

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Agenda

July 19, 2023

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

Current Members: Mr. Dan Hemme* Ms. Katherine Dale Mr. Don McGlohon - A
 Mr. Bob Edwards Ms. Arcina Dixon Ms. Dee Dinsdale - A

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

Council Liaison: Les Robinson - A

I. Call to order

Dan Hemme

Meeting was called to order – Dan read the Committee statement.

II. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

Donna Kabakjian

Rollcall was called and quorum was met.

4 committee members were present with 2 absent

III. Approval of May 17, 2023 and Special

Dan Hemme

June 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion was made to approve the minutes for May and June meetings by Bob Edwards

Seconded by Katherine Dale

All Approved

IV. Public Comments

Dan Hemme

No members of the public were present.

V. New Business

- **Pilot Program**

Kevin Mulligan

The new Hybrid system is still in the works. This program is designed to cut down the wait time for the citizens of Greenville that utilize the GREAT Bus system. There will be no fixed route north of the river. It will also provide an on-demand system for some areas of Greenville. Benefits of this type of transportation system will affect a broad area. ECU and City of Greenville working together to streamline the area from campus to the medical district. Power point presentation attached with the minutes.

- **Fare Boxes**

Liz Stalls

The GREAT Bus system is looking to go with new electronic fare boxes. Currently waiting on the State Contract to be able to purchase them. This will allow the residents of Greenville to pay online, with their phones or cash at GK Butterfield. Looking at Fall 2024

- **MPO Updates**

Eliud DeJesus

- **1 – NCAMPO Conference**

Greenville hosted the NCAMPO Conference at the end of April. Eliud Expressed his gratitude for everyone that was able to assist him in the facilitating of the event. 445 people registered for the event, with over 122 presenters for the conference. 65 people attended the tours that were organized by the MPO.

- **2 – SS4A Grant Application Submittal and Demonstration Areas**

As of July 7th, the Greenville Urban Area MPO has successfully submitted its application for the Safe Streets for All Planning and Demonstration Grant. GUAMPO received letters of support from 17 different agencies and organizations. Some of the Letters include Congressman Don Davis, Senator Kandie Smith, Representative Timothy Reeder, and Others. The MPO would like to thank you all for your support, as we strive to create a safer environment for the urbanized area. We will receive word this Fall if our application was granted. If awarded, GUAMPO will receive \$500,00 to fund the development of a Comprehensive Vision Zero Safety Action Plan.

- **3 – Questions from last Meeting**

During the June special meeting, the MTC Asked the MPO to provide answers to the following questions:

- ***Does the City have funds set aside to build sidewalks?***

[No, the city takes the opportunity to add sidewalks where it makes sense if we have a funded capital project. Any repairs are funded through the Public Works operating accounts.]

- ***Does the City have parking minimums?***

[We did not get a response yet, but we will update the MTC when we do.]

- **4 – STIP 2029-2033 Addition: Town Commons to River Park (BO-2418)**

Town Commons to River Park North Connector is a divisional Bike-Ped project that was added to the 2029-2033 STIP. Project BO-2418, officially called the North-South Connector, will construct greenway / sidepath using existing road and sidewalk along north Greene St. from 1st Street to Mumford Rd.

- **5 – STIP 2029-2033 Updates**

GUAMPO is informing the Multimodal Transportation Commission that the project for Oxford Road Bridge will include a Multi-Use Path (MUP) on the west side of the bridge. Construction is programmed for September FY24.

- The contractor for the Dickinson Improvements project has defaulted. The city is working with the Bonding Agency on a path forward. Division 2 must find another contractor to complete the project; No timeline was given.
 - The North side of the Memorial Bridge Replacement includes a 10 foot outside shoulder. Bridge Replacement has started on July 10th, and the inside lanes on both bridges are shut down for bridge maintenance. Anticipating bridge replacement to begin in September.
 - Evans and Howell crosswalk replacement has had the 35 MPH zone moved south, and the flashing beacons are going to be installed soon.
 - The intersection safety improvement on Greenville Boulevard and Old Pactolus Road is ahead of schedule. Crews were painting lines and symbols last week. MTC will be informed of any further updates.

- **6 – STI Updates**

GUAMPO is currently looking at projects from the previous prioritization cycle (P6.0) and are in talks with the municipalities within the MPO to develop a list for the upcoming prioritization cycle (P7.0). As we approach the closing of the submittal, we will update the MTC on which projects we will be submitting for scoring.

7 – Carbon Reduction Fund Program and Criteria

The Greenville Urban Area MPO is currently going through the process of determining the criteria for the Carbon Reduction Program. The Program is part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA) which allocates funds directly to the MPO to fund projects that help reduce carbon emissions. The funding is projected to extend through FY26, which means future funding from the program can be phased out.

8 – Washington to Greenville Greenway Feasibility Study

The Greenville Urban Area MPO is currently working in junction with Washington to establish a greenway trail from the existing greenway in Greenville to Washington. Currently, we are reviewing the feasibility of a different routes north of the Tar River. As the feasibility study concludes, we will be able to provide more insight as to where the designated route will be. See attachment

9 – NCDOT: BikePed Cost Estimation Tool

NCDOT is currently working with AECOM to update the BikePed Cost Estimation Tool for the Upcoming P7.0 Cycle. NCDOT Plans on releasing the tool next Tuesday, 7/25.

10 - BUILD Grant Groundbreaking

Eliud Informed the MTC that the BUILD grant project is holding a groundbreaking ceremony on August 3rd.

- **Pedestrian/Bike Safety Information** **Jeffery Rashko**
July Application for Safety has been submitted with 17 letters of support.
Bike Safety Grant – will hear about this grant in October 2023

- **Bike Racks for Uptown/Town Commons** **Katherine Dale**
Katherine met with Kevin Mulligan and walked the uptown area to find areas for new bike racks. She has received pledged sponsorship of this project. Several locations are being looked at currently. Some of them could have bike racks placed now and some of the others would need pads laid,

- **Priority List for Les Robinson** **Dan Hemme**
Motion was made to suspend the rules to have an open discussion of the potential list for Les Robinson by Katherine Dale. This motion was seconded by Arcina Dixon and all agreed. The committee focused on three main areas - Memorial Dr, 10th St and Stantonsburg Rd. See attachment for complete list of items discussed.

- **Points of Ownership** **Dan Hemme**
1. set schedule
2. make sure each topic is covered
By committee member
Motion was made by Bob Edwards to table this topic till next meeting.
Seconded by Katherine Dale – Agreed by all

VI. Transit Update

John Johnson

Ridership numbers continue to go up post Covid. Still not at pre-Covid levels.
See Attached graphs

VII. Committee Announcements/ Comments:

Dan Hemme

Katherine Dale and Dan Hemme had attended and received their Lead Cycling Instructors certificate.

VIII. Proposed Agenda Items for September 20, 2023

1. List of new MPO projects
2. Present list of priorities to Les Robinson
3. Points of Ownership of topics for committee members
4. Vote on allowing Co-chair head the November meeting and proceed with annual elections in January 2024

IX. Adjourn Meeting

MTC Meetings in 2023

November 15, 2023