

MINUTES
ORANGE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION BOARD
JUNE 19, 2013

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Guthrie, Chapel Hill Township; Jeff Charles, Bicycle Advocate; Alex Castro, Bingham Township; Susie Enoch, Cheeks Township; Annette Jurgelski, Eno Township; Jeff Miles, Pedestrian Access & Safety Advocate; Andrea Rohrbacher, Planning Board Representative;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sam Lasris, Cedar Grove Township; Ted Triebel, Little River Township; Amy Cole, Transit Advocate; Hillsborough Township - Vacant; Economic Development Commission - Vacant; CfE Representative- Vacant;

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Benedict, Planning Director; Abigaile Pittman, Transportation/Land Use Planner; Tina Love, Administrative Assistant II

OTHERS PRESENT: Erik Landfried, Triangle Transit; Darcy Zorio, Triangle Transit

AGENDA ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

**AGENDA ITEM II: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2013
REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES FOR MAY 22, 2013**

The April 17, 2013 OUTBoard Minutes were approved by consensus.

AGENDA ITEM III: CONSIDERATIONS OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM IV: REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Update from John Tallmadge, Triangle Transit (TT) Director of Regional Services Development on the status of the Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan (OCBRIP) and it implementation.
- 2. Update from Craig Benedict, Orange County Planning Director on the Board of County Commissioners' (BOCC) Review of, and comment on TT's implementation plans for the OCBRIP

OUTBoard Action: To receive the updates from TT staff and Orange County Planning Director and provide feedback.

Craig Benedict: Introduced Darcy Zorio and Erik Landfried. We are going to talk about the Orange County Bus and Rail Investment Plan (BRIP). I am going to present the PowerPoint information from last night. The BOCC meeting last night was a further staff update to a presentation done by Triangle Transit done on May 1, 2013. For the past month, we have addressed the monies from the half cent sales and the seven dollar tag fees which are some of the revenue sources for public transit in Orange County. Those will move forward to both project developments in the Light Rail System (LRT) and also for use in the Enhance Bus Services in Orange County. We transmitted comments from the May 21 meeting. One of the BOCCs recommendations last night was that comments/questions should be coordinated by the joint staffs and have those resolved before the meeting. Next, Triangle Transit's East West route options. We also suggested a public outreach schedule at the May 21 meeting. Triangle Transit suggested a series of workshops by January 1, 2014. The next item was better coordination between triangle staff and planning staff.

Jeff Charles: When will the \$30 to \$36 million dollars, when will they start spending the money?

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57 Craig Benedict: From now until the end of this year, they will spend 5.8 million dollars for project development. Next
58 year, it is roughly \$13 to \$14 million dollars a year for two consecutive years for project development. Map 21 was
59 adopted last year so we are now under those "loose" guidelines.
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61 Paul Guthrie: Does two years include the project analysis or does that include design and acquisition of right of way?
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63 Darcy Zorio: It doesn't include that.
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65 Craig Benedict: Mainly the environmental.
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67 Paul Guthrie: You have to spend that money before you will win federal and state funding?
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69 Darcy Zorio: That is right.
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71 Paul Guthrie: I reviewed your staff comments and you brought the variation to the attention of Triangle Transit and
72 the BOCC with regard to C1 and C2, with C2 the preferred option and questioning the big \$3.6 million dollar
73 expenditure with the consultant - how did that get resolved?
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75 Darcy Zorio: A lot of these issues have been resolved and we did address them, so if the board would like we could
76 distribute our responses we gave to the BOCC.
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78 Craig Benedict: We have the responses. When the MPO passed the resolution, they said move both C1 and C2
79 forward. There is a preference for C2. The majority of our comments focused a lot on the bus service because that
80 is something we can do in the next year. The LRT will be in planning for eight years. (Resumed presentation.)
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82 Paul Guthrie: The Legislature is probably going to increase the base of what is sales taxed. Does the 5% go against
83 the new definition base or against the one currently in place?
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85 Craig Benedict: The definition currently in place.
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87 Paul Guthrie: Will you be talking about the pending legislation about how they are redistributing the transportation
88 monies within North Carolina?
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90 Craig Benedict: We had DOT at last night's meeting, talking about the Strategic Mobility Formula which is a new
91 initiative of the Governor to have different funding formulas. (Resumed presentation.)
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93 Jeff Charles: In the area of governance, as I understand it, with the Strategic Mobility Formula, Orange County gets
94 lumped with Greensboro, and Durham gets lumped with Wake. If we are proposing Rail, does that mean it has to be
95 submitted for state funding through both divisions?
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97 Craig Benedict: There will two divisions per region and they will get lumped together but it is true, there will there will
98 have to be requests for those two different regions for funding.
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100 Paul Guthrie: That would require Wake to vote?
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102 Craig Benedict: Not for their Commissioners but for the DOT.
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104 Erik Landfried: I am the Transit Service Planning Supervisor for Triangle Transit Service Planning. We are in charge
105 of where the routes go, what the schedule is for the service, and where the stops are along the route. (Reviewed
106 presentation.)
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108 Paul Guthrie: How far out are you planning?
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110 Erik Landfried: We will be looking at a few more years. I will get to this a little later in my presentation.

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112 Paul Guthrie: I took an old map and drew in what is currently visible as the initial investments from this operation. A
113 good planning process would include front end ones plus looking at potential long ones.
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115 Erik Landfried: This process will try to identify, for those funds, the county services and rural services. The other part
116 is more detail on the east - west route.
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118 Annette Jurgelski: Mebane is partly in Alamance County. Does this involve some cooperation with that county?
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120 Erik Landfried: We will discuss it with them but the revenue source is all from Orange County. (Continued
121 presentation.)
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123 Jeff Charles: We are going to spend all this money on the light rail system. Is part of your planning your doing going
124 to develop the routes that will feed into the light rail? To build ridership for this \$1.6 billion dollar project, what will we
125 do for that?
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127 Erik Landfried: We are doing a separate planning effort next year on the 15-501 corridors to beef up the bus service.
128 We should have a meeting next year to discuss feeder service.
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130 Alex Castro: I am involved with the aging population plan, one of the things I don't see there is the primary care
131 center being put into place by Duke and UNC. It would be nice if the transportation service providers could
132 coordinate with the health care service providers and have a coordinating mechanism where an individual scheduling
133 an appointment can get the transportation tied in with it.
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135 Erik Landfried: What do you envision in terms of how that would work?
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137 Alex Castro: You could have areas that people in the rural areas could get to easily which would connect to the
138 various activities. A combination of government and volunteers would work. The big issue is coordination.
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140 Jeff Charles: There is another class which is bicycle riders. The buses need to have more facilities to carry more
141 bicycles.
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143 Erik Landfried: Space on buses is limited. Triangle Transit just tried a three bicycle rack on the front and it did not
144 meet our safety requirements. It is important for the counties and municipalities to think about putting bike storage at
145 the major stops.
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147 Jeff Charles: It would be important from a PR standpoint to fend off potential questions.
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149 Jeff Miles: There is one audience that would be apt to ride transit but the convenience level isn't there for them. I
150 ride the CRX every day but I know that it is off the table; but I feel like there are lots of people who work in downtown
151 Raleigh.
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153 Erik Landfried: Like frequent service or providing an evening service. Absolutely.
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155 Craig Benedict: With this kind of goal setting, if we could give the public a checklist and tally to see the interest.
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157 Erik Landfried: Are there specific locations/times of day? The goal is to get people who might need the service, how
158 do we reach those?
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160 Susie Enoch: I do live in Efland. You have three churches on 70 that are together and then one in the White Cross
161 area. You could contact those three and suggest a meeting.
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163 Erik Landfried: Time of day?
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165 Susie Enoch: Early evening, 6:00 or 6:30.

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167 Paul Guthrie: I'm not sure if you are capturing from I-40 to Hillsborough. The area right outside of Chapel Hill. There
168 are a couple of fire stations off Whitfield Road which is also a voting place.
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170 Annette Jurgelski: You may be able to reach people through Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity.
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172 Erik Landfried: (Continued presentation.)
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- 175 **AGENDA ITEM V: STAFF UPDATES**
- 176 a. Process for review of DCHC MPO's designation of St. Mary's Road as a regional
- 177 bicycle route.
- 178 b. Notes from May 9, 2013 Orange County meeting with NCDOT and discussion of idea
- 179 for annual NCDOT meeting with OUTBoard.
- 180 c. Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan adopted June 2013
- 181 d. NCDOT projects update.
- 182 **OUTBoard Action:** Receive updates
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184 Abigaile Pittman: On handout #C "Locally Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan" adopted in June 2013.
185 On handout "B" from the NCDOT luncheon. There has been mention of having Chuck Edwards visit the board. They
186 come and have a quarterly lunch so we should invite them once a year to talk through issues this board has. I will
187 contact Chuck Edwards to set this up.
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189 Jeff Charles: We should give them a list of topics we will bring up. We should use the August meeting to come up
190 with a list of things and give it to them in September.
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192 Abigaile Pittman: At that time, they may have a better idea. (Continued presentation.) In August I would like to invite
193 Dale McKeel here to discuss this item. There is no meeting in July so I our next meeting is August 21.
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- 196 **AGENDA ITEM VI: UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST ON OTHER REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION RELATED**
- 197 **BOARD AGENDAS:**
- 198 **OUTBoard Action:** Receive information as handout.
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200 Alex Castro: I would like to give an update. The Master Aging Plan which I brought up with the Triangle Transit, the
201 Mobility Management position will be advertised.
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- 204 **AGENDA ITEM VII: MEETING SCHEDULE – NO JULY MEETING**
- 205 **Next meeting will be August 21, 2013**
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- 208 **AGENDA ITEM IX: BOARD COMMENTS**
- 209 **OUTBoard Action:** Receive comments
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- 212 **AGENDA ITEM X: ADJOURNMENT**
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214 The meeting was adjourned by consensus.
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216 The BOCC made a new appointment, Gary Saunders. He is a representative from the Commission of Environment.