

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 3, 2015, 6:00 pm
Dunlap Classroom
80 East St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Matt Alexander
Roy Girolami
Dennis Geiser
Ed Regan
Keith Gerarden
Susie Moist
Scott Evenson
Jamie Nunnely
Jo Ann Beal

Non-Voting Members Present

Jennifer Park

Others Present

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

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
2 Committee Chairman Ed Regan 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 27th, 2015 Regular Meeting
7 Dennis Geiser moved to approve minutes as presented, Jamie Nunnely seconded, and minutes
8 were approved unanimously.

9 Information & Discussion

- 10 4. Chatham's Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update- Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
11 Brendan gave the committee an overview of the draft CTP recommendations, known as "problem
12 statements." This is information for the committee at this time. We can provide input as desired
13 going forward, but no committee action needs to be taken now.
- 14 Jamie Nunnely asked about how different pieces of the CTP are put into action, some sooner than
15 others. Matt, Brendan, and Darius explained that individual elements can be put into the TIP and
16 other planning efforts as needed based on development and changes over time. Ed Regan asked
17 about public input meetings. The committee reviewed its motion from the October 27th, 2015
18 regular meeting and decided to continue to hold until the February 2016 TAC meeting. Committee
19 will reassess whether to continue waiting or to move forward at that time with the CTP "doughnut
20 hole" excluding Pittsboro based on Pittsboro's progress with its small area plans. The committee

21 hopes to be able to hold long enough to move forward with the full CTP rather than a doughnut hole
22 plan.

23 5. Updates from County Staff

24 Hillary Pace was not present, so there were no updates from county staff. However, Matt Day and
25 Darius Sturdivant filled the committee in on the details of the two items on the agenda.

26 a) DCHC-MPO SPOT 4.0 Submittal List- Matt Day said that the DOT submitted a project for
27 improvement/reconfiguration of the Rte 64—Hwy 751 intersection into an interchange. He
28 will be asking at a future time for feedback on whether the county supports this plan.
29 Darius said that the DCHC-MPO submitted two projects and worked with Cary to propose a
30 tunnel crossing at O’Kelly Chapel Rd. for the ATT crossing. Two bike projects in the current
31 funding cycle (Mann’s Chapel Rd. and Mt. Carmel Church Rd.) are proceeding; Darius is
32 setting up scoping meetings for these, which are currently slated for construction in 2017.

33 b) 2016 TAC Meeting Dates- Due to Hillary’s absence, the TAC did not vote on a full slate of
34 2016 meeting dates. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23rd, and the committee
35 tentatively approved that meeting date. Confirmation of that meeting will be sent out by
36 county staff prior to the meeting date.

37 6. TAC Strategic Plan Subcommittee Update- Ed Regan

38 This subcommittee is updating the TAC’s strategic plan. They currently have a good third draft, and
39 members appreciate the help received from Matt Day, Brendan, and Darius, as well as from others
40 in the TAC who are not serving on the subcommittee.

41 The subcommittee’s goal is to make the plan more concise and targeted as well as adding a section
42 or focus on safety. Subcommittee plans to meet for a fourth time in early 2016, with an eye toward
43 sending the next draft of the plan out to TAC members before the February 2016 TAC meeting.

44 7. Bike/Ped Items

45 There were no bike/ped items to discuss.

46 8. Announcements and New Business

47 Proposed topics for the February 2016 TAC meeting are: CTP update (check on Pittsboro plan
48 progress); begin ranking projects for SPOT, which will be due in April; 2016 meeting schedule.

49 Scott Evenson asked about the recent Big Woods Rd./Rte. 64 information meeting. One major
50 concern is that the fire department needs to be able to turn left from Big Woods onto 64. Most
51 people in attendance at the information meeting appeared to understand that something will need
52 to be done to improve safety at this intersection. Some cyclists attended the meeting and provided
53 input that cyclists need to be able to cross 64 and turn left onto 64 as well as going straight across.

54 9. Adjourn

55 Jamie Nunnally moved to adjourn, Matt Alexander seconded, motion was unanimously approved,
56 and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

57 Next meeting: Tentatively scheduled for February 23rd, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap
58 Classroom (across the parking lot from the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro