

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 25th, 2016, 6:00 pm
Dunlap Classroom
80 East St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Ed Regan
Matt Alexander
Scott Evenson
Nicole Brown
Melissa Star
Al Capehart
Roy Girolami
Don Wollum

Non-Voting Members Present

Larry Cheek, Siler City
Anna Testerman, Chatham
Transit network

Others Present

Cara Coppola, Chatham Co.
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 3. Welcome New Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Members
- 6 Self-introductions were given from all TAC Members
- 7 **Consent Agenda**
- 8 4. Approval of Minutes from August 23rd Regular Meeting
- 9 Matt Alexander moved to approve minutes, Scott Evenson seconded motion, and minutes were
- 10 approved unanimously.
- 11 **Information Items**
- 12 5. Presentation from Anna Testerman from Chatham Transit
- 13 Anna Testerman, Director of Chatham Transportation Network (CTN) presented an overview of their
- 14 agency's history beginning in 1996 with steady growth each year in both the number of riders and
- 15 public transportation miles traveled. In fiscal year 2015, CTN served 88,000 rides and traveled 1,201,
- 16 572 miles utilizing 30 transit vehicles. As a 503c agency, CTN utilizes contracts with Chatham County
- 17 and the larger regional system. CTN also receives Federal funding including a CMAQ grant recently
- 18 awarded this year. Anna Testerman concluded her public transportation presentation with the
- 19 agencies best and future plans to 1) meet increased local county demand for public transportation,

20 2) Complete planning and agreements for building a local public transportation hub facility for CTN
21 operations and vehicle storage, and 3) applying for grants and renewing current funding
22 arrangements with local agencies and private entities. The CTN director spoke of meeting the
23 challenges her agency faces providing adequate transit vehicles and staff in a local and regional
24 growth atmosphere. CTN realizes foremost the challenges to provide adequate coverage and time
25 schedules that the Chatham public can find suitable and viable alternative to single occupant vehicle
26 travel. CTN, is expanding to provide services to segments of the public who may be least able to
27 have access to public transportation. To this end, in 2017, CTN will devote resources and staff to
28 meet the needs of low income and special needs populations including continuing demand response
29 services. TAC committee members were given the opportunity to ask their individual public
30 transportation questions to Ms. Testerman who fielded all comments and specific questions shared
31 CTN understandings and positions on each transportation question. TAC members represented
32 County Transportation needs and growth issues current and in the future and also expressed public
33 transportation areas of concern as TAC members deemed applicable as they understood these
34 issues to be.

35 5. Transportation Update from Staff

36 Cara Coppola, Chatham County Planning and TAC liaison provided a Transportation Update to the
37 Committee. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) for Chatham County has been approved
38 by the County Board of Commissioners and Siler City Board on September 19th, 2016 and approved
39 by the Goldston Board on October 3rd with the condition that 2 proposed intersections be added to
40 421 above and below Goldston. Matt Day from the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization
41 (TARPO) explained that TARPO endorsed the CTP with the assumption that the County would adopt
42 the revision. The CTP will go back to the County Board of Commissioners on November 21st to adopt
43 revisions. The MPO area side of the CTP is also moving forward as well and will be presented to the
44 County Board and TAC in December or February. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2045 (MTP)
45 is also moving ahead. The Development State Transportation Improvement Plan 2018-2027 (STIP)
46 process is coming to the end of the allocation of local input points. Between the DCHC MPO, TARPO,
47 and Division Points 3 of Chatham's projects have been given points. Matt Day from TARPO
48 confirmed the O'Kelly/751 intersection project, Siler City Airport project, and E 3rd Street Sidewalk
49 improvement project had been assigned points. There is a public comment period on the Division
50 input points from October 24th to November 7th on the NCDOT website. The County Comprehensive
51 Plan is also moving ahead with new input tools up on the website as well as public workshops to be
52 scheduled this winter.

53 **Informational Items**

54 The Committee discussed what they would like to see covered in their future meetings. The TAC
55 discussed ways in which they had achieved the Board directed goals and ways to further the effort
56 for public participation and outreach. Suggestions for topical speakers to invite to TAC meetings
57 were taken including, Chatham Transit, Freight, Tourism and Scenic Routes, Chatham Park, the Siler
58 City airport, Parks and Recreation, etc.

59 Discussion Items

60 Ed Regan asked for comments on TAC 2017 meeting dates and if there were dates members new in
61 advance would present a conflict. No conflict issues were expressed by TAC members and the
62 schedule

63 11. Announcements and New Business

64 Ed Regan and Cara Coppola asked for specific transportation agenda items for our December
65 meeting, and the TAC agenda for next year. Mr. Wollum spoke of working with NCLIVE for a future
66 TAC presentation of pedestrian and bicycle safety programs available to the county and local
67 community schools and organizations.

68 10. Adjourn

69 Ed Regan opened the discussion to adjourn. Matt Alexander made the motion to adjourn, Don
70 Wollum supported the motion, Scott Evenson seconded the motion to adjourn, and the motion was
71 passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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