



**TOWN OF CARRBORO
PLANNING BOARD**

301 West Main Street, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510

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JANUARY 7, 2021 REMOTE (ZOOM) MEETING

MEMBERS	GUESTS	STAFF
Catherine Fray, Chair	Andy Cressman, TAB candidate	Tina Moon
David Clinton	Jim Baker, PB candidate	Zachary Hallock
Braxton Foushee, Vice Chair	Lenore Jones Peretto, TAB candidate	Laura Janway
Rachel Gaylord-Miles, Vice Chair		Marsha Pate
Elmira Mangum		
Eliazar Posada		
Bruce Sinclair		

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Absent/Excused: Susan Poulton, Rasam Tooloe, Kirsten Leloudis (resigned)

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Town Council Liaisons: Susan Romaine, Barbara Foushee, Sammy Slade, Randee Haven O'Donnell

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I. WELCOME & AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

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II. JOINT REVIEW

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(A) Review of possible Orange County Transit Plan Capital Projects

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Zachary Hallock provided a short presentation on the Orange County Transit plan, focusing on the 2017 plan with a little history on the 2012 plan. Hallock explained that the discontinuation of the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit project requires an update to the plan. Hallock explained that the transit fund can be used toward the local match for a state/federally funded project or to fully fund a project. Staff has identified three possible pedestrian infrastructure projects that would provide improved access to transit stops, such as a potential sidewalk from Roberson Street by the future 203 South Greensboro Street project to East Main Street, near the highly utilized "J" route stop and the commuter 405 route stop. A goal for Town capital projects is to

1 improve access, enhance bike-pedestrian connections, and reduce GHG emissions while
2 incorporating the town’s vision/goals for transportation.

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4 Fray opened the floor to questions. Question and comments focused on the specifics of active
5 intersections, potential of solar energy for “live” bus status at bus shelters, additional information
6 regarding funding, and the process of prioritizing projects is the plan. Hallock showed images of
7 the specific streets where improvements to existing infrastructure is needed for safety, including
8 BPW Road, Estes Drive, and NC 54 west of Jones Ferry Road. Pros and cons discussed with
9 heavily utilized areas. Hallock also noted the recently completed Safety Study along NC 54 and
10 the recommendations for infrastructure projects that were part of that project. Town staff
11 remains in close contact with NCDOT to begin to develop plans and find funding to advance
12 these projects, particularly the safety projects along NC 54, which also involve potential changes
13 to signal timing.

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15 ***The Joint Review Portion of the Meeting ended at 8:23 PM.***

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17 **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

18 Sinclair requested a clarification to the language relating to the flash survey on community
19 priorities during the Carrboro Connects community workshop.

20 Posada moved to approve the minutes with the changes requested from Sinclair; Foushee
21 seconded the motion. **VOTE:** AYES (7) Fray, Clinton, Foushee, Gaylord-Miles, Mangum,
22 Posada, and Sinclair **NOES** (0); **ABSENT/EXCUSED:** (2) Poulton and Tooloe.

23 The December 3, 2020 Planning Board minutes were approved.

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25 **IV. OTHER MATTERS**

26 **A) Review of possible Orange County Transit Plan Capital Projects**

27 Moon provided a little more history on the work of staff subcommittee that reviewed possible
28 small capital projects for the 2017 Orange County Transit Plan as well as the process by which
29 the Town’s projects were originally identified and reviewed by advisory boards. The purpose of
30 the agenda at the January 7th meeting was to provide information regarding the projects already
31 selected for funding in the Orange County Transit Plan and to identify new projects for
32 consideration in the 2021 Transit Plan currently being developed. As Zach noted in his
33 presentation, the focus of the Transit Plan is to provide funding is for bus services and bus
34 purchases, and to a lesser extent small capital projects to improve access to bus stops.

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36 Planning Board members had considerable discussion about the potential installation of one or
37 two High-Intensity Activated Cross Walks (HAWKs) along NC 54 West, at Westbrook Drive
38 and/or Abby Road. Town staff has discussed interest in placing HAWKs at these locations with
39 NCDOT in the past, and recommendations for pedestrian safety improvements at these locations
40 was identified in a Safety Study prepared at the request of Carrboro and Chapel Hill to improve
41 access to transit along the corridor. Funding for one HAWK has been included in the 2017
42 Orange County Transit Plan, and staff continues to work with NCDOT to advance these
43 improvements. Some resources can be redefined or redirected and others are earmarked for
44 specific projects. Currently, staff suggest that the projects be completed and then identify funds
45 for other, future projects. Comments included support for the connectivity of the downtown
46 paths that will make a formal pathway to address the 203 Greensboro project foot traffic.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

Foushee motioned to adjourn the meeting, Posada seconded. The Planning Board meeting ended at 9:16 PM.