

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

August 23rd, 2016, 6:00 pm
Dunlap Classroom
80 East St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Ed Regan
Matt Alexander
Scott Evenson
Jamie Nunnelly
Jo Ann Beal
Don Wollum

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek, Siler City
Diana Hales, Board of
Commissioners
Jennifer Park, Public Health

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 Comment
4 No one from the general public provided comment.

5 Consent Agenda

- 6 3. Approval of Minutes from June 28th Regular Meeting
7 JoAnn Beal moved to approve minutes, Matt Alexander seconded motion, and minutes were
8 approved unanimously.

9 Action Items

- 10 4. Reappoint Secretary
11 Chairman Ed Regan explained that the Committee had elected Keith Gerarden as Secretary in April
12 but due to his resignation, the TAC now has a vacancy for the position. Ed Regan opened
13 nominations and nominated Don Wollum for new secretary. As there were no further nominations,
14 Ed Regan closed the nominations and opened the committee with to vote which passed
15 unanimously. Don Wollum thanked the committee, clarified with staff about policy for
16 subcommittee notes, and asked staff for audio backup to be provided for future meetings.

- 17 5. CTP Recommendation to Board of Commissioners

18 Ed proceeded to open the next action item, recommendation adoption of the CTP to the
19 County Board of Commissioners during the September 19th work session. Scott Walston,
20 NCDOT TPB reviewed comments from the public input given at CTP workshops held during
21 the third week of June and comments from staff to make edits. Comments on the report

22 will be accepted until adoption being that as the Maps are what has legal standing and the
23 report being context for the maps. Matt Day TARPO Principal Planner commented on some
24 minor changes in the symbology on the Siler City Bike/Ped map inset from green to yellow.
25 Don Wollum asked about population projections within the report and Hillary Pace, Matt
26 Day, and Scott Walston explained the three methods of population projection used for the
27 county involving historic counts for rural areas, TRM data from DCHC MPO in the Northeast
28 region of the county, and the separate model used for the Pittsboro CTP accounting for all
29 planned development. There was general discussion about changes to the roadway and
30 uses around them. Ed Regan asked about the sequencing moving forward to adoption, Scott
31 Walston explained that should the committee recommend the CTP, it would go to Siler City
32 Planning Board, County Board of Commissioners & Siler City Commissioners on Sept 19th,
33 Goldston's Board on October 3rd, TARPO's technical & policy board on October 13th, and to
34 the Department of Transportation's Board by the end of the year. Matt Alexander made
35 motion to recommend the CTP for adoption to the County Board, Ed Regan seconded the
36 motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

37 **Informational Items**

38 7. MPO Bike Signage Study Complete

39 Cara Coppola informed the TAC that the MPO area Bicycle signage study had been completed June
40 2016. She thanked the TAC for their involvement in recommending the use of STPDA funds toward this
41 study. Special attention was paid to the different bicycle routes and specific intersections at the
42 American Tobacco Trail. Two technical memorandums came out of the study. The first analyzed the
43 existing conditions detailing road characteristics such as functional classification, ADT, posted speed,
44 latest crash data, historic counts, and speed data, sight line distances, etc. to qualitatively assess the
45 bicycle, pedestrian and motor vehicle traffic in the MPO boundary of the County. The second served as
46 an alternative evaluation that reviewed and assembled guidance regarding signage for bicycle facilities
47 as well as made recommendations on types of bicycle facilities for different roadway classifications and
48 contexts. It also made recommendations for signing of different bicycle facilities; signing of cross state
49 and Chatham County bicycle routes. It also reviewed and assessed the American Tobacco Trail
50 intersections to determine if additional/other crossing treatments are warranted and made
51 recommendations for this intersection. Scott Evenson asked how this study could be used and if there
52 were cost estimates given within the study. Hillary Pace commented that it would be used in discussion
53 with the Town of Cary and NCDOT to identify the most appropriate implementation strategy for adding
54 bicycle signage along roadways, including best practices for county recreational bike loops, as well as
55 looking into crossing safety.

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57 8. Committee Policy and Work Plan Development

58 Cara Coppola with guidance from the County PIO, presented the County Committee Policy and left
59 open discussion as to what the committee would like to see in for their coming meetings. The TAC
60 discussed ways in which they had achieved the Board directed goals and ways to further the effort
61 for public participation and outreach. Suggestions for topical speakers to invite to TAC meetings
62 were taken including, Chatham Transit, Freight, Tourism and Scenic Routes, Chatham Park, the Siler
63 City airport, Parks and Recreation, etc.

64 11. Announcements and New Business

65 4 new applications for the TAC have been received and reviewed by the Chair and Vice
66 Chair. Ed Regan commented that there was still a concern that the western portion of the
67 county is underrepresented even after additional solicitation of the openings in Goldston
68 and Siler City.

69 10. Adjourn

70 Ed Regan opened the discussion to adjourn. Jo Ann Beal made motion to adjourn, Matt Alexander
71 seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

72 Next meeting: October 25th, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom (across the parking lot
73 from the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro