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MEETING SUMMARY
ORANGE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION BOARD
MAY 22, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Guthrie, Chapel Hill Township; Jeff Charles, Bicycle Advocate; Alex Castro, Bingham Township; Sam Lasris, Cedar Grove Township

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrea Rohrbacher, Planning Board Representative; Bryant Warren, Hillsborough Township; Amy Cole, Transit Advocate; Susie Enoch, Cheeks Township; Ted Triebel, Little River Township; Jeff Miles, Pedestrian Access & Safety Advocate; Annette Jurgelski, Eno Township; Economic Development Commission - Vacant; CfE Representative-Vacant;

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

AGENDA ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Staff, new member introduction, Bret Martin.

AGENDA ITEM II: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 17, 2013

Moved to June meeting due to lack of a quorum

AGENDA ITEM III: CONSIDERATIONS OF ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Alex Castro: I attended the TARPO workshop and have provided a summary that I have distributed tonight.

AGENDA ITEM IV: REGULAR AGENDA

- a) Review of St. Mary's Road as a regional bicycle route – A segment of St. Mary's Road between US 70 Bypass and the Durham County line was identified) On-Road Bicycle Facilities map. The Planning staff asked that this designation be removed in favor of a preferred alternative consistent with Orange County's approved bicycle routes. The DCHC TAC opted to "Maintain St. Mary's Road as a regional bicycle route in the MTP for the time being. As part of the DCHC MPO Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), review other regional route alternative to St. Mary's Road. If a route other than St. Mary's road is selected, amend the MTP to reflect the preferred regional route".
- b) Prioritization of Orange County transportation projects from approved plans. (Note: Staff will provide a summary table at the meeting that includes new and old projects.)
OUTBoard Action: To review materials and provide input to staff on the preferred regional bicycle route.

Abigaile Pittman: Reviewed Abstract on page 7.

51 Jeff Charles: I don't ride St. Mary's Road, it is too dangerous. Because of the nature of the road, it is not used by
52 cyclist. I started asking myself how we can get them not to do this. There are drainage ditches on either side that
53 needs to be extended, there are embankments you would need to cut into - big money. The preferred route would be
54 going up to Lawrence to St. Mary's to New Sharon Church. That is how we get to that area.

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56 Sam Lasris: What is the Durham argument for it?
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58 Jeff Charles: This is the MPO.
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60 Abigaile Pittman: They want to connect dots (locations). I will need to bring it back to the OUTBoard in June for a
61 quorum. Your choices are to endorse the St. Mary's/Sharon Church/Guess Road route or endorse St. Mary's or you
62 can nothing.
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64 Paul Guthrie: We can't endorse because we don't have a quorum. We can ask the question of, was there a cost
65 comparison? We know there was not. I think we can send a message that we have real concerns.
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67 Jeff Charles: This is reflective of a number of issues we are having. I am not convinced the MPO has cyclists at
68 heart. If they are doing this, they are not taking cycling serious. I think you should Invite Dale McKeel to an
69 OUTBoard meeting.
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71 Bret Martin: The MTP went through a conformity determination and sometimes whether they have reasons or not,
72 they don't want to go through the red tape to make an amendment to the MTP.
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74 Abigaile Pittman: However, they did make some other changes.
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76 Paul Guthrie: We should send them a message that the board has problems with this and it needs to be sorted out.
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78 Paul Guthrie: The OUTBoard has the ability to talk to the BOCC and give its best advice.
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80 Abigaile Pittman: I have no problem inviting Dale McKeel to a meeting with the OUTBoard, or Chuck Edwards. Next
81 month we have a full agenda so why don't we discuss at the meeting in June topics for Chuck Edwards. I will talk to
82 Tom Altieri about an appeal for St. Mary's Road. I would like Dale McKeel to be at the meeting when we vote on this
83 issue.
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85 Abigaile Pittman: In your packet on page 17, there are copies of materials addressing project prioritization I would
86 like to review this. Bret and I will continue to expand this table by category and try to keep track with status
87 information so we will be ready for the MPO's future official project prioritization process.
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90 **AGENDA ITEM V: STAFF UPDATES**
91 a. Strategic Mobility Formula and Prioritization
92 b. Project updates from NCDOT.
93 **OUTBoard Action:** Receive updates.
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95 Abigaile Pittman: Reviewed slides.
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97 Paul Guthrie: Is Project 5318 still happening?
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99 Sam Lasris: They are putting in new culverts and tearing up the edges of the road for about 10 yards and
100 resurfacing. I guess in anticipation of 86 being widened.
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102 Abigaile Pittman: I have handouts for other projects. One is the locally coordinated Human Services Transportation
103 Plan that has to be approved before the first of July to get our federal funding and mobility manager. Matt Day with
104 TARPO did a great job on the public forum and the draft plan. We are on schedule.

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107 **AGENDA ITEM VI:** Upcoming Agenda Items of Interest on Other Regional Transportation Related Board
108 Agendas
109 **OUTBoard Action:** Receive information as a handout.

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112 **AGENDA ITEM VII:** **MEETING SCHEDULE – JUNE 21ST – TRIANGLE TRANSIT PRESENTATION – NO JULY MEETING**
113 **OUTBoard Action:** Receive information

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116 **AGENDA ITEM VIII:** **BOARD COMMENTS**
117 **OUTBoard Action:** Receive Comments

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120 **AGENDA ITEM IX:** **ADJOURNMENT**

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122 The meeting was adjourned

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