

MINUTES
ORANGE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DECEMBER 17, 2014

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Guthrie, Chapel Hill Township Representative; Alex Castro, Bingham Township Representative; Brantley Wells, Hillsborough Township Representative; Heidi Perry, Bicycle Advocate Representative; Ted Triebel, Little River Township Representative; Ed Vaughn, Cedar Grove Township Representative; Art Menius, Economic Development Commission; Tom Magnuson, Pedestrian Access & Safety Advocate;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gary Saunders, CFE Representative; Amy Cole, Transit Advocate; Cheeks Township Representative- Vacant; Planning Board Representative – Vacant; Eno Township Representative - Vacant;

STAFF PRESENT: Abigaile Pittman, Transportation/Land Use Planner

AGENDA ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

AGENDA ITEM II: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 16, 2014

Minutes were approved with correction by consensus

AGENDA ITEM III: CONSIDERATIONS OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM IV: REGULAR AGENDA
OUTBoard Input for County Commissioners’ Annual Planning Retreat
Continuation of discussion and completion of the activities and emerging issues lists for 2015, to be included in the BOCC Annual Planning Retreat Input Form.
OUTBoard Action: Complete, recommend and submit the activities and emerging issues lists 2015, to be included in the BOCC Annual Planning Retreat Input Form.

Abigaile Pittman reviewed the highlighted additions and discussed bike lane funding processes used by other regions under new legislation. She suggested that the OUTBoard may want to request the BOCC to send a resolution to the DCHC MPO endorsing banding with the other divisions in our “group” to revise the prioritization criteria for highway bike lane projects, because it has to be done as a group.

Members discussed a wish list of wants for bike lanes, and 2-foot widening of existing roads during resurfacing. Abigaile Pittman pointed out there has previously been OUTBoard concern about a lack of coordination from NCDOT when they do projects and suggested a dialogue prior to NCDOT starting a project with a contractor.

OUTBoard requested that the list of roads scheduled for maintenance be provided at the next meeting.

Paul Guthrie stated that the immediate rail issue is to get status reports from Hillsborough concerning where they are in the train station process because it will have the biggest impact on heavy rail. For heavy rail the crossings are a political issue of the County Board which is going to happen one way or another.

Members discussed the pros and cons of light rail versus commuter rail and the locations and times.

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Abigaile Pittman informed the members that 4 times a year the Board will meet to discuss transit related items concerning OPT and when that happens representatives from other County departments will attend.

Paul Guthrie advised that Abigaile have the OUTBoard charge incorporated into the Memo from Craig Benedict. The OUTBoard members approved the draft annual work plan as amended by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM V: STAFF UPDATES
Release of Draft STIP for Division 7
OUTBoard Action: Receive updates

Abigaile Pittman reviewed the schedule for the OUTBoard and updated them on revisions and status of current projects and upcoming projects. Abigaile informed the Board that going forward the OUTBoard will meet between 6 and 8 times a year next year.

Abigaile Pittman pointed out some of the highlights from the Draft STIP for Division 7.

Heidi Perry asked Abigaile to create a history of how the projects got on the list as the new members are not familiar with how they came to be.

AGENDA ITEM VI: BOARD COMMENTS
OUTBoard Action: Receive comments.

Abigaile Pittman informed the OUTBoard that the next meeting will be held February 18.

Paul Guthrie informed that Board that he will be contacting Craig Benedict to have a conversation and will then send out a memo to the OUTBoard members summarizing his thoughts on the conversation.

AGENDA ITEM VII: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Paul Guthrie, Chair