

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Minutes

March 20, 2024

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

Current Members: Ms. Arcina Dixon-A Ms. Katherine Dale Mr. Robin Little - A
Mr. Bob Edwards Ms. Dee Dinsdale- A Mr. Gary Fenton
Ms. Kaylyn Levine

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: Mr. Matthew Scully

I. Call to order **Katherine Dale (Co-Chair)**

Katherine called the meeting to order and stated our purpose.

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

Quorum was met so meeting could continue.

III. Approval of January 17, 2024, Minutes **Katherine Dale**

Kaylyn moved to approve the minutes and Bob Edwards seconded.
All approved

IV. Public Comments **Katherine Dale**
(3 minutes per person)

Dave Manning from Vision Zero – he spoke about the upcoming Ride of Silence
On Wednesday, May 15th – everyone is welcome.

Rajendra Jaged – he had concerns about the Greenway in West Greenville –
Public transportation – he likes the service but has concerns – he would
like to see someone who uses public transportation on the commission –
he is interested in more use of transit – doesn't understand the policy
about electric bikes on the buses

One guest was present - not to speak just to see the commission and learn more

V. New Business

- **Introduce new Council Member** **Katherine Dale (Introduce)**
Mr. Matthew Scully

Mr. Scully is excited to be part of the commission and working with its members. He feels Greenville is a great community. One thing he would like to focus on would be more accessibility to bus services.

- **Introduce new Commission Member Katherine Dale (Introduce)**
Mr. Gary Fenton

Mr. Fenton is a longtime resident, who loves the community and the people of Greenville. He is excited about the greenway projects and the fact that it'll bring the city together. One thing he would like to focus on would be to make it easier to go from point A in the city to point B.

The current members went around and introduced themselves.

- **City Council Presentation Feedback Katherine Dale**

Arcina stated that the presentation went well – she was glad that the commission presented at the City Council meeting. She was excited to meet with some of the other council members to discuss what MTC has been doing and things that we are currently working on.

- **Presenting list of priorities to the City Council - Katherine Dale**

Kaylyn Lavine made a motion to table this agenda item

Seconded by Gary Fenton

Short discussion: Matt Scully would like the commission to send him the information that has been listed out so that he can look it over. He also feels like it should be presented to Council during an upcoming workshop. Presenting at a workshop would allow the commission to educate the council more on what issues MTC feels like need to be addressed. He would check into when the commission could present.

After a short discussion the commission all approved of this motion.

- **Transit Pilot Program Questions Alisha Chapman**

When is this program launching? *Discussion is still going on with ECU – it will also be discussed at the April City Council Meeting as to when this program will start. (Bob Edwards asked if City Council would or could change the plan?) There is also the need to hire more transit drivers.*

When is the public going to learn about these changes? *Announcements will be made well in advance of this change. Multiple avenues would be used to get the word out to the public.*

What is the outreach plan for residents in the focus area? Will there be a website, social media, postcards sent to residents, on-bus in-person outreach, signage by stops? *Multiple avenues will be used to get the word out about the new transit program. (MTC members stated that they would be willing to help with this effort to educate the public on the new program.)*

Can we see the assessment or completed plan that was used to make decisions about route changes and area serviced?

- **Tabling at ECU Public Film Screening Katherine Dale**

There was an opportunity for the commission to set up a table at this event to let others know about what the commission is working on but there were no members available to do this event.

- Downtown Bike Rake Update** **Katherine Dale**
 Kevin Mulligan, Devin Thompson, and Aaron Lewis have walked the area and have decided on locations. Some of the racks will be placed at Town Commons. There are 13 new bike rakes that have been ordered and should be completed in May.
- MTP Update** **Kaylyn Levine**
 The MTP long range plan is currently being updated. There is currently a survey taking place on how to improve efficiency, fix problems and what the residents would like to see in this plan. The steering commission did not have a lot of participation from everyone. This plan encompasses Pitt County.
- Washington-Greenville Greenway** **Katherine Dale**
 The steering commission is working on the routes for the Greenville Washington route. There are currently 8 potential routes. They are considering safety, price, landowners, and multiple other areas that need to be addressed for final details. For funding purposes, they need a transportation facility that is not so much a recreation facility. This is a 20-year plan, working to join Greenville and Washington.

VI. Transit Update **John Johnson**
 The transit numbers (riders) continue to go up. They have been steadily increasing after Covid. With summer coming, warmer weather and schools being out the numbers may decrease some.

VII. Commission Announcements/ Comments: **Katherine Dale**
 *Kaylyn Levine mentions the APA (American Planning Association of NC) coming to the convention center October 16-18, 2024, to discuss transportation.

*The Traffic Safety Conference will be meeting in Greenville on April 23-25, 2024.

- VIII. Proposed Agenda Items for July 17, 2024**
- Micro Transit assessment or completed plan
 - Teakwood- Pearl Drive – Streets Department
 - By Law review
 - Electric Scooter policy on buses – Class 2-3 Scooters
 - MTP Update

IX. Adjourn Meeting
 Bob Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 It was seconded by Kaylyn Levine
 All approved

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