

Advisory Committee on Transportation - Minutes

Meeting Place: Department of Public Safety, Staff Development Room

Date: April 15, 2015

Time: 3:00 pm

Meeting chaired by: Cheryl Stout, Director of Transportation and Parking

Members in attendance: Dr. Chris Payne, Richie Grimsley, Brian Litchfield, Jackie Overton, Prof. Peter Gilligan, Jesse Cohn, Sam Pranikoff, Than Austin, and Jeff Watson

Absent: Tom Thornburg, Rob Kark, John Tallmadge, Mel Hurston and Lisa Terry

1. **Updates (Stout)**

- ACT Charter – Discussion of the revised ACT Charter has been put on hold pending approval from the VC office. Upon approval and receipt of the revised Charter she will disseminate to all members and post to the website.
- Parking Ordinances – The 2015-16 Ordinances were approved at the March BOT meeting.

2. **Transportation and Construction Updates (Austin)**

- Durham-Orange Light Rail – Than presented a PowerPoint map of the current route of the 17 mile light rail. UNC stations will be located on the western end of the corridor (Mason Farm Road behind the Dogwood Deck and behind the Dean Smith Center and at the Friday Center). There will also a station on Hwy 54 – Hamilton Road station. UNC has expressed a preference for alternative C2A because it has fewer impacts on Finley Golf Course and on the Friday Center property. In the next month, a letter will be sent to TT and Federal Transit Authority (FTA) informing them of the impacts to the golf course, our agreement to the mitigation plan, and the C2A preference. Sam (Student Government) asked about the cost of the four (4) alternative routes. The C2A alternative route is ~\$7 million more than the pink line (C2) and the routes going through Meadowmont are more expensive due to length and army core engineered land. The full document with analysis is scheduled to come out around October. Another question by Sam was whether the rail would run 24 hours. Than stated it would not run 24 hours but ~12-18 hours. Sam also asked if input was coming from other students in the area where the rail will run. Than stated there is a station near Duke and NCCU but not sure about Durham Tech. Jeff (UNC Hospitals) stated there is a good video presentation on TT website that he encouraged others to visit.
- Scooter Parking – Effective fall 2015, all scooters will be required to be registered (DMV) and permitted (UNC) to comply with a new state law. Scooters will be allowed to park only in motorcycle spaces (no bike racks or sidewalks). We are currently adding 250 new spaces to current supply of 324 to accommodate this new change and will be implementing a plan to notify current scooter users (via hang tags, fliers and the T&P website). Ritchie (Athletics) stated he would assist as needed. More education will also be forthcoming in the fall.
- Ridge Road Master Plan -The project will run from Country Club Road to Manning Drive to look at improvement: pedestrian safety, bicycle and transit improvement, sidewalks, maintenance etc. Prof. Gilligan (Faculty Council) asked if consideration has been given to making the road one way. Than stated he has heard of that idea but does

not know the recommendations as of yet of the plan but will pass on that suggestion. When asked if the redesign will be implemented with the paving by the Chair, Than stated it will be done in phases and the repaving will be only from Boshamer Stadium to Manning. Jesse (GPSF) asked about the bike plan recommendation. Than stated they recommended climbing lane on the northern section heading towards Country Club and southern section heading towards Manning with share lanes going downhill.

- Skipper Bowles Drive Project – The Contractor has been selected however no construction as of yet has taken place. Estimate completion will be fall 2015. A preconstruction meeting will be held next week.
- Dogwood Deck Lighting/Electrical – The one year project to overhaul the lighting/electrical wiring within the deck has begun. A phasing plan has been implemented to allow no more than 80 spaces to be removed off line at a time.
- Craige Deck – construction is on schedule to be completed this fall and currently they are installing elevators and working on the landscape.

3. Members Round Table

- Student Government (Pranikoff) – Sam announced the new student government leadership for the fall has begun working with more student feedback and will be focusing a lot of their attention to financial issues/fees.
- Student Affairs (Payne) – Dr. Payne asked about the Skipper Bowles project start date due to upcoming commencement. Per Than, the date has not been set as of yet however hopefully it will be set soon and they have all the construction events on their calendar.
- Athletics (Grimsley) - none
- Employee Forum (Overton) – Announced that the Chair has been invited along with the Chancellor and a few others to the Employee Forum Community meeting on May 6th.
- CHT (Litchfield) – Brian reported that the Partners are working through the budget process hopefully to be finalized in June. The upcoming fiscal year proposed increase will be ~4.1% to replace lost state revenue. CHT is moving ~\$400,000 of federal monies received normally used to subsidize their operation to capital to replace buses. They hope to lease and buy approximately 12-15 buses. Some monies have been obtained through Orange County Bus and Rail investment plan, a grant to purchase three (3) buses and some savings from last year's budget in reserve to purchase buses. Forty-two buses need replacement but we are making a dent - \$21 million hole down to \$10 million. Also, the bus shelter at the HSL will be reinstalled along with the "Next Bus" signage next week
- GPSF (Cohn) – Jesse reported that she presented her GPSF transportation survey at the Bike and Pedestrian Safety meeting, presented at the February ACT meeting, highlighting bike issues of concern that she will work with Facilities to address. She also reported this would be her last meeting due to graduation and all congratulated her.
- Faculty Council (Gilligan) - none
- UNC Hospitals (Watson) - none

- Transportation Planning (Austin) – Than informed the group that he and Jeff Watson (UNC Hospitals) are working in the initial design stage of reconstructing the Manning Drive hospital bus stop in conjunction with CHT and TT.
- Chair (Stout) – The Chair informed all that this would be the last meeting until August.