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To:	Alice Gordon; Barry Jacobs; Bernadette Pelissier; Earl McKee; Alice Gordon; Mark Dorosin; Penny Rich; Renee Price; Donna Baker; Michael Talbert
Cc:	John Roberts; Craig Benedict; Perdita Holtz; Tom Altieri; David Hunt
Subject:	RE: Questions and Comments - February 4, 2014 BOCC Meeting Agenda
Date:	Tuesday, February 04, 2014 9:05:29 AM
Attachments:	6-I 1 - REVISED - Proposed Legal Advertisement.pdf Additional Document for 7-a - Interlocal Implementation Agreement for OCBRIP.pdf

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Commissioner Gordon:

Please see below in **BOLD BLUE**, and in the attached documents, follow-up information based on your comments/questions.

Staff will have copies of both of the attachments at Board members' places at tonight's meeting.

Greg

From: Alice Gordon [mailto:gordon.alice@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 1:13 AM
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ITEM 6-I - LEGAL AD FOR QUARTERLY PUBLIC HEARING

Changes to Attachment 1 (hearing notice) are proposed to achieve greater clarity and transparency.

A. Pages 7 & 8 - Hearing item #6 - Agricultural Support Enterprises outside of the Rural Buffer

Page 7 - Last paragraph on the page - Add clarifying language, as follows:
Right before the last sentence, add two sentences giving examples of the proposed uses, so that the last three sentences of the paragraph would now be:

Examples of the most intensive uses include Agricultural Processing Facility, Farm Equipment Rental/ Sales and Service, Meat Processing Facility, Stockyards/ Livestock Markets, Winery with Major Events (more than 150 people). Examples of the least intensive uses include Community Farmers Market, Cooperative Farm Stand, Rural Special Events (150 people or less), Veterinary Clinic, Winery with Minor Events (150 people or less).

Page 8 - Public information meeting - Add clarifying language to the title for this section, as follows:
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
for the Agricultural Support Enterprises proposal

B. Pages 8 & 9 - Hearing item #7 - Agricultural Support Enterprises within the Rural Buffer

Page 8 - Last paragraph on the page - Add clarifying language, as follows:
Right before the last (partial) sentence, add two sentences giving examples of the proposed uses, so that the last three sentences on the page would now be:

Examples of the most intensive uses include Agricultural Processing Facility, Farm Equipment Rental/ Sales and Service, Meat Processing Facility, Stockyards/ Livestock Markets, Winery with Major Events (more than 150

people). Examples of the least intensive uses include Community Farmers Market, Cooperative Farm Stand, Rural Special Events (150 people or less), Veterinary Clinic, Winery with Minor Events (150 people or less). Projects in the Rural Buffer must also conform to the Joint Planning Area Land Use ……

Page 9 - Public information meeting - Add clarifying language to the title for this section, as follows:

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for the Agricultural Support Enterprises proposal

A revised Attachment 1, the Proposed Legal Advertisement, is attached. It incorporates additions/changes to the legal ad as suggested by Commissioner Gordon.

ITEM 7-a - TRIANGLE TRANSIT UPDATE

A. Before the meeting, please send the commissioners the Interlocal Implementation Agreement for Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan ("Implementation Agreement"), and have hard copies available at our places at the meeting.

B. Sections 9, 10, 11, and 12 of the Implementation Agreement describe the steps to be followed in the review of the Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan.
Section 10 specifies that "The parties agree to develop appropriate benchmarks and timeline to evaluate progress in gaining federal and state financial support for the LRT project in the Plan …."

What has been done to develop the benchmarks and timeline? If that work has not been started, what is the plan to begin the development of the benchmarks and timeline, and by what date will this work be completed?

C. In the agenda abstract for this item, it was noted that staff did not have time to review the materials provided by Triangle Transit. However, since Triangle Transit's update has been delayed, has the staff now had time for a review? If so, could the staff send highlights to the commissioners?

Item 7a. Triangle Transit Update

A. Implementation Agreement Attached (See Attachment to this Email)

B. Both questions for Triangle Transit. To Planning Staff's knowledge, benchmarks and timeline to the extent envisioned via the Agreement have not been developed. However, a timeline of revenue forecasts has been developed ((packet Attachment – 1(f)) and LRT expenditures are to begin as originally proposed. The BOCC is aware that the original New Starts application was withdrawn and recently (12/19/13)

resubmitted to the FTA under new Federal guidelines (MAP-21). What changes to the application, different than the adopted BRIP were made (i.e. Revenue? Ridership?)? Favorable feedback from FTA and entry into "Project Development" is the first benchmark that must be met. Since the FTA was to provide feedback within 45-days of application submittal, TTA Staff should have an update for the BOCC.

Will feedback from the FTA come in writing and can it be shared with the BOCC? Will TTA provide the County with a copy of the application as Commissioner Gordon previously requested? These may also be questions for TTA.

C. --Planning staff in its role on the Staff Working Group met with TTA last Friday and asked for an explanation on how higher than projected revenues from ½-cent sales tax would be used (i.e. $60 Million more than adopted BRIP projection to 2035). We know that part would be used to fill shortages in State/Federal contributions for Vehicle Purchases and Bus Capital Projects (packet Attachment – 1(b). GAN (Grant Anticipation Notes) are also being suggested to be added in the new revenue table and was not previously listed. The BOCC may wish to ask TTA about both of these items.
--Also re packet Attachment – 1(b): Actual figures from the adopted BRIP should be use rather than rounded figures. Note that Federal/State share of LRT remains unchanged 50%/25% respectively.
--Packet Attachment – 1(e): Federal and State Projects Share could be split out by project (i.e. Bus/LRT/BRT) rather than lumped together.
--Packet Attachment – 1(g): Not to be discussed in detail until

March BOCC meeting.

Summary Note: No changes to the BRIP are being made at this BOCC meeting. TTA will return with formal amendments to the BRIP in March or April.