

TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

*Town Hall
405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

7:00 PM

RM 102 | First Floor Conf. Room

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

*Chair Jason Merrill
Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace*

*Eric Allman
Heather Brutz*

*Brian Hageman
Joshua Kastrinsky
Paul Neebe
Ignacio Tzoumas*

Opening

Board member Sam Blank, Council member Allen Buansi, Council member Hongbin Gu, John Rees (Planning Commission), Hannah Fagan (Chapel Hill Youth Liaison), Kurt Stolka (UNC), Kayla Seibel (Staff), Bergen Watterson (Staff), Donnie Rhoads (Staff), 5 Courtyards Neighborhood representatives, 1 Kirkwood representative, Fred Lampe

Present 6 - Chair Jason Merrill, Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Eric Allman, Heather Brutz, Brian Hageman, and Joshua Kastrinsky

Absent 2 - Paul Neebe, and Ignacio Tzoumas

Roll Call/Introductions

Announcements

New member: UNC Student seat

The Board welcomed a new member for the UNC seat, Sam Blank.

Petitions

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Eric Allman, seconded by Brian Hageman to approve the October 23, 2018 minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

1 Draft October 23, 2018 Minutes

Old Business

2 "No Right on Red" item - intersection modeling results
ATTACHMENT PENDING

This item was moved to a future meeting

New Business

3 Prototype Review: Connected Community Strategic Goal Prototype.

Bergen Watterson and Donnie Rhoads presented the Connected Community Prototype to the Board for their discussion and feedback. The Board was supportive of the effort to track and report different transportation metrics. Board members were interested in seeing the data in an interactive way on the Town website and raw data available to download on the Open Data Portal.

Discussion

4 Homestead Road Transportation Overview

Kayla Seibel gave a presentation to the Board about transportation on Homestead Road. This is the first attempt at gathering data on traffic counts, existing and proposed facilities, new developments, and projected traffic counts and new transportation improvements. The Board will discuss more at a future meeting and begin public engagement on this topic.

Here is a summary of the comments:

Board members appreciated the level of detail and visual of all the development activity coming to Homestead Rd.

Board members and residents identified a need for safe pedestrian crossings especially once the new HS route bus stops are determined.

The analysis did not address traffic flow and vehicular movements, which some residents identified as a potential safety concern once the developments are built.

Board members and residents noted the number of new access points on to Homestead Rd. as a potential safety issue between bicyclists/pedestrians and vehicles.

Board members noted that the amount of new trips to Homestead Rd in the next 5-10 years is close to the maximum road capacity projected to 2045.

There was a general interest from the Board in Transportation Impact Analyses (TIA) taking a more holistic approach to analyzing transportation impact rather than looking at individual developments and their singular traffic contribution.

A Board member noted the potential for a safe bicycle connection from Chapel Hill High School to Homestead Rd and how the existing sidewalk on Seawell and Homestead should be upgraded to a multi-use path to match the segments built by the Town and developers.

There was a comment about incorporating autonomous vehicles in future traffic modeling

There was a comment about how urban design and street connectivity can help with traffic impacts

There was a comment from a resident about coordinating with the Stormwater Management Board to think about other issues like drainage, shade, climate, safety, and green infrastructure.

5 Staff Report

Staff announced that bollards are installed on Rosemary Street in one location to try them out and see if it helps with the parking/unloading issue. Additionally, this experiment will help understand what level of maintenance is needed for the bollards before implementing elsewhere in Town.

Staff reported that since there is an interest in Town-wide transportation modeling that the next step is to advertise a Request for Qualifications for a firm to help the Town explore the feasibility of creating, hosting, updating, and using a town-wide model.

Adjournment

The Board cancelled their December meeting.

Order of Consideration of Agenda Items:

1. Staff Presentation
2. Applicant's Presentation
3. Public Comment
4. Board Discussion
5. Motion
6. Restatement of Motion by Chair
7. Vote
8. Announcement of Vote by Chair

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Unless otherwise noted, please contact the Planning and Development Services Department at 919-969-5066; planning@townofchapelhill.org for more information on the above referenced applications.

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