

Durham County
Transportation Advisory Board Meeting
March 8, 2011

Present:

James R Sanders
Chuck Landis
Stephani Deberry
David Keaveney
Joe Kilsheimer

Others Present:

Margaret Scully, DCA
Willie Williams, First Transit

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 pm.

Performance Reports:

There has been considerable demand from general public for TPP funds as well as RGP funds as seen on EDTAP spent table. There was discussion regarding reallocation to agencies for remainder of FY11.

Updates:

An on-site Drug and Alcohol Testing Program Compliance Review was conducted. County received report of deficiencies and will return report of corrective actions by end of week.

Staff submitted annual CTP 5311 grant to NCDOT. Administrative costs were capped by NCDOT at FY11 rate. Capital grant application included purchase of 1 replacement vehicle.

Staff submitted a Job Access/Reverse Commute (JARC) 5316 grant application to the Durham Chapel-Hill Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization to fund additional work-related trips. This is a competitive grant and award will be announced by summer.

We are still waiting for award letter and contract from NCDOT for the TTAP 5310 grant that staff submitted for March 31, 2010 and was approved by NCDOT Board.

Staff requested an extension on the Period of Performance to 12/31/2011 for the ARRA grant that funds the Mobility Manager position and is waiting for approval from NCDOT.

Summary of October 2010 rider survey was provided and is attached.

CTP budget request for FY12 to County included local match for grant from NCDOT to develop Community Transportation Service Plan in FY2012. NCDOT has required that any CTP with service plan that is older than five years, request funding in FY2012 to complete service plan.

Work on the Triangle Regional Transit Program continues. Final plans and decision on whether Durham County will have referendum on half cent sales tax are forthcoming.

Two replacement vehicles purchased with FY11 CTP 5311 grant have been ordered.

Agencies are asked to review DCA Rider's Guide with all clients who are passengers.

New Business:

Staff launched DCA Website in January, 2011. See dcatransit.org for a simple, user- friendly site designed to provide basic information including DCA contacts, mission and rider responsibilities.

Announcements:

Cooperative Extension will host a Report to the Community Breakfast on Wednesday, March 23 from 8:00 – 10:00 am. All TAB members are invited and have received email invitations.

Great Human Race Fundraiser is March 26. Donations may be made directly to Cooperative Extension Community Transportation Program.

NCDOT Public Transportation Division is preparing FY12 and FY13 budget which currently includes a cut to Rural Operating Assistance Program funds. NCPTA is providing comment on the proposed budget.

Chuck Landis's appointment to the TAB expired and he will step down as a member. Chuck was thanked for his service to Durham County and the TAB and wished well on his future endeavors.

DATA is seeking rider input at a series of presentations throughout the month. See newspaper announcement.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.