

# Transportation Advisory Committee

## Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 27, 2013, 6:00 pm  
Dunlap Classroom  
80 East St, Pittsboro



### Voting Members Present

Scott Evenson  
Phil Bors  
Tammy Phillips  
Matt Alexander  
Dale Chodorow  
Ed Regan

### Non-Voting Members Present

Dan Stroupe, Chatham Transit  
Jennifer Park, Public Health  
Larry Cheek, Siler City

### Others Present

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

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Co-chairs of TAC were present, and 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 April 23, 2013 and June 25, 2013 Regular Meetings
- 7 Matt Alexander moved that minutes for April be approved, and Dale Chodorow seconded the
- 8 motion. Matt also moved the June minutes be approved, with Dale seconding the motion. Minutes
- 9 were approved unanimously for both months with no changes.

### 10 Information & Discussion

- 11 4. New TAC Member welcome and introduction
- 12 Hillary introduced the new members, both voting and ex officio. Attendees went around the room
- 13 to introduce themselves to each other.
- 14 5. Chatham CTP Update, Brendan Merithew
- 15 Brendan has gone to town and municipal boards and did not hit any unexpected snags. Next step is
- 16 to schedule public input meetings. The report still has to go through the NCDOT internal review
- 17 before those can happen, so the DOT suggests scheduling meetings in early November.
- 18 Hillary has been working to find venues and has succeeded in finding low-cost or free possibilities in
- 19 Silk Hope, Moncure, Pittsboro, and Siler City.
- 20 Dan Stroupe asked whether the Goldston area warrants a meeting. After discussion, the committee
- 21 voted to schedule four meetings, in: Pittsboro, Siler City, Moncure, and Goldston.

22 Hillary asked whether any of the committee members can attend some/all of the public input  
23 meetings; Ed Regan volunteered. Other TAC members are welcome and encouraged to attend as  
24 well.

25 Brendan moved on to explain a few small changes to the CTP, but nothing that changes the overall  
26 plans as we know them.

27 Brendan mentioned that a public question was received at the DOT recently regarding the freeway  
28 upgrades proposed for 64. The only impact of that proposed upgrade impacts driveway access  
29 zoning.

30 Matt Alexander asked for the DOT employees attending the meeting to explain how the new  
31 funding formula adopted by the state will affect the Chatham area. Matt Day says the economic  
32 model is clumsy and doesn't scale down to small areas well, so it's hard to know anything accurate  
33 at this stage.

34 The Chatham Park development is a question- if/when it's approved, the developer will likely build  
35 the roads initially, then have them taken over by the town (if in town limits) or the DOT. If the  
36 developer requests state funding, the roads would almost certainly be DOT-controlled.

37 6. Update from Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, Phil Bors

38 Thanks to the subcommittee's work and Scott's mapping talent, we are nearing completion of the  
39 update bike map with both official state and county routes as well as individual smaller section maps  
40 that show each loop route that the subcommittee recommends as a ride on the new map.

41 Phil asked whether Brendan or Matt Day can provide AADT data so we can put a warning on  
42 sections that have higher traffic volumes.

43 Phil wondered whether it's possible to get slope data in order to show hilly areas. Keith mentioned  
44 that Strava can provide that but not in an easily-used fashion. Matt Day may be able to generate it  
45 from GIS data, but that's not a simple process either.

46 Subcommittee also plans to post links to these routes on Mapmyride.com and/or other sites.

47 Matt Alexander wondered whether these routes can be tied in with where buses that have bike  
48 racks run; Phil suggests that would be a good second phase to this project.

49 7. Updates from Staff and/or the Executive Committee

50 Hillary informed committee members that Chuck Gillis has withdrawn from the committee due to  
51 other commitments.

52 8. Announcements and New Business

53 Matt Alexander asked whether committee can be given updates on the 15-501 corridor study as it  
54 moves forward. Darius Sturdivant will forward minutes from those meetings to Hillary for  
55 dissemination to the committee.

56 Hillary asked about the timeline for the adoption of the CTP. Brendan explained that the DOT has to  
57 do public input meetings, then come back to the TAC, then back to town and municipality boards for  
58 final blessing. The draft report will then be made available to the TAC and boards; that will  
59 eventually be finalized and hopefully be in the approval stage for the TAC in December, then January  
60 for the boards, and finally February for TARPO.

61 Phil asked about the process for responding to public input comments or requests. Brendan clarified  
62 that any such issues would be presented to the TAC for us to discuss and determine how to handle  
63 them.

64 Matt Day noted that this fall will see another round of submissions the funding priority assignment  
65 process. List of proposed projects involving Chatham Co. will likely be presented to TAC in the near  
66 future so it can go through the TAC, county commissioners, etc. for approval and passing on to  
67 TARPO during the fall, then to the state in January. This is for any and all projects that will involve  
68 federal funding in a 10-years horizon. At this point, proposed projects are not required to come from  
69 a CTP, so it's OK that we haven't completed and adopted the CTP for Chatham yet.

70 Hillary noted that the TAC has a meeting scheduled for Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> but we'll need to move it by a day or  
71 two to accommodate other county meetings. She'll keep us posted on that.

72 Hillary updated the TAC re: the scenic byway proposal (Old Well to Jordan Lake). It was approved by  
73 Orange County and UNC, but the Chatham Co. board and individuals responded negatively, so the  
74 board of commissioners has chosen not to endorse it at this time. It could still happen at some  
75 point, but not in the near future.

76 9. Adjourn

77 The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

78 Next meeting: Sept. 24, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom (across the parking lot from  
79 the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro