

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
June 16, 2011**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Seth LaJeunesse, Chair  
Robin Michler, Vice-chair  
Heidi Perry  
Kurt Štolka  
Sammy Slade, Board of Aldermen Liaison

**STAFF PRESENT**

Jeff Brubaker

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Michael Krasnov  
Anthony Pergolotti  
Terra Curtis

**I. Call to order**

Seth LaJeunesse, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:47 PM.

**II. Open Streets Day**

Robin Michler announced an Open Streets Day in Durham on Saturday. He said every single person on one of the participating streets approved of it. The TAB discussed parking spaces on E. Weaver St. Heidi Perry said the Town has not done a great job of signing where the parking is and policing municipal lots. It could be more engaging to park for people coming to town. The TAB discussed parking and access in light of the Weaver St. reconstruction. Michler said it would be better if specific businesses could be marketed with the signs.

**III. Approval of minutes**

MOTION (Štolka, Michler second): The TAB approved the June 2, 2011, meeting minutes, as amended. Ayes (3): LaJeunesse, Michler, Štolka. Nays (0). Abstain (1): Perry. Absent (3): Krasnov, Pergolotti, Curtis.

**IV. Bicycle parking requirements and guidelines**

LaJeunesse provided a handout summarizing the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) bike parking guidelines. The main takeaway is that they describe Class I and Class II – short-term and long-term – spaces. Perry said that shelters are welcome for short-term parking. Michler said commercial is a challenge because it is short-term for customers and long-term for employees. LaJeunesse said you need to consider number of employees and ensuring customers don't take up sheltered, employee spots. LaJeunesse said that these are the standards we want to encourage and asked what the next steps are. He said Chapel Hill's requirements are a matrix that matches land use with number of spaces. Michler said long-term

parking looks like residential or a transit station. He said that for existing businesses, a new bike rack is reasonable; for new businesses, it is more reasonable to advocate for covered bike parking. Perry said there should be a category for residential. She said covered parking should be provided wherever possible. For overnight or all-day parking, you want to have something more secure. For short-term parking, a shelter is preferred. LaJeunesse summarized the important factors as land use and weather protection. Kurt Štolka suggested installing racks in former on-street auto parking spaces. Sammy Slade suggested motorcycle parking should be considered. Perry stated that in no instance should only one bike parking space be required. LaJeunesse suggested adding the topic to a fall agenda. Perry suggested conducting research on what other cities have done. Michler said a priority would be establishing the space number requirements, but detailed design requirements would be extra hoops to jump through. LaJeunesse said basic guidelines would be appropriate.

Jeff Brubaker described the process for Land Use Ordinance amendments, including stating goals and purposes in the LUO section. Improvement of existing bike racks would be considered if a development sought a modification. The agenda item will be discussed again in the fall.

#### **V. Greenways Commission representation**

The TAB discussed having a Greenways Commission representative. Brubaker said the Greenways Commission section of the Town Code includes bicycle and pedestrian transportation a component of greenways. Michler described recent Commission discussion themes, including the transportation purpose for greenways required by funding sources. The TAB discussed and reviewed a map of the Wilson Park Multi-use Path, including the proposed crosswalk at Estes Dr. LaJeunesse said it would be interesting to see yield rates at the crosswalk.

#### **VI. Downtown connectivity**

Brubaker gave a presentation on the history of downtown street connectivity, traffic, and consideration of the need for a new connector road. After a TAB discussion of options for pursuing the issue, LaJeunesse suggested the TAB further consider the topic after the summer break. Perry suggested researching further about railroad corridor access. Slade asked if a Shelton St. extension would warrant a stop light at Shelton and Greensboro. LaJeunesse said that traffic in this area follows the trunk and tributary model. The TAB discussed the Connector Roads Plan and reviewed the Bike Plan, which shows a bikeway connection across the railroad tracks in the Lloyd-Broad area.

#### **VII. Open Streets Day**

Slade said there is a real reluctance from the Board to consider keeping the road closed one more day. He said Board members said it would hurt businesses, but the whole idea is to support businesses. LaJeunesse said the misconception is that it is not going to be accessible to everyone, but the street could be used as a shared space. Slade said it is related to the conception

that business is proportional to car use. LaJeunesse said that in many countries, it is overestimated how many patrons arrive by car. Michler described a case study from Lexington, KY. The TAB discussed framing the issue and the possibility of a petition.

### **VIII. Fall calendar**

TAB members suggested the following items to be placed on agendas in the fall of 2011:

- Bike parking standards
- East-west connection
- Roundabout on Shelton/Main/Hillsborough
- Driveway consolidation on N. Greensboro (plus Short St.)
- Town bicycle laws
- Late fall: Bike Breakfast
- Crossing on NC-54
- On-street parking

The TAB discussed the feasibility of Shelton/Main/Hillsborough roundabout. LaJeunesse recommended driveway consolidation on N. Greensboro St. and suggested alignment of Short St. and the Carr Mill Mall driveway. Slade said that Mayor Chilton suggested abandoning Short St., making a new green area, and aligning a new driveway with the Carr Mill Mall entrance.

Perry said Town bicycle laws make it illegal in Carrboro to ride more than two abreast, which is more restrictive than state law.

### **IX. Other business**

The TAB discussed on-street parking. Slade said an idea is for the new proposed parking deck to offer rental or lease spaces for downtown residents to park. Stolka said an additional source of revenue would be to install meters for street parking, and place the bike lane between parked cars and the curb. The TAB discussed where a cycle track protected by parking could be implemented in Carrboro.

### **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.