

MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY OUTBOARD
FEBRUARY 20, 2019
REGULAR MEETING

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Art Menius (Chair), Little River Township Representative; Brantley Wells (Vice Chair), Hillsborough Township Representative; David Laudicina, Cheeks Township Representative; Jenn Sykes, At-Large Representative; Alyson West, At-Large Representative; Donna Musson, Eno Township Representative; Heidi Perry, At-Large Representative; Johanna Birckmayer, At-Large Representative; Eric Broo, At-Large Representative; Amy Cole, At-Large Representative, Ram Athavale, Chapel Hill Township Representative; Randy Marshall, Bingham Township Representative; Ed Vaughn, Cedar Grove Township Representative; Todd Jones, At-Large Representative

TRANSIT ADVISORY SERVICES MEMBERS PRESENT: Theo Letman, Allyson Coltrane; Teleishia Holloway, Lisa Berkley; Angela Hurdle, Janice Tyler; Corinthia Barber; Serena McPherson; Beverly Scurry; Anna Sienna;

STAFF PRESENT: Abigaile Pittman, Transportation/Land Use Planner; Tina Love, Administrative Assistant III;

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Day, TARPO

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

AGENDA ITEM 2: INTRODUCTION OF NEW AT-LARGE MEMBER

AGENDA ITEM 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Art Menius: Any changes to the minutes?

David Laudicina: I have some, line 519 should be changed from Old 86 to NC 86 and that line 550 should be changed to Old 86 from 86.

Heidi Perry: It's written in a weird way but line 576 it should say one of the reasons for not approving the US 70 project was to find better ways to keep trucks on the interstate. Then 582 motion by Heidi Perry to not recommend.

MOTION by Randy Marshall to approve the January 16, 2019, OUTBoard Minutes with corrections. Seconded by Heidi Perry.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were none.

AGENDA ITEM 5A: OCPT ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Theo Letman reported on the Orange County Public Transportation projects and updates to the transit program including information on new software.

Heidi Perry: What is the platform for the user interface for the citizens?

Theo Letman: Ecolane is the company that provides the software the third party is still in negotiations. It is a different platform from Chapel Hill Transit.

AGENDA ITEM 5B: OCPT/OCCO UPDATE

Allyson Coltrane gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Transportation Demand Program.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: TRANSIT ADVISORY SERVICES (TAS) COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

55 Beverly Scurry: I work with the Health Department and we're interested to see if the transit plan has any recommendations on
56 a department like ours, that recognizes the need for transportation and how that is connected to help outcome, can assist in
57 any way with getting the word out about your services or help get folks connected. Payment for rides, whatever if there are
58 any recommendations on how any agency or community can assist in anyway.

60 Theo Letman: We welcome any type of publicity we can get. I will work with your boss, director on a number of initiatives
61 expanding our marketing capabilities. I work closely with Janice and the Department on Aging and Lisa Berley and also we
62 have Serena McPherson at DSS, we welcome any assistance you can provide in getting the word out. Plus, that new loop,
63 the Hillsborough Circular will try to have a stop here at the Health Department.

65 Heidi Perry: Is there any discussion of expanding the hours of the buses going to Chapel Hill and back?

67 Theo Letman: I have not talked with Brian Litchfield but in talking with GoTriangle, they are always looking at the performance
68 of all the routes and there are going to be some changes coming to the 420. I am not sure what yet.

70 Heidi Perry: What was the expectation of the Orange-Alamance bus that didn't succeed of where those people would be
71 going and to and from.

73 Theo Letman: That route is actually the GoTriangle ODX route and we just operated it in the mid-day and we routed it through
74 Hillsborough hoping to get some ridership in the mid-day. One problem we encountered with the outlet was that they would
75 not let us bring our bus in there. We requested many times and were flat out denied so there was no cooperation there. I
76 think that was an impediment to the popularity of the route.

78 Lisa Berkley: When you are looking at new vehicles are you taking into account transportation for individual who needs a
79 wheel chair but has a frailty that involves having a lot of pain so going to doctor appointments on a bus is not good for this
80 individual, I am describing one person in particular but I have run across this with others. He has had to hire private
81 transportation which is very expensive. I am wondering if you are looking at any van transportation that is wheel chair
82 accessible that would be less bumpy and could possibly be more direct in the future.

