

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 28, 2016, 6:00 pm
Dunlap Classroom
80 East St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Ed Regan
Jamie Nunnelly
Keith Gerarden
Jo Ann Beal
Don Wollum

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek, Siler City
Diana Hales, Board of
Commissioners

Others Present

Hillary Pace, Chatham Co.
Cara Coppola, Chatham Co.
Scott Walston, NCDOT
Matt Day, TARPO

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
2 Chairman Ed Regan welcomed attendees, a quorum was reached.

- 3 2. Public Comment94110

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5 No one from the general public provided comment.

6 Consent Agenda

- 7 3. Approval of Minutes from April 7th Regular Meeting
8 Jamie Nunnelly moved to approve minutes, Ed Regan seconded motion, and minutes were approved
9 unanimously.

10 Action Items

- 11 4. Strategic Plan Final Draft
12 Cara Coppola described changes needed in goals 5 and 6 of existing strategic plan. Discussion of
13 how to revise wording of these two goals followed. Hillary Pace noted the finalized versions of
14 language for each goal and strategies for accomplishing them and has updated the strategic plan
15 with those changes. Jamie Nunnelly moved to send the finalized version to the Board of
16 Commissioners. Jo Ann Beal seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously. Strategic plan
17 as modified at this meeting will be presented to the BoC at their July 18th meeting.

- 18 5. Annual Report to Board of Commissioners
19 Committee members reviewed draft of annual report, finding minor corrections/additions to be
20 made. Added suggestions of bringing in guest speakers, periodic Chatham Park updates, and
21 planning board updates in "Recommended Changes" section. Added note that TAC will continue to
22 look for ways to bring transportation issues to public attention to "Other Information" section.

23 Keith Gerarden moved to present finalized annual report with these changes to the Board of
24 Commissioners. Jo Ann Beal seconded, and the motion to present the annual report to the BoC at
25 their July 18th meeting was unanimously approved.

26 Side discussion regarding Chatham Park occurred during this time. Chatham Park's planning
27 includes a "transit element committee", and members of TAC discussed having a member of the TAC
28 apply to serve on the transit element committee for Chatham Park in order to better understand
29 development as it occurs within Chatham Park and affects the county as a whole. Ed Regan moved
30 to have a member apply, Jamie Nunnally seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. This
31 motion will be sent to the Board of Commissioners for approval; if the BoC approves, the TAC can
32 follow up on this at its August 2016 meeting.

33 6. Terms Reappointment/Replacement

34 County staff informed committee that three members are departing as of June/July 2016. Any
35 assistance in looking for replacement members would be helpful. Additionally, county staff
36 informed committee that recognition of longtime service by Phil Bors, Keith Gerarden, and Dennis
37 Geiser will take place at the Board of Commissioners' July 18th meeting.

38 **Information & Discussion**

39 7. CTP Update- Scott Walston and Cara Coppola

40 Scott Walston and Cara Coppola informed the TAC that CTP workshops were held during the third
41 week of June along with the county Comprehensive Plan public input meetings. Next step is to
42 check the draft CTP maps and then recommend the final draft to be presented to the Board of
43 Commissioners at the TAC's August 2016 meeting. Proposed timeline is to have the BoC approve
44 the CTP in September, with TARPO and the DOT adopting the plan once the BoC has approved it.

45 8. SPOT Update- Cara Coppola

46 The Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Planning Organization have released their
47 initial rankings and returned them to localities. No Chatham County projects are eligible for local
48 points assignment. Details of the list of projects in Chatham County are available in Powerpoint
49 presentation that can be requested from county staff. SPOT rankings are currently in broad public
50 input phase, after which final decisions will be made in the RPO, MPO, and DOT to determine final
51 rankings. A draft State Transportation Improvement Plan will be made available for public comment
52 likely starting in January 2017.

53 9. MPO Bike Signage Study Complete- Cara Coppola

54 Cara updated the committee with the status of the MPO bike signage study. It's complete and has
55 been provided to committee members for review. TAC will consider final approval of study at its
56 August 2016 meeting.

57 10. Legislative Update- Don Wollum

58 Don Wollum presented an update on legislative actions related to bike/ped safety from committee
59 commissioned by the legislation last fall to study and provide recommendations. According to Matt
60 Day, several of the less onerous recommendations made by that committee have been included in a
61 bill that is now in conference committee, HB 959. Those items are front and rear lights required at

62 night, legalize moving into oncoming traffic lane to pass cyclists, and allow cyclists to signal right
63 turns using the right hand.

64 Mr. Wollum also presented to the committee on the Montgomery County, Maryland “Rustic Roads”
65 program, which is intended to protect the bucolic nature of historic, low-traffic roads in
66 Montgomery County. Committee agreed that this is an interesting way of protecting local roads
67 from overdevelopment, but it is not likely feasible in Chatham County since the DOT controls roads
68 throughout the county rather than the county owning them. There is, however, a North Carolina
69 scenic byway program that could potentially provide similar protection to roads meeting the
70 guidelines for that program within Chatham County.

71 11. Announcements and New Business

72 Draft CTP maps were passed out for committee members to review. Additional off-agenda topic of
73 discussion: Hillary Pace presented the committee with the current state of the Chatham County
74 Comprehensive Plan. An initial set of public meetings was held in June, with additional meetings
75 planned for August. Input is also available via the county website and a SurveyMonkey survey.

76 10. Adjourn

77 Jamie Nunnally moved to adjourn, Don Wollum seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.
78 The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

79 Next meeting: August 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom (across the parking lot from
80 the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro