

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 16, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Pcolar, Chair
Elyse Keefe
Lenore Jones-Peretto
David Swan

STAFF PRESENT

Tina Moon

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT

Damon Seils

GUESTS PRESENT

II. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at the conclusion of the Joint Review segment of the meeting, at approximately 8:14 pm.

III. Approval of Minutes (December 1, 2022)

A motion was made by Jones-Peretto to approve the December 1, 2022, minutes and seconded by Swan. Motion passed unanimously (Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Pcolar, Swan).

IV. Action & Discussion Items

• Concept Plan for 400 North Greensboro Street

At the previous meeting, the TAB discussed the proposed concept plan for 400 North Greensboro Street, expressed support for the concept and design and noted the following points:

- Encourage the project to include less parking, and
- Inclusion of charging for electric vehicles encouraged

Members discussed the project and whether to include an additional bullet relating to a possible connection to the Shelton Station development and the associated bicycle and pedestrian easement via Parker Street, and/or a bullet relating to provisions for sufficient and secure bike parking. The consensus of the TAB was to stick with the original two bullets to be conveyed to the applicant.

• Revised Meetings Calendar

Following discussion at the previous meeting, a revised meeting calendar was prepared that identified five Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Implementation Committee meetings, for the mid-month meeting in March, May, June, September and November. Keefe noted that the mid-month meeting for November was shown as the fourth Thursday, when it should be on the third Thursday, November 16th.

A motion was made by Jones-Peretto to approved the revised meeting calendar with the November 16th meeting date correction; Swan seconded the motion. Motion passed

unanimously (Keefe, Jones-Peretto, Pcolar, Swan). The SRTS committee meetings will held remotely, with a start time of 5:00 pm.

The TAB briefly discussed SRTS applicants and the upcoming meeting schedule, and it was noted that the SRTS Implementation Committee is structured such that the TAB can serve as the committee and proceed with the work even before others are appointed.

- Staff Updates—Transportation/Other Opportunities/Funding

Updates on Transportation Projects in the STIP

--New updates on the Morgan Creek Greenway, Phase 1 – design approaching 60-percent complete and flood study work underway.

--South Greensboro Street Sidewalk – still working with NCDOT to finish audit on additional scope of work for waterline replacement.

--Bike Loop Detectors – updated design at 90-percent complete, specification manual underway. Once the lane configuration analysis for the 100-200 blocks of North Greensboro Street is completed, the final placement of the bike loops can be determined the bid package completed. (Of note the analysis is related to a proposal to a restriping design to add improved bicycle facilities on North Greensboro Street as part of an upcoming NCDOT resurfacing project.)

--NCDOT is developing express designs for Estes Drive bike/ped improvements and the NC 54 Sidepath in order to review possible alignments and determine more accurate cost estimates.

Other Funding Opportunities for Transportation Projects

--As noted at the December 1st meeting, the Town submitted three projects for the DCHC MPO's Regional Flexible Funding call for projects: Morgan Creek Greenway, Phase 2, the first two segments of the Homestead Road sidepath as identified as priority projects in the Bike Plan update, and bike lanes and a sidewalk on one side of Old NC 86 from Old Fayetteville Road to Calvander.

--The Town submitted four projects to the Great Trail State Coalition request for investment ready projects. These include: Morgan Creek Greenway, Phase 2, the first two segments of the Homestead Road sidepath from the Bike Plan update, the NC 54 Sidepath, and the Seawell School Road sidepath.

--The Town Council adopted a list of projects for ARPA funding in the fall, which included a number of project identified in the Bike Plan update, including priority projects such as the development of westbound buffered or possibly protected bike lanes along Jones Ferry Road; staff is working closely with the Town Engineer and NCDOT to develop a new cross section design. Modifications to the center concrete median would be needed to provide sufficient space.

--The Triangle Bikeway project continues to move forward focusing on the segment from Wake County to Durham County. A future segment would extend the facility to Chapel Hill and potentially connect to the Morgan Creek Greenway system.

--The Town submitted three grant applications in February:

- 1) Triangle J Council of Governments Triangle Transportation Choices (TDM) grant. This is the first time that Carrboro has submitted a standalone grant after serving for several years as a subrecipient of the Town of Chapel Hill.
- 2) NCDOT SRTS Non-Infrastructure grant.
- 3) NCDOT Bicycle Helmet for 50 child-size helmets.

V. Adjourn

Having completed all of the items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm.