

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
March 20, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Heidi Perry, Chair
Dave Deming, Vice Chair
John O’Leary
Katie Schwing
Daniel Amoni

STAFF

Adena Messinger

GUESTS

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I. Call to Order

Heidi Perry called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM. At this time only three TAB members were present (Heidi, Dave Deming and Katie Schwing), therefore the meeting did not officially begin until approximately 6:21 PM with the arrival of Daniel Amoni.

II. Letter to Chapel Hill Transit

With only two other TAB members present at the time, Heidi suggested that the TAB take the next two weeks to read over the draft letter and be prepared for a discussion at the next meeting. The members present commented that they thought the draft was reflective of what the TAB had discussed in previous meetings. Staff offered that the Town Manager would be happy to attend a TAB meeting to answer any financial questions related to Carrboro’s participation in CHT. Heidi requested that before inviting the Town Manager, that staff find out a) where the car and gas taxes go, and b) what percent of “outside” taxes come to Carrboro (not local taxes).

III. Bicycle Education Flyer in Spanish

Heidi had shared some of the Spanish language resources available on NCDOT’s website. While the basic content was decent, there was some dislike of the images. There is a preference for a one-pager (less text) to facilitate distribution. Dave Deming offered that it looked like placing posters in buses would be ok. Staff will also check with the bicycle plan consultants to see if they have any ideas/experience with Spanish language bicycle education materials. This discussion is “to be continued.”

IV. Committee Liaison Report

[Daniel Amoni arrived, thus making a quorum.]

The TAB liaison to the Bicycle Plan Steering Committee was not able to attend the meeting; staff provided an update in his place. The bicycle plan is underway and the first public input workshop is scheduled for April 10th, 4:30 – 7:30 PM, at Carrboro Elementary. Staff requested that the TAB assist with spreading the word about the workshop and will email the TAB the information and flyer for distribution. Staff also requested that the TAB consider using some of their annual budget to help purchase ad space in several local paper to promote the event. TAB members also suggested putting banners at key locations (especially Estes and Greensboro). Daniel added that there is still an interest in using some of the TAB funds to purchase some transportation resources (books).

Motion: To spend up to \$300 on advertising for the April 10th bicycle plan workshop.

Moved: Daniel Amoni

Second: Dave Deming

Vote: Ayes – 4 (Heidi Perry, Katie Schwing, Dave Deming, Daniel Amoni); Nays – 0 (Absent: Charlie Hileman, John O’Leary, Tom High)

V. Approval of minutes from March 6, 2008

Heidi amended the minutes to reflect that the TAB discussed putting the Spanish language bicycle flyers at the local Tiendas and taco stands.

Motion: To approve the minutes with the correction.

Moved: Daniel Amoni

Second: Dave Deming

Vote: Ayes – 4 (Heidi Perry, Katie Schwing, Dave Deming, Daniel Amoni); Nays – 0 (Absent: Charlie Hileman, John O’Leary, Tom High)

In addition, Heidi added that she had contacted the Chapel Hill T- Board regarding the flyers and is waiting to hear back.

VI. Other Business

[John O’Leary arrived]

- Heidi proposed that she send the link (<http://www.dothetest.co.uk/>) to the Orange County BoCC along with a request for signs along the major bicycle routes in Orange County, alerting drivers that there is heavy bike traffic on the roads. There was a suggestion to send the video clip to Mike Nelson and ask how he would suggest proceeding.

- Heidi asked if there were any updates on bike to work week. Katie did not have anything to report, and asked for some ideas of types of events. Members talked about having safety information available and possibly having a CHT bus to teach people how to put their bike on a bus. Staff will check in with TTA to see who their bike to work week contact is.

- John mentioned that he noticed a while back signs of new rail siding near Merritt Mill section of the train tracks and is concerned about the potential impacts of additional coal capacity on traffic flow through downtown Carrboro. He requested that staff find out whatever they can about it.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.