

Transportation & Planning Committee
Monday, February 10, 2014
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 280

Committee Members: Vi Lyles, Chair
David Howard, Vice Chair
Patsy Kinsey
Greg Phipps
Kenny Smith

Staff Resource: Debra Campbell, Planning Director and City Manager's Office

AGENDA

I. Prosperity Hucks Area Plan – 30 minutes

Staff Resource: Kent Main, Planning

The Prosperity Hucks Area Plan covers about 6,200 acres in the northeast corner of Charlotte. It is focused on a Mixed Use Activity Center located at unique interchange to I-485, which is under construction. The Plan is intended to establish a vision and provide policy direction for future growth and development, building upon significant prior planning efforts. Over the past year, staff has conducted five public meetings and workshops. Staff will present the draft plan for review by the Committee.

Action: Forward to Council for public comment

Link to the Prosperity Hucks Area Plan:

<http://charmeck.org/city/charlotte/planning/AreaPlanning/Plans/Pages/ProsperityHucks.aspx>

II. I-77 Noise Walls Update – 55 minutes

Staff Resource: Ed McKinney, Planning

The Planning Department and Charlotte Department of Transportation have been working with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to increase public awareness and facilitate decision making on the design and impact of the Hot Lane project's proposed noise walls along I-77 and I-277. Staff will update the Committee on our efforts and request action from the committee concerning the design for the City's choice on wall color and texture.

Action: Approve staff recommendations and forward to City Council

III. Transportation Focus Area Plan Retreat Discussion Summary Notes – 5 minutes

Staff Resource: Debra Campbell, Planning Director and City Manger's Office

Action: None required

Attachment: 1. Transportation Strategic Focus Area Plan 1/30/2014 - Summary Notes

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 27, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

Future Topics- Focus Area Plan, Prosperity Hucks Area Plan

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Strategic Focus Area Plan

1/30/2014 - Summary Notes

Name- Committee name and Focus Area don't match- consider adding Planning to the focus area name.

Vision: "Charlotte will be the premier city in the country for integrating land use and transportation choices".

- The statement speaks more to how rather than the impact we want to have. Vision should speak more to the result we want to have on the community if we successfully integrate land use and transportation planning.
- Doesn't speak to unique neighborhoods we are trying to create with transportation investments
- Creating a city and neighborhoods that work
- Retool vision statement to capture impact not just tactical tool of how
- Add a statement that acknowledges interrelationship of all the focus areas

Mission: Doesn't include any references to aviation or the airport. Doesn't speak to how or if infrastructure should or could be used to support economic development

FY2014 Initiatives and Indicators: Initiatives seem too tactical not strategic or aspirational enough.

- Discussed adding several new items and revising others.
- Initiatives are not strongly linked to the mission and vision statements
- No identified initiative related to airport or building on opportunities related to the intermodal yards
- Consider adding a statement related to how transportation investments can help support and promote the goals of the economic development and globalization focus area
- Need to review and update the 2030 Transit Plan
 - Determine value of revisiting
 - Look at Rose Fellowship Study for recommendations for Silver Line
 - Consider East West Light Rail to connect the community
 - May need to redo technical data that justified transit plan
 - Need to look at funding and implementation as a system not just individual lines
 - Consider articulated buses as option
- Should use TAP and other strategic plans as framework for developing initiatives and indicators
- Consider adding quality of life statement i.e. diversity of transportation choices does what for the community and individuals
- Describe how options make the City more viable
- Add strategy to work with rail companies CSX and NS

- Consider adding statement to mitigate environmental impacts like noise i.e. quiet zones for rail
- There is no statement about emergency preparedness or emergency readiness especially for rail transportation (there have been lots of accidents lately)
- CRTPO is complex and too big-developing consensus may be difficult
- Need extensive outreach to potential partners to build relationship at all levels local state and national
- Should assess impact of new state formula in relationship to high priority transportation projects
- Additional funding critical to implementation and need to establish right partnerships to ascertain appropriate funding to match need