

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
Capital Area MPO

FROM: Ed Johnson, Director
Capital Area MPO

DATE: February 21, 2007

RE: Fresh Look at Transit
Joint MPO Regional Transit Vision Plan Advisory Commission

Background

The Capital Area MPO and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro (DCHC) MPO are initiating a process to develop regional transit major investment priorities. At the Joint TAC meeting on November 29, 2006, both MPOs' TAC members present decided to create a Joint MPO Special Advisory Commission to develop a recommended plan for making regional transit investment priorities to be considered by both MPOs for incorporation into their Comprehensive Long-Range Transportation Plans, scheduled to be updated in 2008. The developing of detailed plans for establishing this Commission was referred to the officers of both MPOs' TACs.

Subsequently, those officers met on December 18, 2006. At this meeting, the officers discussed the charge to the Commission and the establishment of the Commission. Both MPOs agreed that the Commission's charge will be to deliver a set of recommended major transit investments to serve the Triangle based on:

- Guiding principles for transit investments
- The *Transit Infrastructure Blueprint Project* technical analysis (now underway)
- Priorities for transit investments
- A community engagement process

At the January 10, 2007 TAC meeting, the DCHC MPO TAC voted to pursue a Commission of 24 or 25 people with 10 or 11 appointments made by the DCHC MPO and 14 appointments made by CAMPO. The TAC also instructed the LPA to

work with the MPO officers on identifying candidates from local boards and organizations and to bring back a list of recommended appointees at the February TAC meeting. Candidates should be selected from five interest areas: neighborhood/community, government, environmental, business, and university.

At CAMPO's January 17, 2007 TAC meeting, the TAC approved a Commission of 24 with 10 appointments from the DCHC MPO and 14 appointments from CAMPO. It was also indicated that former Progress Energy CEO Bill Cavanaugh had been asked to serve as CAMPO's Co-Chair of the Commission.

Selection of Recommended Capital MPO TAC Commission Members

On January 25, 2007, MPO Director Ed Johnson sent e-mails to all Capital Area MPO TAC members requesting that they recommend candidates for the Commission as soon as possible, preferably by January 30, 2007. Nominations received by staff were forwarded to the TAC officers for review. Other groups (e.g., Regional Transportation Alliance, Sierra Club, WakeUp, etc.) also made recommendations directly to the TAC officers.

On February 16, 2007 the TAC officers met with LPA staff to discuss the candidates and developed the following list of fourteen (14) recommended Commission member appointees. In response to the DCHC MPO TAC's proposal (described later in this memo) this list also includes recommendations for three alternate members and four ex officio members.

In developing the list of recommended appointments, the MPO officers considered several factors, including achieving geographic and demographic diversity. The recommended list of Commission appointees follows on the next three pages. The list of Commission appointees approved by the DCHC MPO TAC is including in the appendix that follows.

TAC Action: At its meeting on Feb. 21, 2007, the Capital Area MPO TAC approved the following list of invited commission members.

Approved Regional Transit Vision Plan Commission Members (CAMPO)

Bill Cavanaugh, (Co-Chair)

Former chairman, chief executive officer, and president, Progress Energy
Chairman of the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO)
Member of the National Academy of Engineering
~~Board of visitors at the University Of North Carolina Kenan Flagler School Of Business~~
~~Advisory Board of Tulane's School of Engineering~~
~~Board of Directors for Research Triangle Foundation~~

Smedes York, (Co-Vice Chair)

Mayor, City of Raleigh, 1979-1983
Raleigh City Councilman, District E, 1977 to 1979.
President of York Properties, Inc.
Board Chairman York Simpson Underwood and McDonald-York
Past chairman of the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry
Past chairman N.C. State University Board of Trustees
Board of Directors of the Research Triangle Foundation
YMCA of the Triangle
North Carolina Amateur Sports
Trustee of the Urban Land Institute
Founding Co-Chair of Regional Transportation Alliance

Tom Bradshaw

Mayor, City of Raleigh 1971-1973
Secretary of N.C. Dept. of Transportation, 1976 - 1979
Member - Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Wake County
Managing Director, Public Finance Dept., CitiGroup Global Markets, Inc.

Gerry Cohen

Director of Legislative Drafting, NC General Assembly
Former Member-Chapel Hill Town Council
Former Member-Chapel Hill Transportation Board

Daniel Coleman

Livable Streets Partnership
Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association
Contractor

Trish Dowty

Vice President of the Corporate Services Division, SAS
Property, Procurement, and Logistics Management, CTI Data and Denelcor, Inc.
Board of Directors, Cary Chamber of Commerce

Greg Flynn

NC Dept of Public Instruction School Planning
NC Division of Forest Resources
Architect

Mike Hendren

Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors, Chair of the Government Affairs Committee

Jodi LaFreniere

Morrisville Chamber of Commerce President
Member - Business Alliance Leadership Team
Member Regional Transportation Alliance

Jennifer Lewis

Transportation Planner, The Louis Berger Group
Graduate Research Asst., Department of City and Regional Planning, UNC-CH

