

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 2, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Hileman, Chair
Heidi Perry
Daniel Amoni
Katie Schwing
Seth La Jeunesse
Austin Brown

STAFF

Jeff Kleaveland

GUESTS

Tom High

Board of Alderman Liaison

Dan Coleman

I. CALL TO ORDER

Charlie Hileman, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 PM.

II. DISCUSSION FOLLOW UP FROM MARCH 9 NCDOT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SMITH LEVEL ROAD PRELIMINARY DESIGN

Tom High, a citizen, joined the TAB for this discussion. The purpose of this agenda item is to assess the information provided from the NCDOT public hearing and to propose various follow-up actions.

Alderman Coleman reminded the committee that NCDOT's Smith Level Road proposal(s) will be presented before the Board on April 21st. With this in mind, the committee discussed what kind of information should be gathered prior to this meeting. Alderman Coleman recommended that the group wait until the 16th to complete this discussion as Adena will have returned.

In the mean time, Charlie assembled a list of questions to direct to NCDOT prior to the meeting. Most of these questions regard the NCDOT projections data from different periods. The committee does not generally feel that this data is particularly reliable especial in consideration of older projections that have not panned out in the present. Charlie will be forwarding the questions list by email.

Heidi Perry requested that staff dig up old NCDOT projections for the road from 1989 to get some comparative idea of accuracy.

Tom High also questions the validity of the NCDOT projects. He suggested that the Aldermen work with our local state representatives to develop other options for the road's improvement.

III. GREENSBORO CORRIDOR PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

The committee analyzed some full-sized ortho-photos and maps provided by staff. The Fitch railroad siding was discussed as it pertains to the railroad markings shown on the road. It was generally agreed that the railroad markings contributed to the chaotic corridor and conflicted with the function and location of the crosswalks.

The committee generally agreed that the existing crosswalks each seem to be less than ideal. The roadway striping, lane transitions, and numerous driveways all contribute to discord. After some study, it seemed that a crosswalk with mid street island (and possibly a sign) in the area near the center of the Fitch Lumber block, would be an improvement.

As for the existing crosswalk across from Southern States, relocating this further north shows some promise though it was not agreed upon unanimously. No votes were taken and it was tentatively agreed that the committee would visit the corridor to look for improvement opportunities.

IV. MAY BICYCLE EVENT DISCUSSION/PLANNING

With respect to the recent approval of the comprehensive bicycle plan, the development of a bicycle advocacy group was discussed as a useful adjunct the bike plan. The creation of this group generated some discussion regarding organization. Committee members agreed to explore the matter further.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MARCH 19)

Other than the misspelling of Berryhill (Berry Hill), the minutes were unanimously approved.

VI. ADJOURN