

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
August 19, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Charlie Hileman, Chair
Austin Brown, Vice-chair
Heidi Perry
Seth LaJeunesse
Robin Michler
Anthony Pergolotti
Sammy Slade, Board of Aldermen Liaison

STAFF PRESENT

Jeff Brubaker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Krasnov

I. Call to Order

Charlie Hileman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

II. Main Street road diet

Perry asked about the status of the Main St. road diet. Hileman suggested that the Board of Aldermen get a plan out to NCDOT stating their intentions (for Main St. and Jones Ferry Rd.). Slade asked about the process for doing this. Brubaker said a Board of Aldermen resolution would be appropriate. Hileman suggested that Slade ask the Aldermen what they think. Slade said the Board would have a better reception toward a specific request. Hileman suggested a TAB motion to recommend road diets for Main and Jones Ferry. Michler said the TAB should identify the road segments on a map and present pictures of road diets from other places. Perry suggested adding a reference to the Downtown Circulation Study's recommendations. Hileman said a situation like on Smith Level Rd. should be avoided. LaJeunesse said it was only a reallocation of space, not a major capital investment. Slade said the main point was to not miss out on an opportunity with NCDOT when the road comes up for repaving.

III. Approval of minutes

MOTION (Perry, LaJeunesse second): The TAB approved the June 17, 2010, meeting minutes. Ayes (5): Hileman, Perry, LaJeunesse, Michler, Pergolotti. Nays (0). Abstain (1): Brown. Absent (1): Krasnov.

IV. Main Street road diet (continued)

The TAB agreed that they should have a map for the next meeting to mark down road diet ideas. The TAB discussed presenting case studies from other cities in North Carolina. Slade asked

about installing fiber optic cable for community internet on Weaver St. Brubaker said new cable was being installed, but specifically for the signal system upgrade project. Hileman and Perry suggested having examples and a map for the next meeting. Hileman said Homestead Rd. would be a similar process.

V. Campus-to-Campus Bicycle Connector

Hileman described the recommended Route A (through Carrboro) and said he was glad it was selected. Slade asked if the route would be used for transportation or recreation. The TAB discussed the potential economic benefits, and Perry suggested getting the Economic Development Director involved. Brown suggested business owners should be involved. The TAB discussed the specific route it would take and whether it had the support of Friends of Bolin Creek. Pergolotti said it would increase bike traffic on Lloyd and Broad Sts.

MOTION (Perry, Brown second): The Transportation Advisory Board recommends to the Board of Aldermen that they adopt and publicly support Route A from the Campus-to-Campus Connector Report. In addition to the reasons listed in the executive summary, the TAB also feels it would be a good economic stimulus for west Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and the Northside community. VOTE: Ayes (6): Hileman, Brown, Perry, LaJeunesse, Michler, Pergolotti. Nays (0). Abstain (0). Absent (1): Krasnov.

VI. Main Street road diet (continued)

Brown asked why there isn't a sidewalk on W. Main St. at Carolina Fitness. He asked if it should be included in the road diet process and suggested Safe Routes to School funds could be used to build one there. Slade suggested approaching the fitness center about adding walking lanes in the parking lot. Hileman said the intersection of Poplar and Main should be dealt with.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.