

AGENDA
ORANGE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Wednesday, April 20, 2020
Regular Meeting – 6:30 pm

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No.	Page(s)	Agenda Item
1.		Call to Order
2.	3-4	Approval of Minutes February 16, 2022 OUTBoard Meeting
3.		Consideration of Additions or Changes to Agenda
4.		Regular OUTBoard Agenda
4.a.	5-7	<u>Transit Plan Update</u> – Tom Ten Eyck OUTBoard Action: Receive the presentation.
5.		Staff Report/Updates
6.		Information Items
7.		Adjournment The next OUTBoard/TAS meeting date is May 18, 2022

Charge of the OUTBoard (from Section I, Part C of the adopted Rules and Procedures)

1. The OUT Board is charged with advising the Board of County Commissioners on the planning and programming of transportation infrastructure improvements and other County transportation planning initiatives, as directed by the Board.
2. From time to time the OUT Board may be directed to provide input on regulations on which the Planning Board has primary statutory and local ordinance advisory duties. In such instances, the OUT Board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Planning Board.

Meetings (from Section IV, Part C of the adopted Rules and Procedures)

C. Date, Time, and Location of Regular Meetings

3. Regular meetings of the OUT Board shall be held as needed to address items that require Board action consistent with its Charge and Duties identified herein. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month. The start time and location of the meeting shall be included on the agenda and shall typically be 6:30 p.m. at the Orange County West Campus Office Building located at 131 West Margaret Lane, Hillsborough. The OUT Board Chair, in consultation with staff, shall have the authority to change the start time and location of a regular meeting to meet any special circumstances, provided the information is included on the distributed agenda.

Public Comments / Participation Instructions

There are two methods for public comment:

- Written submittals by email or drop-off
- Speaking during the virtual meeting

Written Public Comments

Members of the public are encouraged to provide written public comments by emailing comments to tteneyck@orangecountync.gov no later than 3:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the meeting. Please include in the Subject line of the email the title of the agenda item your comment.

Written comments can also be dropped off at the Planning Department's offices at 131 W. Margaret Lane, 2nd floor, Hillsborough, NC during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). Please leave your comments in the drop-off box near the front counter. Written comments will be scanned emailed to the OUTBoard members and staff.

Verbal Public Comments

Members of the public must contact Planning Department staff via email at tlove@orangecountync.gov no later than 3:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the meeting and indicate they wish to speak during the meeting.

When submitting the request to speak, please include the following:

- The date of the meeting
- The title of the agenda item you wish to speak on
- Your name, address, email and phone number
 - The phone number must be the number you will call in from if participating by phone

During the meeting, speakers will be called upon in the order in which requests to speak were received. Each speaker may speak once per agenda item and has 3 minutes to address the board. Ceding time to another speaker is not permitted.

Written comments continue to be encouraged and can be sent to tteneyck@orangecountync.gov

Zoom Meeting Link

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**MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY OUTBOARD
FEBRUARY 16, 2022
REGULAR MEETING**

(Due to current public health concerns, this meeting was held virtually.
Members of the OUTBoard, staff and public participated remotely)

MEMBERS PRESENT: : Eric Broo (Chair), At-Large Representative; Amy Cole (Vice-Chair), At-Large Representative; David Laudicina, Cheeks Township Representative; Randy Marshall, Bingham Township Representative; Tony Blake, At-Large Representative; Jamie Crandell, Eno Township Representative; Joshua Mayo, At-Large Representative; Michael Hughes, At-Large Representative; Todd Jones, At-Large Representative;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Gray, Hillsborough Township Representative; Heather McAndrew, At-Large Representative; Roy Schonberg, Chapel Hill Township Representative;

STAFF PRESENT: Nish Trivedi, Transportation Planner; Tom Ten Eyck, Transportation/Land Use Planner; Tina Love, Administrative Support

OTHERS PRESENT: Matt Day, Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG)

AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Erik Broo called the meeting to order and quorum was established

AGENDA ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Tony Blake to approve the November 17, 2021 OUTBoard Minutes. Seconded by Michael Hughes.

- Randy Marshall: Yes
- Amy Cole: Yes
- Dave Laudicina: Yes
- Joshua Mayo: Yes
- Todd Jones: Yes
- Tony Blake: Yes
- Jamie Crandell: Yes
- Michael Hughes: Yes
- Erik Broo: Yes

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

AGENDA ITEM 3: ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Randy Marshall nominated Erik Broo to continue as OUTBoard Chair and Michael Hughes volunteered to serve as OUTBoard Vice-Chair.

