

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 25th , 2017, 6:00 pm
Dunlap Classroom
80 East St, Pittsboro



Voting Members Present

Ed Regan
Matt Alexander
Nicole Brown
Melissa Star
Al Capehart
Roy Girolami
Don Wollum
JoAnne Beal

Non-Voting Members Present

Others Present

Keith McLaurin Climate Comm.
Cara Coppola, Chatham Co.
Jennifer Park, Health Promotion
Betsy Kraus resident concerned
about new school intersections

- 1 1. Purpose and Agenda for today's meeting
- 2 Chairman Ed Regan welcomed attendees, a quorum was reached.
- 3 2. Public Comment
- 4 Betsy Kraus a Chatham resident requested time to discuss traffic safety concerns at new School/Park

5 Consent Agenda

- 6 3. Approval of Minutes from April 25th Regular Meeting
- 7 Don Wollum moved to approve minutes, JoAnne Beale seconded motion, and minutes were
- 8 approved unanimously.

9 Information Items

- 10 4. Presentation from Keith McLaurin a member of Climate Change Advisory Committee
- 11 Keith McLaurin explained the purpose of the Committee will be to make recommendations to the
- 12 Board of Commissioners and others regarding climate change impacts in Chatham County and will
- 13 research and advise Chatham Commissioners on ways to adapt to and mitigate these impacts,
- 14 including: (a) reducing emissions of greenhouse gases with related improvements in air quality, (b)
- 15 promoting the use of renewable energy, (c) promoting carbon neutral/green building standards for
- 16 new and existing buildings both public and private and (d) encouraging resilient conservation-
- 17 oriented land uses and both residential and commercial land development standards that foster
- 18 climate change mitigation and adaptation. Various TAC members discussed transportation issues
- 19 and predicted future County Residential and business trends with McLaurin who provided his
- 20 knowledge on carbon and smog reduction possibilities Chatham could consider. Duly noted was that

21 Keith recently moved to Chatham county from California where emission and carbon reduction have
22 been researched and regulatory statutes in California, even influencing EPA on national standards.

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24 5. Neha Shah acting director of Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is Chatham County's destination
25 marketing organization (DMO) responsible for travel and tourism promotion and visitor services.
26 The **CVB** is the liaison between potential visitors, media, and/or film scouts and the local travel
27 industry. The **CVB** is the catalyst for visitor-related economic development. The occupancy tax, a
28 three percent tax paid by visitors and collected by local lodging facilities, can legally only be used to
29 promote travel and tourism. The **CVB** is fully funded by this tax. Ms. Shah answered may
30 transportation questions concerning the growing number of large events hosted in Chatham County

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32 6. Betsy Kraus a Chatham resident requested time to discuss her and neighbor's with school age
33 children their traffic safety concerns at Andrews School Road and a planned Community Park
34 entrance nearby and the actual residential feeder road with existing sizeable traffic. Ms. Kraus
35 stated her research on traffic Circle and pedestrian safety in these intersection warranted serious
36 considerations by developers, county planners and our TAC and the Commissioners

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38 7. Member Don Wollum suggest NCDOT develop a presentation on design and use
39 recommendations for Traffic Circles and also Super Intersections as now completed at the junction
40 of SH 64 and big Woods Road. Early in May, NCDOT responded by scheduling an open house
41 presentation June 9th or the direct purpose of providing traffic circle and super intersection
42 guidelines for application, intersection land ROW requirements and approximate costs.

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44 8. Encouraged by Jennifer Parks position to all county boards to observe and plan for 15/501 traffic
45 numbers increasing rapidly, member Melissa Star gave many safety and accident analysis from her
46 perspective as a Traffic Officer duties over the years on 15/501.

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48 9. NCDOT provided data TAC requested as part of existing roads inventory in conjunction with
49 transportation infrastructure data contained in the Comprehensive master plan update. on the
50 number of miles of un paved or gravel roads in Chatham county, 238 miles or roughly 15% are un
51 paved or gravel.

52 10. Transportation update from Staff

53 Cara Coppola, Chatham County Planning and TAC liaison Roy Girolami provided updates on the
54 Comprehensive Plan and Chatham Transportation Master Plan as of March 2016

55 **Informational Items**

56 Discussion Items

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58 11. Announcements and New Business

59 Ed Regan and Cara Coppola asked for specific transportation agenda items for our June 27
60 2017 meeting, and the TAC board agreed the Chatham centric presentation series was

61 helpful for transportation policy considerations, along with continued focus on 15/501
62 traffic safety numbers and recommendations this board may make in the future.

63 10. Adjourn

64 Ed Regan opened the discussion to adjourn. Matt made the motion to adjourn, X supported the
65 motion, Scott seconded the motion to adjourn, and the motion was passed unanimously. The
66 meeting adjourned at 8:XX PM.

67 Next meeting: June 25th, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the Dunlap Classroom (across the parking lot from
68 the Agricultural Building Auditorium) in Pittsboro