Rusine Mitchell-Sinclair

Vice President at Large - North Carolina Electronics and Information
Technologies Association (NCEITA)
Regional Transportation Alliance - Vice chair of Regional Leadership
Senior State Executive, VP Strategy & Implementation, Global IT Delivery - IBM

Mack Paul

Attorney, Kennedy Covington
Past President - Triangle Tomorrow
Former Associate General Counsel for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC

Frank Price

President of F. L. Price & Associates
Chair - Clayton Planning Board

Tim Reed

Conservation Co-Chair of the Capital Group Sierra Club

Warren Sawicki

Fuquay-Varina - Chamber of Commerce
Retired Manufacturing Executive

Frank Timberlake

R.F. Timberlake and Company
President Carolinas/Virginia Chapter NAMA
(National Agri-Marketing Association)

Ed Willingham

2006-07 chair of the Regional Transportation Alliance
Executive Vice President for First Citizens Bank's Triangle Region

Ex Officio Members:

Joe Bryan

Chair, Capital Area MPO TAC
Commissioner, Wake County

Charles Meeker

Vice Chair, Capital Area MPO TAC
Mayor, City of Raleigh

John Brantley

Director, RDU International Airport
Commission member - Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Wake County

Rick Weddle

President and CEO of the Research Triangle Foundation
Vice Chair for Governmental Affairs - Regional Transportation Alliance
Commission member - Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Wake County

Mack McKrell

Long-time Transit User
Cary Resident working in Durham

Appendix

DCHC MPO Commission Members

At its meeting on February 14, 2007 the DCHC MPO TAC appointed the following ten people to the Joint MPO Special Transit Advisory Commission. Information on their background and organizational affiliations is listed. The DCHC MPO TAC decided to propose that its Commission appointees also include two alternate members and two ex-officio members, subject to CAMPO's concurrence. The alternate members would attend all meetings, but would only participate in the discussions and vote if filling in for an absent voting member. The DCHC MPO TAC officers would serve as their ex-officio members to the Commission. In addition, all TAC members or alternates would be able to attend Commission meetings.

Cassandra Atkinson, Ph.D.

Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration
Director of Community Research and Technical Assistance Initiative
Project Director, Transportation Management Bachelor's Degree Program
North Carolina Central University (Chancellor Ammons' nominee)
She has written several grants with the NC Department of Transportation and conducted research on transportation management needs.

George Cianciolo, Ph.D. (Co-Chair)

Member, Chapel Hill Planning Board
Member, Chapel Hill Community Design Commission
Former chair and member, Chapel Hill Transportation Board (six years)
Former member, University of North Carolina Leadership Advisory Committee
Associate Professor of Pathology, Duke University Medical Center

Carolyn Elfland

Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Services
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chancellor Moeser's nominee)
The University's transportation planning, transportation demand management, and transit functions are within her area of responsibility.
Member of the partnership committee that guides the Chapel Hill Transit system
Represented the University on the 15-501 and 54 corridor studies

Robert ("Bo") Glenn

Chair, Durham Open Space and Trails Commission
Member, Durham Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission
Member, Tarwheels Bicycle Club
Served on the Durham Housing Authority for over 20 years

Chris Harder

Vice chair, Durham Area Transit Authority (DATA) Board
Senior Budget Analyst, Office of the Governor, State Budget and Management
Former Congressional Fellow for Rep. Earl Blumenauer (Portland, Oregon)
Master's in Regional Planning and Public Administration

Cal Horton

Former Town Manager (16 years, until 2006), Town of Chapel Hill
As Manager, he has been a regional leader on transportation issues.

Sandy Ogburn

Member of the Board of Directors of several organizations in the Durham community, including the Durham Community Land Trust and the West End Community Center
Former member of the Durham City Council, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and the Triangle Transit Authority Board of Trustees

Bernadette Pelissier, Ph.D.

Chair, Orange Chatham Group of the Sierra Club
Member, Orange County Planning Board
Member, Orange County Commission for the Environment
Former member, University of North Carolina Leadership Advisory Committee
Ph.D. in Sociology. Recently retired from the Federal government

Roger Perry

Chair, Triangle Tomorrow
President, East West Partners (member of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Transportation Alliance)
Member, Board of Trustees, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Served on the Board of Visitors of UNC and Executive Committee of the Center for Real Estate at UNC's Kenan Flagler School
Past chair, Triangle United Way

Mike Shiflett

Member, Durham Inter-Neighborhood Council, Northgate Park
Member, Board of Directors for the Coordinating Council for Senior Citizens
President and CEO, American Labor (member of the Durham Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Transportation Alliance)
Member, Durham Chamber of Commerce, Transportation Committee
Served on US 40 HOV task force, Durham Comprehensive Plan, Travel Demand Ordinance Task Force

Alternate Members

Holly Reid (First Alternate)

President, Board of Trustees, Eno River Association
Co-Founder, Walkable Hillsborough Coalition
Former member, Orange County's Economic Development District
Transportation Task Force

Sam Nichols Jr. (Second Alternate)

Senior Vice President, First Citizens Bank
Durham Chamber of Commerce, Transportation and Economic Development
Committees

Ex-Officio Members

TAC Chair, Alice Gordon

TAC Vice Chair, Becky Heron