MOTION by Randy Marshall for Erik Broo to be elected Chair. Seconded by Todd Jones

MOTION by Michael Hughes to be elected Chair. Seconded by Erik Broo

- Erik Broo: Michael Hughes
- Amy Cole: Erik Broo
- Randy Marshall: Erik Broo
- Dave Laudicina: Michael Hughes
- Tony Blake: Michael Hughes
- Joshua Mayo: Erik Broo
- Todd Jones: Erik Broo
- Jamie Crandell: Erik Broo
- Michael Hughes: Erik Broo

VOTE: ERIK BROO CHAIR (6-3)

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57 **MOTION** by Amy Cole to nominate Michael Hughes for Vice-Chair.
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59 There were no other nominations and the OUTBoard decided by consensus that Michael Hughes would be the Vice-Chair.
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61 **AGENDA ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**
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63 **AGENDA ITEM 5: REGULAR OUTBOARD AGENDA**
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65 **AGENDA ITEM 6: STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES**

66 **AGENDA ITEM 6A: DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL- CARRBORO (DCHD) 2050 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**
67 **TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT (NISH TRIVEDI)**

68 *Nish Trivedi provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the DCHC MPO 2050 Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity*
69 *Determination Report.*
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71 Dave Laudicina discussed the BRTs and funding. He referred to residents voting on 2 sales tax and the most was to go to the
72 light rail plan and doesn't understand why another 1/2 cent sales tax is need to fund these projects if the BRTs can be submitted
73 as Small Start Programs and get 67% of their budget and thinks there should be plenty of money to cover Orange County's
74 share.
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76 Tony Blake questioned how much money is going to GoTriangle every year and how much of that money is actually being spent
77 back in Orange County. He doesn't think that Orange County is getting their money's worth from the 1/2 cent sales tax.
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79 *Nish Trivedi gave additional information and asked the members to put their comment in writing and email them to him.*
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81 Joshua Mayo shared a link with the members:
82 [HTTPS://GOTRIANGLE.ORG/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/2021_ORANGE_COUNTY_PROGRESS_REPORT.PDF](https://gotriangle.org/sites/default/files/2021_orange_county_progress_report.pdf)
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84 Tina Love shared a link with members:
85 [HTTPS://OCTRANSIT2020.COM/ASK-A-QUESTION/](https://octransit2020.com/ask-a-question/)
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87 Erik Broo asked the members voicing concerns to send him and email with their concerns, questions and suggestions and he
88 will put together an email to the BOCC.
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90 **AGENDA ITEM 6B: BURLINGTON-GRAHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (BGMPO) SAFETY PLAN AND PROGRAM**
91 **(NISH TRIVEDI)**

92 *Nish Trivedi provided a PowerPoint Presentation he BGMPO Safety Plan with the OUTBoard members*
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94 **AGENDA ITEM 6C: ORANGE COUNTY US-70 MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR STUDY (NISH TRIVEDI)**

95 *Nish Trivedi update the OUTBoard on the US-70 Multimodal Corridor Study*
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97 The OUTBoard expressed concerns regarding bicycles, overweigh trucks, and sharing data with volunteer fire departments.
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99 **AGENDA ITEM 6D: MPO/RPO AND NCDOT UPDATES (NISH TRIVEDI)**

100 *Nish Trivedi shared the updates in the agenda packet*
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102 **AGENDA ITEM 7: INFORMATION ITEMS**
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104 **AGENDA ITEM 8: ADJOURNMENT**

105 OUTBoard meeting was adjourned by consensus
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Erik Broo, Chair

**ORANGE COUNTY
ORANGE UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

ACTION AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: April 20, 2022

**Action Agenda
Item No.** 4.a.

SUBJECT: Transit Plan Update

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Inspections

ATTACHMENT(S):

INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tom Ten Eyck, Transportation/Land Use
Planner, 919-245-2567

Tom Altieri, Comprehensive Planning
Supervisor, 919-245-2579

PURPOSE: To receive a presentation of the Orange County Transit Plan (OCTP) Update planning framework, process and draft recommendations for new bus operations and capital projects.

BACKGROUND: In 2012, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) along with the Durham-Chapel Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO) and GoTriangle adopted Orange County's first comprehensive Transit Plan. This Plan was funded using a newly-adopted Article 43 Half-Cent Sales Tax, and it included investments in new and expanded bus service and new capital infrastructure projects such as the Chapel Hill North- South Bus Rapid Transit Project, the Hillsborough Train Station, and the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit (DO-LRT) Project. The Plan was most recently updated in 2017 to meet federal requirements associated with the DO-LRT Project.

