

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
December 5, 2006**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Audrey de Nazelle (left before end)
David Deming, Vice-Chair
Heidi Perry, Chair
Charlie Hileman (left before end)
Daniel Amoni
John O'Leary
Tom High

STAFF PRESENT

Dale McKeel

GUESTS

Ken Redfoot
Mike Hammersley
Bill Mullin
Lyle Overcash

Note: Prior to the TAB meeting there was a joint advisory board meeting where the following were discussed: (1) Elementary School # 10, (2) Claremont AIS Phases 4 and 5, and (3) Greenbridge (Chapel Hill project).

I. Call to Order

Heidi Perry called the TAB meeting to order at approximately 9:35 pm.

II. Elementary School # 10

The TAB discussed the project with representatives of the school system and the design firm. Discussion topics included school siting, school building choice, on-site and off-site traffic analysis, and safe routes to school.

The TAB discussed its recommendation and the following motion was made:

MOTION: The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB), which considers Carrboro to be a town that prides itself on walkability, on efforts to promote safe routes to school, and on alternative forms of transportation, cannot, in good conscience, recommend approval of a school sited in such a way as to certainly generate a dependency on cars, due to its distance from any residential development.

The TAB has not received a good explanation of why the southern portion of the county property was not used for the elementary school (as was first suggested over two years ago, before this project ever came before us). We continue to feel that the school should be closer to the existing neighborhoods. We feel we must oppose this plan as currently presented.

Should the Board of Aldermen decide to approve this plan, the TAB would recommend that the staff recommendations concerning traffic be accepted, with the following additional conditions:

1. That the bike racks be covered (as they are at Rashkis Elementary School).
2. That the currently painted area in the center of the connector road be replaced with a raised, planted median.

3. That a roundabout be considered for the improvements at the intersection of Eubanks Road and Old NC 86, as well as giving attention to safe pedestrian crossings at that intersection.

The TAB also continues to have concerns about the capability of the current traffic design to handle traffic during periods of inclement weather or other emergency situations.

Moved: John O'Leary Second: Tom High

VOTE: Passed 4-0: Ayes (John O'Leary, Dave Deming, Heidi Perry, Tom High); Noes (None).

III. Other Business

The TAB briefly decided to delay making a recommendation on Claremont and Greenbridge until a later meeting.

IV. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and unanimously carried at approximately 10:30 PM.