

Joint Meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committees of the Capital Area MPO and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO

May 21, 2008

MINUTES OF MEETING

Capital Area MPO – TAC Members

Bob Ahlert	Town of Clayton
Dan Andrews	Harnett County
J. Harold Broadwell	Town of Wendell
Joe Bryan	Wake County (TAC Chair)
Lyn Buffaloe	Franklin County
John W. Byrne	Town of Fuquay-Varina
Al Corpening	Town of Youngsville
R.H. Ellington	Town of Angier
Hubert Gooch	Granville County
Liz Johnson	Town of Morrisville
Vivian Jones	Town of Wake Forest (TAC Vice Chair)
Darryl Moss	City of Creedmoor
Elic A. Senter	Town of Franklinton
Russ Stephenson	City of Raleigh
Nina Szlosberg	NCDOT
Ronnie Williams	Town of Garner
Keith H. Weatherly	Town of Apex
Harold Weinbrecht	Town of Cary

Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO – TAC Members

William V. “Bill” Bell	City of Durham
Diane Catotti	City of Durham
Alice Gordon	Orange County (TAC Chair)
Lydia Lavelle	Town of Carrboro
Mike Woodard	City of Durham (TAC Vice-Chair)

STAC Members

George Cianciolo	STAC Member (Co-Chair)
Gerry Cohen	STAC Member
Greg Flynn	STAC Member
Bo Glenn	STAC Member (Co-Vice Chair)
Ed Willingham	STAC Member
Rusine Mitchell Sinclair	STAC Member
Smedes York	STAC Member (Co-Vice Chair)
Bernadette Pelissier	STAC Member

Frank Price	STAC Member
Tim Reed	STAC Member
Holly Reid	STAC Member

Staff Members

Mark Ahrendsen	City of Durham – Transportation Division
Jamal Alavi	NCDOT – TPB
Allison Anderson	Durham Chamber of Commerce
Bill Barlow	NCDOT – PTD
Ellen Beckmann	City of Durham – Transportation Division
Julie Bollinger	NCDOT – TPB
David Bonk	Town of Chapel Hill
Ken Bowers	City of Raleigh
Wally Bowman	NCDOT – Division 5
Phil Boyle	LGAL
Catherine Campbell	NCRR
Carl Dawson	City of Raleigh
Rupal Desai	NCDOT – TPB
David Eatman	City of Raleigh
Fleming El-Amin	City of Raleigh
Bonnie Estes	Durham City/County Planning
Samantha Ficzek	Harnett County
Damien Graham	Triangle Transit
Ray Gronberg	The Herald-Sun
Wib Gulley	Triangle Transit
Ann Hartell	ITRE
Roger Henderson	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
Robert Hinshaw	Triangle Transit
John Hodges-Copple	Triangle J COG
Joe Huegy	ITRE
Ed Johnson	Capital Area MPO
Mike Kennon	City of Raleigh
David King	Triangle Transit
Michael Kozak	NCDOT – PTD
Bria Litchfield	Chapel Hill Transit
Robert McCain	Capital Area MPO
Patrick McDonough	Triangle Transit
Jeff Merritt	Triangle Transit
Adena Messinger	Town of Carrboro
Ryan Mickles	Town of Chapel Hill
Joe Milazzo	Regional Transportation Alliance
Greg Northcutt	Triangle Transit
Felix Nwoko	City of Durham – Transportation
Julie Robison	Town of Cary Council Member
Chip Russell	Town of Wake Forest

Perry Safran	N.C. Turnpike Authority
Brad Schulz	Triangle Transit
Juanita Shearer-Swink	Triangle Transit
Les Sietz	Raleigh Transit Authority
Martin Stankus	City of Raleigh
Jill Stark	Federal Highway Administration
Pat Strong	Triangle J COG
John Suddath	Metro Magazine
J.J. Walter	Capital Area MPO
Kyle Ward	Capital Area MPO
Steven Waters	Wake Up Wake County
Scottie Wilkins	Granville County
Jennifer Willis	Wake County Government
Diane Wilson	Capital Area MPO
Kenneth W. Withrow	Capital Area MPO
Patrick Young	Franklin County Government

Introduction

Joe Bryan welcomed everyone to the Joint Transportation Advisory Committee meeting to receive the report on the regional approach to transit.

