

# MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

November 16, 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. Daniel Hemme      Ms. Dionne Evans      Mr. Don McGlohon  
                         Mr. Bob Edwards      Ms. Arcina Dixon

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. Chad Carwein      Ms. Dee Dinsdale

Guests:

**I. Call to order**      **Daniel Hemme**

**II. Roll Call/Establish Quorum**      **Donna Kabakjian**

**III. Approval of September 21, 2022 Minutes**      **Daniel Hemme**

Bob Edwards motioned to accept and it was seconded by Don McGlohon  
All approved

**IV. Slingshot Builders Presentation**

Slingshot Builder is a group for young people to explore science and technology. The presentation included a group of young men, ages 10 and 12 years old, that were challenged to explore the different types of energy for an upcoming competition. Their project had to be efficient and better the community. They focused on solar power and created a smart bus station. They created a mock up bus station out of Legos , which included roof, electricity, lights, benches, charging ports and bulletin board for notices. They included cost for some of the materials. They felt that one Smart Bus Stop per route would be beneficial to the City of Greenville. Their final statement was that “Solar powered bus stops would be a great way to not only protect our environment but provide safety to out citizens. Information attached

**V. Announcements:**      **Daniel Hemme**

\*Dan Hemme passed a message from Chad Carwein regarding the 300 Mile East Coast Greenway Non-Engineering E Bike Rebate

\*Point of Note regarding the new Bench that is now in the GK Butterfield Conference room. The bench is made from the same pecan tree that the conference table was made.

**VI. Public Comments**      **Daniel Hemme**

1. Stephen – talked about the door being locked for the public to enter
  - Talked about the things in the area that are inaccessible for the handicap residents – that the city is not following Federal law – no shelters, benches or areas to sit, poles in the middle of the sidewalks, crossing signs not audible, ramps not being ADA complainant size – acknowledge that somethings are being done but it’s 32 years late

- Dionne agreed about several ramps not being ADA complainant to fit wheelchairs
  - Kevin acknowledged that 65% of the city is ok but not all – he agreed this is an important topic but a hard topic
  - Question was raised about when a building – construction or remodel have to put in a City walk.
2. Don Edwards - wanted to talk about reuse of older buildings in the City
    - South Tar River Greenway – asked when West Greenville will be connecting with East Greenway
    - Eliud was going to discuss that in his updates section
  3. More time was asked for the Public Comments sections since there was another person who requested to speak. Arcina Dixon made the motion to add more time and it was seconded by Dione Evans and all agreed – 15 more minutes was added to the PC section
  4. Kat – asked about the Safe Route to School Grant
    - Painting new crosswalks – community art group to paint the crosswalks
    - Asphalt Art – would like to discuss this possibility

## VII. New Business

- **Update on ARPA Funds** **Kevin Mulligan**
  - The City of Greenville received \$20 million in funds for transit for shelters, replacing panels at current shelters and bike racks on buses. Use of the money was in the planning phase.
- **Update on AECOM Presentation** **Kevin Mulligan**
  - Presented to council
  - This would be a Hybrid system – on demand system
  - Phase 1 would replace route 4 with an on demand route
  - Phase 2 would reduce the other 5 routes from 1 hr to 30 minutes – expand more on demand
  - ECU is starting the process on how to join forces since they cover a lot of the same areas the GREAT system covers
  - Migrating to a hybrid routes will allow for more cover and better coverage for the residents of Greenville
- **Comments from Elizabeth Stalls** **Elizabeth Stalls**
  - Transit ridership has been steadily going up just about at pre-Covid levels.
- **MPO Updates** **Eliud De Jesus**

### Draft Pitt County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update

The public input sessions for the Pitt County CTP are this week, the following dates/times:

- **Monday, November 14** - Pitt County Community Schools and Recreation (4561 County Home Road, Greenville)
- **Thursday, November 17** - North Pitt High School's cafeteria (5659 NC 11, Bethel)

For those unable to attend either session, a virtual information session is available and comments can be submitted online:

- Virtual Information Session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-u6eT9g0SP4>
- Comment submittal: <https://publicinput.com/Pitt-County-CTP-2022>

#### South Tar River Greenway Phase 3 (EB-5539)

- Greenway under construction from Pitt Street to Nash Street, along the river. Our last update we were working through negotiations with CSX and the contractor on agreement revisions and changes to work in the area of the railroad underpass.
- We received the agreements back from CSX last week. We are close to reaching an agreement on additional cost and schedule with the contractor. Due to proximity to the holidays, getting on council agenda, and scheduling CSX flaggers, it will likely be January before the remaining work begins and should take approximately 3 months to complete.

#### **BUILD Grant update**

The 5th Street roadway/streetscape contract is currently advertised for bids, with bid opening in mid-December, likely award in February pending FHWA approval.

The greenway/Multi-Use Path contract will be advertised in January.

#### **10th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Feasibility Study**

The report is wrapping up. We can expect a presentation by the next meeting.

#### **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. The theme/tagline for the conference will be Shifting Gears: Transforming Transportation. The theme was in part influence because 2023 was designated as the Year of the Trail.

### **VIII. Proposed Agenda Items for January 18, 2023**

- Vice Chair Vote
- E Bike Rebates
- Asphalt Art
- MPO Updates
- Update on AECOM

### **IX. Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to adjourn was made by Dee Dinsdale

Don McGlohon seconded it

All agreed

Donna Kabakjian  
Staff Support Specialist II  
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City of Greenville