

From: Kim Roney <mskimroney@gmail.com>
Sent: 5/15/2017 1:24:02 PM
To: Esther Manheimer
Cc: Gary Jackson, JMatthews@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: Re: Concern about lack of transit access to schedule community input.

Mayor Manheimer,

Thank you for your quick attention!

Kim

On Mon, May 15, 2017 at 2:21 PM, Esther Manheimer <esthermanheimer@avlouncil.com> wrote:

Kim â€œ thanks for your email and I agree that it is not appropriate to hold a workshop on strategic planning for public transportation at a location inaccessible by public transportation.â€ Iâ€™m not sure how that decision was made.â€ Maybe the state wanted to use a state facility, not sure.â€ I will try to find out what involvement, if any, the city had in the site selection, or could have had in the site selection.

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Gary â€œ please see below.â€ I believe this is the webpage concerning the community workshop.â€ Could you have someone find out some more information about how the site was selected?â€ And whether the city was consulted?

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<https://www.ncdot.gov/nctransit/strategicplan/>

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Thank you,

Esther Manheimer

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From: Kim Roney [mailto:mskimroney@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:07 PM
To: perkins@ncat.edu; wclarke@ncdot.gov; dlhoward@ncdot.gov; Esther Manheimer <esthermanheimer@avlouncil.com>; jhtrogon@ncdot.gov; dbender@ncdot.gov
Subject: Fwd: Concern about lack of transit access to schedule community input.

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Mr. Trogdon, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Howard, Mr. Bender, and Mayor Manheimer,

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My name is Kim Roney, and I'm a piano teacher in Asheville who serves on the Multi-Modal Transportation Commission representing transit interests through my seat on the Transportation Committee.Â

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I am forwarding an email I sent to Mr. Bender in advance of last week's community workshop at the NC Arboretum. I am very concerned that this community event regarding transit planning was scheduled at a location that was not accessible by bus. Because of the lack of sidewalks and bike lanes, there is not a reasonable, safe way to get to the NC Arboretum without a car. I was eager to provide input during this important feedback opportunity, so I arranged to borrow a car for the day after researching my options online. (You will see the screenshot attached.)Â

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It is my understanding that this is not the first time meetings regarding transit have been held in inaccessible locations or at difficult times for public attendance. A community member shared with me that the first round of STIP/SPOT meetings held at AB Tech Enka campus were at a time when the bus transit didn't run, a location that is also not easily accessible for those on foot or using a bike. This is a tremendous missed opportunity to engage the public, especially since that meeting was meant to provide visuals of projects that represent all modes of transportation.Â

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I appreciated that theÂ meeting at the NC Arboretum was held during a time when folks could take a lunch break to attend, and at a time when parents with school-aged children have an option to attend as well! When planning future meetings regarding transportation in WNC, I plead with you to consider working with Asheville or Buncombe County to utilize a space that is accessible via bus transit. The Pack Library may be a good option too, so long as the meeting is held when buses are running before and after the meeting.

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Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

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From: **Kim Roney** <mskimroney@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, May 1, 2017 at 8:54 AM

Subject: Concern about lack of transit access to schedule community input.

To: dbender@ncdot.gov

David,

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My name is Kim Roney, and I currently sit on the Transit Committee and Multi-Modal Transportation Commission for the City of Asheville.Â

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I am planning to attend the community workshop on May 11th at the NC Arboretum, though as a transit rider without a car, it is proving to be a challenge to attend. I have attached a screenshot of the message I received from Google maps when searching for a transit route, and though it would take 15 minutes to get there with a car, it would take 2 hrs and 47 minutes to walk from West Asheville.Â

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In the future, I would like to see meetings like this Downtown or at least available by transit.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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