

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Special Meeting

November 7th, 2013, 6:00 pm
Dunlap Classroom
80 East St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

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

Non-Voting Members Present

Jennifer Park, Public Health

Others Present

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

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Scott Evenson welcomed attendees to the meeting. 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 September 24, 2013 Regular Meeting
- 7 Phil Bors moved to approve minutes as presented. Ed Regan seconded. Vote to approve minutes as
- 8 presented was unanimous. Minutes approved.

9 Information & Discussion

- 10 4. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan update, Brendan Merithew
- 11 CTP is still undergoing the DOT's internal review, which has necessitated pushing the planned public
- 12 input meetings back to the end of January. We'll drop to three locations rather than four due to lack
- 13 of interest from one proposed site. There have been a few minor changes to the map, but nothing of
- 14 major significance.
- 15 5. SPOT 3.0 Update- Hillary Pace
- 16 Hillary planned for Matt Day to follow up on the TARPO progress, but Matt suggested holding off on
- 17 this until TARPO finalizes its plans and creates their final list. He plans to bring the final list to the
- 18 TAC's Dec. 12th regular meeting.
- 19 Hillary presented the group with the DCHC MPO's SPOT 3.0 planning. We are asked to look at the
- 20 tentative DCHC MPO list to assess it. Only a limited number of projects in bike/ped and highway

21 categories are allowed. See document "Chatham County Recommended Transportation Projects,
22 DCHC MPO SPOT 3.0 November 2013" for information about projects referred to below.

23 Highway projects: Jack Bennett Rd. is already underway through other sources, so removal from the
24 SPOT list is proposed. Jeremiah Dr. is proposed for removal because SPOT isn't the optimal funding
25 source for this project; it should be requested through the appropriate DOT division. Lystra Rd.,
26 request to add 4' bike lanes is tentatively approved so should remain on the list.

27 Bike/ped projects require a 20% match from the locality, which only the Board of Commissioners
28 can commit to. This match requirement will potentially be a major stumbling block. Hillary notes
29 that the local match can be provided from a variety of funding sources, but we have no idea
30 whether the Board will commit to provide this funding. Matt explained that this 20% was previously
31 provided by the state, but new state law prohibits state money from going to bike/ped projects, so
32 localities now have to provide that match.

33 Two additional projects that Cary has proposed and plans to fund will touch Chatham Co. land.
34 MPO is requesting local government input by Dec. 1. This is on the BOC agenda for their Nov. 18th
35 meeting. If the BOC discusses and approves this list and a resolution to provide the funding, these
36 projects can be submitted.

37 TAC resolved to present the list to the BOC with internal prioritization as follows: 1. Manns Chapel;
38 2. Mt. Carmel Church; 3. O'Kelly Chapel; 4. Farrington Rd. Hillary will present this to the BOC on
39 11/18 along with an overview of our thoughts about costs.

40 6. Update from Bike/Ped Subcommittee- Phil Bors
41 Phil and Scott Evenson showed off the progress they've made on bike loop mapping. One side of the
42 map has the overall county map with highlighted section showing the route area, and the other side
43 has a blowup of the route itself for ease of navigation. Currently calling these routes "Recreational
44 Loop x"- should they be named by the area of the county, by a landmark along a given route, or by
45 some other method?

46 Hillary will explore options for hosting the maps and we can bring them to the BOC for approval.
47 Jennifer Park may be able to help find printing services so we can get an initial run printed.

48 7. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee
49 Hillary and Darius Sturdivant updated the group on the progress of the 15-501 corridor study. The
50 timeline for this study has gotten longer, so the schedule needs to be revised since it's now well
51 behind the planned schedule.

52 TAC Meeting attendance reminder: Members should attend at least 75% of meetings, otherwise
53 they can be reprimanded or removed from the committee. At the TAC members' request, Hillary will
54 now keep an attendance roster and distribute it quarterly so we can track attendance over time
55 accurately.

56 8. Announcements and New Business
57 Phil mentioned concerns about 15-501 near Southern Village again, asking who else we can bring it
58 up with to try to get it on a list for eventual safety improvements.

59 9. Adjourn

60 The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

61 Next meeting: December 12, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom (across the parking lot
62 from the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro.