project but would ask that we wait to begin this project until after the New Year as the  
78 county staff is stretched so thin at this time and they need to be available for oversight and support  
79 of this process.

80 9. Adjourn

81 The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

82 Next meeting: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom (across the parking lot  
83 from the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro