

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes

September 21, 2022

The Multimodal Transportation Commission met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the GK Butterfield Transit Station.

Members Present: Mr. Chad Carwein Ms. Dionne Evans Mr. Don McGlohon
 Mr. Bob Edwards Ms. Arcina Dixon Ms. Dee Dinsdale

Staff Present: Mr. Kevin Mulligan Mr. Eliud De Jesus Mrs. Donna Kabakjian
 Ms. Elizabeth Stalls Mrs. Alisha Chapman Mr. John Johnson

Council Liaison:

Members absent: Mr. Hunter Peyton Mr. Daniel Hemme

Guests: Jill Twark - Frogg

I. Call to order

Chad Carwein

II. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

Donna Kabakjian

Roll was called and quorum established

III. Approval of July 20, 2022 Minutes

Chad Carwein

Approval was asked – Bob Edwards moved to accept and Chad Carwein accepted.
There was no discussion

IV. Introduction of New Transit Manager

Kevin Mulligan

Introduction of Elizabeth “Liz” Stalls as the new Transit manager – Liz is from Dublin County and has 7 years of experience in local government – planning and Served 6 yrs on the Transit Advisory board.

V. Announcements:

Chad Carwein

Chad Carwein requested the possibility of having Public Wifi for the meetings, having the meetings recoded and having the meeting live streamed.
Don McGlohon was introduced as a new committee member,

VI. Public Comments

Chad Carwein

Jill Twark from FROGGS gave an update on the Bike Friendly Application and the progress of many different sections.

VII. New Business

- Integrated Mobility Plan** **Kevin Mulligan**
 Presentation about the Fix Routes on Demand Mirco routes was given by Adam from AECOM. Adam discussed many different aspects of this type of transit system. On Demand routes would cut the wait time down for the citizens of Greenville from 1 hour to 30 minutes. It would also allow for some ECU and GREAT Bus overlap. Public surveys have been completed. ADA components were addressed. Commission felt it was a very good presentation and looks forward to hearing more after the presentation to City Council.
- Wheels** **Chad Carwein**
 Currently the Wheels program at ECU is on hold. The City of Greenville sent some recommendations about the usage of this mode of transportation to ECU to review. Areas of concern were the time these bikes would be available, the speed of the bikes, helmets for safety and boundaries. ECU is reviewing these recommendations and the City is waiting to hear back from them.
- Greenville Urban Area MPO** **Eliud De Jesus**
Draft Pitt County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update
 Background: The Pitt County Comprehensive Transportation Plan is a long-range transportation plan that is a collaborative effort between Pitt County, Greenville Metropolitan Planning Organization, Locals, and NCDOT. Pitt County is experiencing new growth in both population and development. Long range comprehensive plans serve as a guide for building a multimodal network in the region that addresses future needs and concerns. We need your input to help shape the future of transportation in the area.

 - The draft CTP recommendations were presented to City Council on September 8, 2022. Mr. Bob Edwards attended as the representative of the Multi-modal Transportation Commission.
 - NCDOT has released the survey and additional information about the CTP. They can be found at the links below:
 - * Website: tinyurl.com/PittCTP (maps and survey and additional information)
 - *Survey: <https://publicinput.com/Pitt-County-CTP-2022>
 - Three public input meetings will be set up in October and November, two in person and one virtual.
 - For convenience, we have created an interactive map with the bicycle and pedestrian recommendations:
<https://cognc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7ce1e9cf74464ccabe277d405848b6bf>.
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- Update on the Bicycle Friendly Application

Eliud De Jesus

- We need assistance from the MTC to complete the application to be designated as a Bike Friendly Community (BFC). The goal is to submit the application for the spring deadline and hopefully be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community. We will receive a roadmap to improve our application or advance to a higher award.
- We want the MTC to help us by taking the lead and working with organizations and local advocates to answer some of the questions in the application. We reach out to FROGGS to request their assistance.
- Please participate in the bike facility and rack inventory update

- Other MPO Updates

- 10th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Feasibility Study

- The study will focus on a pedestrian and bicycle crossing of 10th Street between Dickinson Avenue and Evans Street. This study will identify potential short- and long-term options for creating an effective and safe crossing experience for multimodal users. At grade and traffic separated crossing options will be among the recommendations provided.
- The public meeting is scheduled for October 11 from 4 to 6 pm at the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Building. The event will take place on the fourth floor. Parking will be available in the lot next to the building.

- Town Common to River Park North Greenway Project

- On July 20, the full U.S. House of Representative passed HR 8294, which includes the T-HUD appropriations bill and the city's greenway project. The project is not in the Senate T-HUD bill, but it is expected to be included in the final spending bill. It is promising news since the project is in the last stages of securing the funds.

- **Specials studies**

- The Washington-Greenville greenway feasibility study will complete the consultant selection process and notice to proceed by early October.

Among the benefits, the study will:

- Evaluate corridors between Greenville and Washington for the potential to create dedicated biking and/or walking facilities as part of the East Coast Greenway and NC Bike Route 2 (Mountains to Sea).
- Review opportunities and constraints analysis of the potential routes
- Provide an alternative alignment modeling and design options

- Alternatives development, including a parcel-level analysis of natural and human environmental constraints, including topographical constraints, of lands between Greenville and Washington along potential alternate routes.
 - Create an inclusive network that serves as many needs as possible.
 - Strengthen the regional planning efforts along the East Coast Greenway Coastal route.
 - Review portions of the proposed eastern South Tar River Greenway Phase 2 and connections to Wildwood Park.
 - The study will provide planning level cost estimates and relevant data needed for NCDOT's prioritization process and other funding sources to be identified as part of the study.
- **The Greenville–Raleigh Passenger Rail Feasibility Study will start early 2023.**
 - **NC BikeWalk Transportation Summit:**
 - 2022 NC BikeWalk Transportation Summit will take place at the East Carolina Heart Institute from October 27 to 29 in Greenville.
 - **NCAMPO Conference:**
 - Greenville will host the 2023 NCAMPO Conference. The conference will take place at the Greenville Convention Center from April 26 to 28. We ask our local members to attend and participate in the event. We are accepting suggestions for the conference theme.

VIII. Proposed Agenda Items for November 16, 2022

- Update on the ARPA funds
- Update on City Council Presentation of the On Demand Micro Routes

IX. Adjourn Meeting

Dee Dinsdale moved to end the meeting
 Seconded by Don McGlohon
 All agreed