

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 3, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Pcolar, Chair
David Swan
Lenore Jones-Peretto
Cummie Davis (Attended the Joint Review Meeting)
Barbara Foushee, Council Liaison

STAFF PRESENT

Tina Moon

GUESTS PRESENT

Maeve Goldberg, UNC-CH Student

I. Joint Advisory Board Meeting

Transportation Advisory Board members attended the joint advisory board meeting from 7:30pm to approximately 8:20pm and received presentations on the two development proposals.

II. Call to order

The meeting was called to order around 8:25pm.

III. Approval of Minutes (January 20, 2022)

Motion was made by Jones-Peretto, to approve the January 20th minutes; second by Swan. Motion passes unanimously (Jones-Peretto, Swan, Pcolar).

IV. Action and Discussion Items

- Concept plan for review of ArtsCenter at 400 Roberson Street

TAB members discussed the proposal and made the following observations and comments:

The 400 Roberson Street site is an ideal location in the center of the downtown and provides opportunities for synergy with the library and associated Town facilities at the 203 Project.

- 1) Seek opportunities to reduce the need for parking. Encourage patrons to park off site, and/or walk or bike to the site. Seek opportunities for shared parking and parking management strategies, such that patrons can “park once.”
- 2) Emphasize the connection from the site to the Libba Cotten bike path and maintain safe connections during construction.
- 3) Roberson Street should be a complete street with infrastructure for all modes, and particularly a wide sidewalk. These improvements should extend the full length of the

street. Street improvements associated with the construction for the Town’s 203 Project (library) should occur in coordination with the improvements for the ArtsCenter at 400 Roberson. Bike-ped infrastructure improvements should be installed seamlessly along the entire length of Roberson Street without any mid-block gaps or interruptions.

4) The construction management plan should ensure that cyclists and pedestrians retain full access to the existing street network: Roberson Street, Carr Street and Sweet Bay Place. Consider removing the bollards and reopening Sweet Bay Place to provide additional connectivity.

5) Ensure that access to the South Orange Rescue Station remains open—is the secondary access sufficient to maintain the necessary level of service?

6) School bus accommodations should be considered as part of the site plan, particularly for ingress/egress and for unloading/loading school children.

7) Provide covered bike parking. The design should take into consideration young people accessing afterschool activities by bike.

8) Encourage EV charging stations in the parking lot.

- Final review for Special Use Permit-B at 719 Smith Level Road

TAB members discussed the application materials for the 719 Smith Level Road project and had no specific comments. Swan motioned to recommend that the Board of Adjustment approve the Special Use Permit-B application. Jones-Peretto seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

- Review of Proposed Activities for Triangle J Council of Government’s FY23 Transportation Demand Management Grant Program, Triangle Transportation Choices, in Partnership with Chapel Hill

TAB members discussed the Open Streets program and whether it could be relocated to a different street to better expand the program to a new crowd of people. Other options included, adding additional streets to the program, reformatting the program to make it more mobile—"bring the street to you" to try to bring new folks together. Would it be possible to set up a satellite event at the schools in the parking lots—at Morris Grove Elementary School or McDougle?

Pcolar described some of the work of the local bicycle groups, the Carrboro Bicycle Coalition, Bicycle Alliance of Chapel Hill, the Triangle Bikeworks Group, and the interest of setting up a “traffic garden” a small-scale traffic scenario that can be used to train children the rules of the road for cycling. TAB members discussed whether the

Town could partner with the local bicycle groups and purchase and/or assemble a mobile traffic garden kit that would allow them to set up a training session for specific events.

TAB members supported the ideas expanding the existing Open Streets event and/or assembling the parts to create a portable traffic garden to use in collaboration with local bicycle partners to provide training for bike rodeos and/or festivals.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned around 9:20 pm.