In March 2019, the DO-LRT Project was discontinued. This project was central to the Transit Plan; it was the Plan's primary investment, represented a critical partnership between Durham and Orange counties, and served as the transit infrastructure around which other transit services and growth strategies were planned. In response to the discontinuation of the light rail project, a staff team began the process of creating a potential planning framework to create a new Orange County Transit Plan that prioritizes investments, funds service improvements, and improves the resiliency of the public transit network.

At its November 17, 2019 meeting, the Orange County BOCC approved the planning framework for updating the Orange County Transit Plan. The framework included a Policy Steering Committee (PSC) composed of two (2) Commissioners serving as Co-Chairs, and one representative each from Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough, and Mebane to lead the process. The County and/ or municipal appointees are intended to represent the interests of GoTriangle and DCHC MPO.

The PSC is supported by a staff team which is led by County staff and includes representatives from the same organizations as well as staff support from the Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG), the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO), and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC). Both the PSC and the staff team provide direction and guidance

to the consulting firm whose tasks include analyzing data, facilitating public input processes, soliciting feedback from specific stakeholders, and drafting the Transit Plan. The new Plan is intended to outline transit investment priorities through 2040.

In January 2020, Orange County Planning staff began work with Renaissance Planning, Inc., the consulting firm chosen to update the Orange County Transit Plan. Over the past two years, planning staff and the consulting team have established key project deliverables and the timetable for their delivery, defined the scope of the consulting work, established a project website (www.octransit2020.com), created the public participation and outreach plans, and conducted regular meetings with the PSC, transit service providers, and key stakeholders with updates on the plan's progress.

Following is a list of key process milestones carried out by the Consultant, PSC, transit service providers and staff teams:

- Held bi-monthly meetings with progress updates for the PSC during the 2020 calendar year (May 2020)
- Received the Transit Choices Brochure (TCB), a visual document that illustrates the concepts and continuums of transit planning, and the Regional Connections Opportunity (RCO) Report, a technical assessment of key issues and opportunities for effective transit service (July 2020)
- Held the first Transit Summit over the Zoom platform and received a memo of key themes from the summit discussions and first public survey (October 2020)
- Met with Durham City and County representatives to discuss progress of Durham Transit Plan Update relative to the Orange County Transit Plan Update (November 2020)
- Received draft versions of conceptual scenarios and graphics with an accompanying memo (January 2021)
- Held recurring monthly PSC meetings over Zoom with updates for first half of 2021 (January 2021 – June 2021)
- Received final versions of conceptual scenarios and graphics with an accompanying memo (May 2021)
- Held an in-person Transit Summit for PSC members to discuss core values and visions for the fiscally-constrained plan and learned of aspirational future projects (July 2021)
- Received draft recommended network and plan as well as draft conceptual vision map for transit service provider feedback and scheduling of future PSC meetings (October 2021)
- Held PSC Work Session #1 to look at the final recommended network and conceptual vision map with purpose of permitting project management team to begin round 2 of public outreach (January 2022)
- Created public outreach opportunities with a second round of surveying (where over 1,000 surveys were collected) and two focus groups (held on February 8th and February 16th) that included local stakeholders (February 2022)
- Held PSC Work Session #2 to look at the feedback received from public outreach and assess the draft network, which resulted in a request to provide check-in presentations to the local elected boards (March 2022)

Key takeaways from the public outreach include the overall approval of projects as they were outlined and an agreement of the need for more regional projects in the future. After discussing the need to wait for the Transit Plan Governance Study to conclude prior to the Transit Plan Update's adoption, the PSC advised the project management team to begin scheduling check-in meetings with the municipalities in the local government as well as the BOCC.

Remaining Consultant Deliverables – Next Steps

The remaining work and next steps include:

- Additional check-in meetings with Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough. (As a courtesy, a check-in has been offered as well to the GoTriangle Board of Trustees in April.);
- Final PSC Work Session; and
- Delivery of a final report to the Orange County staff team.

Adoption Process

The *2017 Orange County Transit Plan* was adopted by the Orange County BOCC on April 27, 2017 before it was adopted by DCHC MPO and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees on April 28, 2017. The final Plan will be brought to the Orange County BOCC after the summer meeting break; Orange County staff will bring the 2022 Transit Plan Update through the adoption process following the critical path outlined below:

Orange County:

- **Orange Unified Transportation Board recommendation**
- BOCC Public Hearing
- BOCC adoption consideration

DCHC MPO:

- Technical Committee recommendation
- Board adoption consideration

GoTriangle:

- Board adoption consideration

RECOMMENDATION(S): Staff recommends that the OUTBoard receive the presentation.