

Advisory Committee on Transportation and Parking
EOC Conference Room
16 October 2019, 3 PM
Minutes

- I. Call to order: 3:03 pm
- II. Welcome and Introductions
- III. Short-Range Transit Plan, Nick Pittman:
 - a. Overview
 - i. Looking at the next 5 –8 years for the transit system
 - ii. Evaluate the system to determine needs and shape how CHT thinks about transit
 - iii. Team made of project managers with Nelson Nygaard consultants, and includes a policy and technical committee with stakeholders and representatives
 - iv. Started in 2017 and focused on needs and goals
 - v. 6 goals to achieve with the project
 1. See slide #3 – SRTP Project Goals
 2. See slide #4 - Inputs into SRTP
 - vi. Went to public for feedback to determine what was needed and wanted in the transit system
 - vii. Feedback included:
 1. More weekend service
 2. Service convenient for those who do not want to own/operate a private vehicle
 - b. Prepared scenarios for public comment
 - i. Maximum ridership, Weekend service, and Start from scratch
 - ii. Received responses and input from online questionnaire, survey, email, and in public meetings
 - c. Based on feedback, created The Preferred Alternative, a combination of all 3 scenarios, addressing:
 - i. Coverage
 - ii. Serve all areas
 - iii. High-frequency corridors
 - iv. Continue to develop the system based on needs and trying to meets goals
 - d. Schedule/Timeline - Moving towards council adoption
 - e. Cheryl: Do you have a list of the specific changes?
 - i. Nick: Not on slide, but handout has more detail – also see website:
 - ii. <https://www.townofchapelhill.org/home/showdocument?id=40561>
 - iii. SRTP Preferred alternative draft – fig 2 (page 9 of 46)
 - f. Cheryl: To give some context for funding and UNC participation:
 - i. UNC pays 38% for shared routes
 - ii. 100 % for UNC park and ride express routes
 - iii. Funded by Department Transit Fee, Student transit fee, and parking subsidy (\$ 800K/year)
 - g. Derek: Will there be an education campaign coming up?

- i. Nick: Yes, after approvals; anticipated for early spring,
 - ii. Goal to do march April/May for education especially for students before they leave for summer
 - h. Cheryl: For ACT, how can we submit additional feedback from ACT? Will there be another survey that we can distribute to UNC community?
 - i. Nick – Yes, there is a [link on website](#) to a survey to provide feedback
 - i. Cheryl: T&P will send link to go to representatives. If ACT members know of other places that we can send out/target groups, please let us know. We will look at listservs/contacts that we've used for previous communication (postdocs, graduate students, undergraduate students, employee forum, Faculty council)
 - j. Molly: Clarification – is the CPX line going away?
 - i. Nick: The lease with Carrboro plaza will end in 2020.
 - ii. JFX will cover the area after that.
 - k. Derek: How you measuring and assessing success?
 - i. Nick: Comparing ridership and customer satisfaction
- IV. North-South Bus Rapid Transit, Matt Cecil
- a. See [website](#) and [opportunity for feedback](#)
 - b. Why BRT?
 - i. Buses full, leaving riders behind
 - ii. Add more buses? Already bus stacking issues and difficulty keeping buses on time
 - c. BRT is part of local and regional planning and building a network for scalable operation
 - d. Anticipated 2025 opening
 - e. BRT would be a private dedicated lane for buses (and emergency vehicles)
 - f. Buses would also have traffic signal priority
 - g. Federal small starts for funding
 - h. Technical and policy committee working on project as well as public engagement to collect feedback (surveys, forums, focus groups)
 - i. Council selected the Local Preferred Alternative (LPA)
 - j. Active transportation options – bicycles/pedestrian lanes, multi-use paths on both sides of corridor
 - k. Will need to complete Traffic analysis of 2035 and 2045
 - l. \$ 141 M – total; from orange county transit plan about \$ 41 M
 - m. Federal funding up to \$ 100M
 - n. Also for state SPOT for \$ 35 M
 - o. Matt will send handout to Mya for distribution
 - p. Molly: For the multi-use paths – how far and how wide will they be?
 - i. Matt: North street to Eubanks to James Taylor bridge
 - ii. Still looking at what is preferred, could be 9 ft path, 3 ft bike 3 ft ped, or combination. 9 feet is the goal.
 - q. Cheryl: What is the intended improvement/efficiency/timing of routes?
 - i. Matt: Increased capacity means buses more on time, less traffic, operate reliably
 - ii. Cheryl: What's the efficiency in capital costs?

- iii. For CHT likely, ops savings, will be from adjust other local services in same corridor – more coordination of entire local transit system
 - r. Wil – preferred option – parking or traffic?
 - i. Traffic, no on street parking currently there
 - ii. Part of traffic analysis currently being conducted
- V. Other issues
 - a. Transportation working group
 - b. On demand safe ride
 - c. Bike share
 - d. Pedal assist bikes
 - e. General conversations about point to point and late night travel
 - f. Safe walk
 - g. Will come back to ACT
- VI. Allocations
 - a. Student distribution
 - b. How we do now
 - c. How we see them in the future
 - d. Hospital
 - e. Process established in late 80's, large and difficult to manage under current process
 - f. Issues – within departments, are resources being distributed, are employees actually on campus? Remote workstations
 - g. Asking for feedback from community
 - h. Chris – timing implemented fall 2020, or when would departments know about this change, need time to prepare for change
 - i. Would be a long timeline for feedback, communication, education
 - j. Jeff Watson – would it be part of 5-year plan
 - k. Perhaps
 - l. Rely on advisory committee
 - m. 5yp is programmatic and funding
 - n. Allocation is big enough that could be implemented outside of a 5yp
 - o. Chris – all at once or phased
 - p. Will look at models
 - q. Look at disruptions
 - r. Could look a lot of different ways
 - s. Will look at other institutions; bench marking
 - t. Depts have different criteria and needs; allows unit to work with needs of their own group
 - u.
- VII. Round Table
- VIII. Chastan – students at UNC hospital – medical appointment pass – now registered plate for weeknight parking -
 - a. Can get at security station day of in Dogwood Deck or booth attendant at ACC.
 - b. Online – how quickly can the pass be distributed?
 - i. Possible to have PDF emailed
 - ii. Or pick up at office locations

- IX. Chris – Is there a S1 Parking Deck update?
- a. Site utilities in Jan, so relocation will occur then
 - i. Bid documents go out in November on site utility
 - ii. No notification until more firm information
- X. Chris: Parking for cancer patients article was written in the Daily Tar Heel. Could you provide additional context?
- a. Cheryl: DTH article was referring to paid parking for the Ambulatory Care Center Lot and Dogwood Deck, across from the Hospital.
 - b. Jeff: Hospital has addressed a program for radiation because of the faster turnover rate. Patients stay less than an hour for treatment. Chemo treatments are for longer durations.
 - c. Looking at long-term care options for patients.
 - d. Cheryl: This was a consideration in the last Five-Year Plan. There were no increases to patient visitor parking while north campus went up by \$ 0.25 (\$1.75/hour).
 - e. Derek: Patient rates are also consistent with other hospitals across the nation.
- XI. Adjournment 4:06 pm

Participants

- Derek Kemp
- Reid Brown
- Chastan Swain
- Shayna Hill
- Martha Modlin (for Karlina Matthews)
- Molly Gaskin
- Jeff Watson
- Chris Payne

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