



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

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

Chair Jason Merrill
Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace
Eric Allman
Heather Brutz

Brian Hageman
Joshua Kastrinsky
Paul Neebe
Ignacio Tzoumas

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

7:00 PM

RM 102 | First Floor Conf. Room

Opening

Roll Call

Ignacio Tzoumas (participated remotely), Council member Hongbin Gu, John Rees (Planning Commission), Kurt Stolka (UNC), Corey Liles (Staff), Becky McDonnell (Staff)

Present 7 - Chair Jason Merrill, Vice-Chair Susanne Kjemtrup-Lovelace, Eric Allman, Heather Brutz, Joshua Kastrinsky, Paul Neebe, and Ignacio Tzoumas

Absent 1 - Brian Hageman

Approval of Agenda

Announcements

Petitions

Approval of Minutes

1. November 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

[\[19-0051\]](#)

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kjemtrup-Lovelace, seconded by Kastrinsky, to approve the November 27, 2018 minutes. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

New Business

I-40 Widening

[\[TMP-1366\]](#)

The Board decided to add an agenda item to discuss the proposed I-40 widening, as interested members of the public were present. Corey Liles, staff, gave an overview of the proposed options for widening I-40. Residents of the Northwood neighborhood spoke about the need to address concerns such as noise abatement, traffic calming, tree protection, sequencing lights, interaction with the future Bus Rapid Transit.

A motion was made by Brutz, seconded by Vice-Chair Kjemtrup-Lovelace, to make the following recommendation: The Transportation and Connectivity Advisory Board is strongly opposed to the plan proposed in Map 4A of the I-40 widening project. We recommend that Council only approve a plan for widening I-40 if it minimizes impacts to the surrounding neighborhoods, includes meaningful accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians, harmonizes with the imminent BRT project, and creates a gateway to Chapel Hill that is welcoming to all visitors and residents. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Homestead Road Transportation Discussion

[\[19-0052\]](#)

The Board reviewed citizen petitions regarding Homestead Road and Staff's plans to advertise for a consulting firm to analyze the Town's Traffic Impact Analysis. The Board expressed a desire that the Request for Qualifications specifically address the multi-modal aspects of transportation modeling.

A motion was made by Brutz, seconded by Neebe, to make a recommendation that the Town develop a multimodal town-wide traffic model that includes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit use in order to better plan for all future transportation needs when making permitting and zoning decisions. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Advisory Board Priorities

[\[19-0054\]](#)

A motion was made by Neebe, seconded by Brutz, to approve the following Board priorities:

1. Create a Town-wide multi-modal transportation model.
2. Adopt Vision Zero Policy.
3. Continue to implement Bike and Mobility Plans.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. AC Hotel Surveying

[\[19-0053\]](#)

John Rees spoke regarding an interest in understanding what kind of transportation is used to get to and from the AC Hotel on Rosemary Street. The Board provided feedback and suggestions, including recruiting a UNC intern to work on the project.

5. Staff Report

[\[19-0055\]](#)

Corey Liles provided an update that Chapel Hill has been named as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Silver level. Staff also invited Board members to a GotchaBike's upcoming demonstration of their new electric bikes and scooters.

Adjournment

Next Meeting - February 26, 2019

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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