

**MINUTES  
ORANGE COUNTY OUTBOARD  
APRIL 21, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING**

(Due to current public health concerns, this meeting was held virtually.  
Members of the OUTBoard, staff and public participated remotely)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** : Eric Broo (Chair), At-Large Representative; David Laudicina, Cheeks Township Representative; Tom Gray, Hillsborough Township Representative; Randy Marshall, Bingham Township Representative; Tony Blake, At-Large Representative; Roy Schonberg, Chapel Hill Township Representative; Johanna Birckmayer, At-Large Representative; Jamie Crandell, Eno Township Representative; Joshua Mayo, At-Large Representative; Heather McAndrew, At-Large Representative; Todd Jones, At-Large Representative;

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy Cole (Vice-Chair), At-Large Representative

**STAFF PRESENT:** Nish Trivedi, Transportation Planner; Tom Ten Eyck, Transportation/Land Use Planner; Brandi Beeker; Transportation Demand Management Coordinator; Tina Love, Administrative Support

**AGENDA ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Erik Broo called the meeting to order and quorum was established

**AGENDA ITEM 2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Heather McAndrew to approve the January 20, 2021, OUTBoard Minutes. Seconded by Todd Jones.

- Heather McAndrew: Yes
- Roy Schonberg: Yes
- Todd Jones: Yes
- Dave Laudicina: Yes
- Joshua Mayo: Yes
- Jamie Crandell: Yes
- Jo Birckmayer: Yes
- Randy Marshall: Yes
- Tom Gray: Yes
- Tony Blake: Yes
- Erik Broo: Yes

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**AGENDA ITEM 3: CONSIDERATION OF ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM 4: REGULAR OUTBOARD AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM 4A: PROCLAMATION– MAY BIKE MONTH (NISH TRIVEDI, BRANDI BEEKER)**

*Nish Trivedi proposed the OUTBoard Proclaim May as Bike Month for consideration and introduced Brandi Beeker.*

**MOTION** by Tony Blake to approve the Proclamation designating May as Bike Month. Seconded by Randy Marshall.

- Heather McAndrew: Yes
- Roy Schonberg: Yes
- Todd Jones: Yes
- Dave Laudicina: Yes
- Joshua Mayo: Yes
- Jamie Crandell: Yes
- Jo Birckmayer: Yes
- Randy Marshall: Yes
- Tom Gray: Yes
- Tony Blake: Yes
- Erik Broo: Yes

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

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**AGENDA ITEM 4B: DCHC MPO CTP AMENDMENT #3 (NISH TRIVEDI)**

*Nish Trivedi presented the DCHC MPO CTP Amendment #3 for comments.*

Tony Blake noted that White Cross Road is narrower than Old Greensboro yet the speed limit is 10 mph higher. It is also a common route for bicyclist and has been problematic and has an increased amount of truck traffic as a cut through from Pittsboro to Hillsborough. There is a need for increased maintenance or put limited weight.

Nish Trivedi replied that he has contacted NCDOT to evaluate speed reduction and weight capacity.

David Laudicina commented on Orange County pulling out of the rail study that Wake and Durham County are conducting what that means for the future to extend the commuter rail to Hillsborough and then further on out. He pointed out that a lot of towns have mills that are being developed into housing right by the rail line. When he listened to the Buckhorn technical analysis and not one person mentioned that there is a rail line going right through the middle of it and it seems like the County is losing a huge opportunity to get people around. He also pointed out that the Bus Rapid Transit is very disjointed and takes too many connections to get anywhere. David thinks limiting transportation to driving on the highway to get anywhere is going to stifle growth. David also commented on the missed opportunity of building a train station in Hillsborough without a platform.

Tony Blake commented that NC Railroad needs to be included as a partner in the planning.

Nish Trivedi informed the OUTBoard that Northern Southern is blocking the construction of a platform for the Hillsborough Train Station.

Erik Broo thinks if the County is going to advocate for commuter rail then it should include the line used by the coal rail to Chapel Hill because they have a parking problem. Any commuter rail should include Chapel Hill.

Tony Blake pointed out that any look at transit spending needs to take a hard look at the impacts that the pandemic has had on society and how that will shape the future of how and where we work and the impacts that will have on our needs regarding transportation in the long term.

**AGENDA ITEM 4C: US 15/501 STUDY – PHASE 2 (NISH TRIVEDI)**

*Nish Trivedi updated the OUTBoard on the completed study and informed the group that Chapel Hill and Durham didn't agree with each other and further explained their objections and there will be another study.*

**AGENDA ITEM 4D: SMALL NON-STIP TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS (NISH TRIVEDI)**

*Nish Trivedi updated the OUTBoard on the small non-STIP projects and they reviewed the projects and the members made suggestions.*

**AGENDA ITEM 5: STAFF REPORTS/UPDATES**

**AGENDA ITEM 5A: MPO/RPO AND NCDOT UPDATES (NISH TRIVEDI) –**

*Nish Trivedi updated the OUTBoard on the MPO/RPO and NCDOT updates*

**AGENDA ITEM 6: INFORMATION ITEMS**

**AGENDA ITEM 6A: NCDOT LUNCHEON INFO ITEM**

*Tom Ten Eyck updated the OUTBoard on NCDOT Luncheon and advised the next one will be in August and one in November.*

**AGENDA ITEM 7: ADJOURNMENT**

OUTBoard meeting was adjourned by consensus