

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes February 28, 2013

The Matthews Transportation Advisory Committee met in regular session at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Joe Pata, Frank Norwood, Julianna Bash and George Sottilo. Also present was Ralph Messera, Public Works Director

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Pata, Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Mr Sottilo moved that the minutes of the January meeting be approved, seconded by Ms. Bash and approved.

Mr. Messera discussed with the Committee his impressions of the joint Committee and Board meeting that was held on February 25. He also related that he had prepared a substantial amount of information for the Board's upcoming Planning Conference on both the S. Trade Street issue and the Connectivity presentation. He said that the Board had scheduled several hours of their Planning Conference agenda to just these two topics.

The committee briefly discussed the concept of prioritization, looking at the work Mr. Pata had done since the last meeting, the Matthews Stallings CTP, and also some information that he had obtained from the MUMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan ranking system. It was felt that any system needed to closely parallel the MUMPO system, to better compete for state/federal funding, but that for small Town funded projects, we could have our own system. Mr. Messera will take the material at hand and seek to develop a draft system for smaller projects for the next meeting.

Mr. Messera showed the committee the new planned CATS bus route that will start this summer running from Matthews to Pineville. The route is still subject to some refinement, but generally will run from the Matthews Park-and-Ride along 51 to Carolina Place Mall. It was the feeling of the committee that the route needed to include Sycamore Commons. Mr. Messera indicated that he would pass that along to CATS planners.

Mr. Norwood brought up what he feels to be confusing markings on N. Trade Street between the RR track and Matthews Street. Mr. Messera indicated that he would look at it and report back.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Ralph S. Messera
Secretary