84 Theo Letman: We haven't as of yet and what you're referring to is what we would call a stretcher service. We have had
85 clients in other locals that I've worked at where the person isn't in a wheel chair they are actually on a stretcher. They suffer
86 from paraplegia and so they can't move so we have to accommodate them with a large enough vehicle almost like an
87 ambulance to transport them. Those vehicles are expensive but if there is a need in our county, I can definitely look into that.

89 Art Menius: I was going to ask about more public transportation in the north part of the county especially the northeast.

91 Theo Letman: We are definitely going to focus on that. When we do our pilot program that will be one of the areas we start
92 with.

94 **AGENDA ITEM 6: REGULAR OUTBOARD AGENDA**

96 **AGENDA ITEM 6A: BICYCLE SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

97 *Abigaille Pittman reviewed the Bicycle Safety Implementation Subcommittee report and reviewed recent activities of the*
98 *subcommittee including Public Service Announcements, a Facebook Page and the Bicycle Rodeo.*

100 Art Menius: How many signs have actually been installed?

102 Abigaille Pittman: 14, there is another one coming that they missed so there will be 15 in total.

104 Alyson West: Is there a list of where they are?

106 Abigaille Pittman: I do have it, I will email it. I was also asked to co-locate some with the signs for the rural buffer.
107 Additionally, Todd McGee may get additional rural buffer signs next year and if so he will install the taller poles so we can
108 hopefully add more of our bicycle safety signs to those in the future.

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110 **AGENDA ITEM 7: STAFF UPDATES**
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112 **AGENDA ITEM 7A: FY 2020-2029 ORANGE COUNTY STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (STIP) SUMMARY**
113 *Abigail Pittman gave the committee three quick updates.*
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115 Heidi Perry: Is there going to be bike lanes and sidewalks on the S. Churton Street project, is it the one that we looked at from
116 a public hearing somewhere recently.
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118 Abigaile Pittman: No, that is for the next cycle the one that will come out in two years.
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120 **AGENDA ITEM 7B: ORANGE COUNTY & NCDOT HIGHWAY LUNCHEON MEETING NOTES**
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122 *Abigaile Pittman reviewed the luncheon meeting that was held on January 9th and referred the committee to the notes*
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124 Abigaile Pittman: In response to Amy's interest in the SPOT Safety report, it is still in the works and they will report back as
125 soon as it is completed.
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127 **AGENDA ITEM 7C: MPO/RPO NCDOT PROJECT UPDATES**
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129 *Abigaile Pittman updated the Board members on the projects*
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131 Heidi Perry: I looked back and it is the project shown with bike lanes and sidewalks but part of the requirements for it is
132 Hillsborough and Orange County to have an agreement about sidewalk maintenance, where does that stand?
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134 Abigaile Pittman: It is not forgotten but part of the problem with reaching any kind of agreement is nobody knows what the
135 cost would be to put it in, what are they all agreeing to, not just the maintenance but the shared costs, etc. They don't have
136 enough details to move forward in making an agreement.
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138 Heidi Perry: I would like to see it done, we've been trying to get it done for three years. The agreement.
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140 *Abigaile Pittman presented a news release by NCDOT titled "Funds Breathe New Life Into Safe Routes To School Program"*
141 *She will be sending it out to the OUTBoard.*
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143 Matt Day: My understanding is the concept for this is to essentially replace the active routes to routes to school funding that
144 had been in place for the last several years that came through Health and Human Services. Now this is DOT funding to
145 essentially replace that funding that has now gone away. That program had regional coordinators that worked with people in
146 each region and I think the intention is they are hoping something similar to that will continue on and folks will partner together
147 if there's some type of service like that.
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149 Todd Jones: I am happy to serve as a liaison to the county schools. When we get to the point where we want to make some
150 proposals and get some partnership, just let me know.
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152 Randy Marshall: I have noticed that the center line reflectors have disappeared and are not being replaced. Is there any
153 thought in getting those included in the County's resurfacing projects, they are a significant safety issues for minimal cost.
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155 Abigaile Pittman: I can bring that up at the NCDOT Luncheon in April.
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157 **AGENDA ITEM: ADJOURNMENT**
158 OUTBoard meeting was adjourned.
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