



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes - Draft

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

Chair Heather Brutz
Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace
Nikki Abija
Mary Breeden
Brian Hageman

Katie Huge
Rudy Juliano
Denise Matthews
Alvaro Villagran

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

Virtual Meeting Notification

Board members will attend and participate in this meeting remotely, through internet access, and will not physically attend. The Town will not provide a physical location for viewing the meeting.

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Opening

Roll Call

John Rees (Planning Commission Liaison), Andrew Henry (DCHC MPO Staff), Hongbin Gu (Council Liaison), Bergen Watterson (Town Staff), Jordan Powell (Town Staff), Josh Mayo (Town Staff)

Present 8 - Chair Heather Brutz, Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Nikki Abija, Mary Breeden, Katie Huge, Denise Matthews, Alvaro Villagran, and Brian Hageman

Absent 1 - Rudy Juliano

Approval of Agenda

Villagran moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Kjettrup-Lovelace. The motion passed by voice vote.

Announcements

Petitions

Villagran shared concerns about pedestrian access and infrastructure at the intersection of Ephesus Church Road and Legion Road, including a lack of

crosswalk markings and difficulties in accessing transit. Staff noted that they would bring the issue to the weekly staff bike/ped meeting to assess solutions.

Abija brought a petition before the board to discuss concerns with Chapel Hill Transit bus service and the issues encountered by users, especially UNC students. The board discussed the importance of bus service, concerns about transit issues, and potential solutions.

TCAB voted to urge Chapel Hill Transit to do whatever is necessary to improve bus service, including utilizing drivers for the UNC student population. The board also expressed support for Abija to bring TCAB's concerns to the Chapel Hill Transit Partners committee meeting on August 31st.

Aye: 8 - Chair Heather Brutz, Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Nikki Abija, Mary Breeden, Katie Huge, Denise Matthews, Alvaro Villagran, and Brian Hageman

Approval of Minutes

1. May 25, 2021 Minutes

[\[21-0645\]](#)

Attachments: [TCAB - May 25 2021 Action Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Hageman, seconded by Huge, that this Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Chair Heather Brutz, Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Nikki Abija, Mary Breeden, Katie Huge, Denise Matthews, Alvaro Villagran, and Brian Hageman

Old Business

New Business

2. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan - Alternatives Analysis

[\[21-0643\]](#)

Attachments: [2050MTP-AltAn-TCAB\(ChapelHill\) \(1\)](#)

Andy Henry, senior transportation planner at the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO), presented on the alternatives prepared for DCHC's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Board members asked about the small differences between alternatives and emphasized the need to account for equity.

3. Chapel Hill Road to Zero Report

[\[21-0644\]](#)

Powell, Complete Streets Specialist with the Town, shared a presentation on

staff's plans to discuss considerations of becoming a Vision Zero community at an upcoming Council meeting. Board members expressed their support, asked about the intent of the presentation, and shared feedback on the presentation.

Board Reports

Staff Reports

Watterson presented on the Estes Drive Connectivity Project, the Culbreth Road lane reallocation, and other projects.