

Transportation & Planning Committee
Thursday, February 27, 2014
12:00 – 1:30 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 – 15 minutes

Staff Resource: Kent Main, Planning

The Committee received a presentation of the draft plan on February 10, 2014. City Council received public comments at its February 24, 2014 meeting and is now ready for Committee action.

Action: Recommend adoption of the draft Prosperity Hucks Area Plan and forward to Council for action at their March 24, 2014 meeting.

Link to the Prosperity Hucks Area Plan:

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

II. FY2015 Focus Area Plan Discussion – 60 minutes

Staff Resources: Debra Campbell, Planning & City Manager's Office, Danny Pleasant, Transportation

The Committee will review a draft of the FY2015 Focus Area Plan that incorporates the discussion from the recent City Council Retreat.

Action: For information only

Attachment: 1. FY14 Transportation Strategic FAP.pdf

Attachment: 2. Transportation Strategic FAP 1/30/2014 – Summary Notes.pdf

III. Metropolitan Transportation Plan – 15 minutes

Staff Resource: Norm Steinman, Transportation

In April, the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is scheduled to adopt the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is the federally required Long-Range Transportation Plan that prioritizes projects and programs to be implemented over the next 20 years. Staff will describe the key content of the MTP in February and March, leading to a vote by the CRTPO Board in April.

Action: For information only

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

Future Topics- Focus Area Plan, TAP Annual Report, MTP Directed Vote

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Transportation Strategic Focus Area Plan

“Charlotte will be the premier city in the country for integrating land use and transportation choices.”

Safe, convenient, efficient, and sustainable transportation choices are critical to a viable community. The City of Charlotte takes a proactive approach to land use and transportation planning. This can be seen in the *Centers, Corridors and Wedges Growth Framework*, the *Transportation Action Plan* and the *2030 Transit Corridor System Plan* that provide the context for the Transportation Focus Area Plan.

The City’s strategy focuses on integrating land use and transportation choices for motorists, transit users, bicyclists and pedestrians. A combination of sound land use planning and continued transportation investment will be necessary to accommodate Charlotte’s growth, enhance quality of life and support the City’s efforts to attract and retain businesses and jobs.

FY2014 Initiatives	Example Indicators
Enhance multi-modal mobility, environmental quality and long-term sustainability	Reduced annual hours of congestion per traveler, as measured by Texas Transportation Institute, for the Charlotte Urban Area compared to top 25 cities
	Reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) per capita
	Decrease commute times
	Accelerate implementation of 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan as conditions allow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of LYNX Blue Line Extension • Construction of Gold Line Phase I Project • Increased Transit Ridership • Red Line Capacity Study
Promote transportation choices, land use objectives, and transportation investments that improve safety, promote sustainability and livability	Improve Charlotte’s walkability and bicycle-friendliness
	Decrease vehicle accidents per mile traveled by monitoring crashes annually and identifying, analyzing and investigating hazardous locations and concentrating on patterns of correctable crashes
	Improve City Pavement Condition Survey Rating
	Increase percentage of transportation bond road projects completed or forecast to be completed on schedule
Communicate progress on achieving the land use and transportation goals in the Transportation Action Plan	Increase community awareness and understanding of City’s work to integrate transportation and land use
Seek financial resources, external grants, and funding partnerships necessary to implement transportation programs and services	Work with legislative partners and stakeholders to consider new revenue sources to fund transportation improvements.
	Develop Community Investment Plan (CIP) funding strategy for transportation improvements

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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