

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
April 15, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Hileman, Chair
Austin Brown
Heidi Perry
Seth LaJeunesse
Michael Krasnov
Robin Michler
Anthony Pergolotti
Sammy Slade, Alderman

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Brubaker

GUESTS PRESENT

Sasha Malinchoc

I. Call to Order

Charlie Hileman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:14 PM, following the joint review.

II. Pedestrian activity on N. Greensboro St.

The TAB discussed the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) and other crosswalk safety technologies. Brown said that in-street lighting has a larger maintenance cost and has not had independent review. Hileman mentioned the new in-street lighting installation at Mason Farm Rd. on the UNC campus.

III. Discussion of joint review item

The TAB discussed the 500 N. Greensboro St. rezoning. Michler said that the entryway is aligned like a road, where pedestrians walking from either side would be going up and down ramps; these have been labeled problem areas for safety. It was agreed that the alignment was okay but the entryway should be a driveway instead of a road.

MOTION (Michler, Perry second): The Transportation Advisory Board recommends that as a condition of the rezoning, the sidewalk maintain its current elevation, so that pedestrians will have a continuous elevation as they walk. Ayes (7): Hileman, Brown, Perry, LaJeunesse, Krasnov, Michler, Pergolotti. Nays (0). Abstain (0). Absent (0).

The TAB began to discuss driveway width but decided to revisit the topic at a later date. Perry suggested that the development have a bike rack with a minimum of ten bike parking spaces.

IV. Main Street road diet

Slade said the TAB should recommend a road diet for W. Main St. Hileman said the Town should have a plan ready before writing a letter to DOT requesting the road diet. Slade offered to present the idea to the Board of Aldermen.

V. Approval of minutes

MOTION (Perry, Hileman second): The TAB approved the April 1, 2010, meeting minutes. Ayes (6): Hileman, Brown, Perry, Krasnov, Michler, Pergolotti. Nays (0). Abstain (1): LaJeunesse. Absent (0).

VI. Pedestrian activity on N. Greensboro St. (continued)

The TAB discussed logistics for the April 19, 2010, TAB meeting with NCDOT, including food, takeaway materials for NCDOT representatives, the aerial map of N. Greensboro St., and presentation of the video on pedestrian activity.

VII. Car free days

Malinchoc expressed an interest in getting TAB feedback on a “no car” day in town: asking residents to refrain from driving for one day and educating residents about alternative transportation options. The TAB discussed the timing and day of the week of such an event. LaJeunesse suggested discussing with employers about such an event. Hileman suggested collaborating with Monica Leap, who is also interested in planning a similar event. Perry said there should be a plan in place before the TAB endorses it.

VIII. Bike to Work Week planning

Brubaker mentioned the upcoming Safe Routes to School Action Plan workshop, and Brown suggested having the Carrboro Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation Plan available at the workshop. The TAB discussed logistics for the May 18th bike event, including food, site setup, and giveaways. Slade asked if the lot could be available in the evening for an event that included the Recyclery. Brubaker said he would follow up with more details on the event.

IX. Other business

Hileman gave an update on the upcoming Smith Level Rd. public hearing on April 27th and said it should be included on the next TAB meeting agenda. [Note: it was agreed at the public hearing to refer the Smith Level Rd. item to the TAB for the May 20th TAB meeting, given the full agenda on May 6th.]

There was a brief discussion on street closings for a *ciclovía*-type event.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.