Alice Gordon stated this is a historic occasion. Both MPOs saw a need for the development of a regional transit vision plan and this will be considered for inclusion in our Long Range Transportation Plans.

Public Comments

Rusine Mitchell-Sinclair spoke on behalf of the Regional Transportation Alliance. As a regional business communities voice for mobility and multi-modal transportation issues, the Regional Transportation Alliance supports the efforts of the STAC during 2007 and 2008. We support the three part vision of buses, circulators, and rail. We recognize the need for a robust local revenue source that is managed by the appropriate governmental body to ensure accountability to the citizens of the region. We recognize that more detailed studies are essential to realizing our transit future and we urge that the MPOs and Triangle Transit begin these

initiatives as soon as possible. We are pleased that the region has undertaken a study for commuter rail and are anxiously awaiting the results of the study later this summer (N.C. Railroad Study). We remain committed to helping have the additional conversations on transit options that will help us get from here to the vision quickly, efficiently, and safely for the future years. The urgency to move the region is clear and the regional business communities are pleased to help lead the way.

Ms. Mitchell-Sinclair stated she has copies of the statement on the STAC process and it is available on the website as well under “letsgetmoving.org.”

Steve Waters spoke on behalf of Wake Up Wake County. He appreciates the process the STAC is engaging in; as it is an excellent report. Please consider connections to bicycle/pedestrian transportation.

Presentation of the Special Transit Advisory Commission’s Regional Transit Vision Plan

Prior to presenting the Regional Transit Vision Plan, George Cianciolo, Commission Co-Chair thanked the two MPOs for creating the STAC and giving them the opportunity to present the report in person. He acknowledged Co-Chair, Bill Cavanaugh, Co-Vice Chairs Bo Glenn, and Smedes York who worked hard to get this process done and the report prepared. In addition, he thanked all members of the STAC; he also acknowledged Ann Hartell, Phil Boyle, MPO staff members, and different agencies. Mr. Cianciolo then gave a presentation on the STAC’s final recommendations. Copies of the Regional Transit Vision Plan were distributed at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Smedes York, Commission Co-Vice Chair wanted to endorse what Mr. Cianciolo presented; speaking on behalf of Bill Cavanaugh and himself he enjoyed working with everyone and stated we have a bright future in the region and as we grow it will be brighter. He stated we

have to work on a regional, multi-modal system including both transit and roads. Obviously with more transit, there will be less traffic on the roads. Charlotte has had tremendous success with their transit. They look at it as a part of the fabric of the total community. To be successful, they needed transit. There are a lot of reasons to be supportive of transit and Charlotte is a good example.

Mr. York stated we had a total vision which can be worked on in different segments. Certainly, land use is critical as we grow.

Recognition of Contributions to the Special Transit Advisory Commission Effort and Closing Remarks

Alice Gordon stated the next step is that the STAC report will be discussed further by each TAC. The STAC recommendations will be considered by each TAC as part of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

The TAC for Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) will have a public hearing June 11th on the STAC report. There will also be a night meeting of the DCHC TAC on August 13th and October 8th beginning at 7:00 p.m to consider the Long Range Transportation Plan. On November 12th, the DCHC TAC will approve the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Joe Bryan stated that the Capital Area MPO TAC will receive the STAC report today and will have future meetings to consider this as part of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Bryan has already sent a letter as Chair of the Wake County Board of Commissioners requesting that the leadership of the STAC Committee present the report to the Board. Mr. Bryan stated they will be held accountable to the STAC members as far as development plans and milestones.

Joe Bryan and Alice Gordon presented a certificate and letter to each STAC member as a token of appreciation for all their time and hard work. Again, they expressed their sincere thanks to all members.

Adjourned

There being no further business before the Joint Transportation Advisory Committees of the Capital Area MPO and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.