

Transportation & Planning Committee
Monday, November 14, 2016
2:00 – 4:30 p.m.
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 280

Committee Members: Vi Lyles, Chair
John Autry
Patsy Kinsey
Greg Phipps
Kenny Smith

Staff Resource: Debra Campbell, City Manager's Office

AGENDA

I. Focus Area Plan – 10 minutes

Resource: Debra Campbell, City Manager's Office

Staff will provide a brief overview of the draft FY18 and FY19 Transportation and Planning Focus Area Plan. The Committee will be asked to review, discuss and take action on the plan.

Action: Approval of the draft Transportation and Planning FY18 and FY19 Focus Area Plan.

Attachment: 1. Draft FY18 and FY19 Transportation and Planning Focus Area Plan and FY16 Transportation and Planning Focus Area Plan

II. Transportation Action Plan – 20 minutes

Resource: Norm Steinman, Transportation

Staff will describe the key content included in the 2016 update of the Transportation Action Plan (TAP). The TAP was first adopted in 2006 and was updated in 2011. Staff will present the draft plan and discuss next steps.

Action: For information only

III. Charlotte WALKS – 20 minutes

Resource: Scott Curry, Transportation

Over the last 18 months, CDOT staff have worked with the Committee and collected public input to prepare Charlotte's first Pedestrian Plan, known as "Charlotte WALKS." CDOT prepared a draft of the Charlotte WALKS plan in collaboration with CATS, E&PM, and the Planning Department. Staff will present the draft plan and discuss next steps.

Action: For information only

IV. Uptown Connects – 10 minutes

Resource: Vivian Coleman, Transportation

Staff will provide a brief report on the Uptown Connects Study. CDOT is assessing opportunities for improving bicycling conditions through Uptown and potential routes for linking the Cross Charlotte Trail and Little Sugar Creek Greenway to the Irwin Creek Greenway. Staff will explain the work to date on this study and discuss next steps.

Action: For information only

V. Charlotte Place Types and Unified Development Ordinance Update – 5 minutes

Resource: Ed McKinney, Planning

Staff will provide an update on upcoming community engagement to kick off the Charlotte Place Types and Unified Development Ordinance effort.

Action: For information only

VI. Upcoming Topics – 5 minutes

Topic	Meeting Date	Lead Dept.
North Tryon Vision Plan	December	Planning
Parkwood & The Plaza	December	Planning
Traffic Calming Policy	TBD	CDOT
Transportation Action Plan (TAP)	On-going as needed	CDOT
Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)	On-going as needed	CDOT
Charlotte BIKES	On-going as needed	CDOT
Charlotte Place Types and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)	On-going as needed	Planning
Permitting and Inspection Process Review	On-going as needed	Manager's Office

Next Scheduled Meeting: December 12 at 2:00 p.m.

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FY2018 & FY2019 Strategic Focus Area Plan

“Charlotte will be a vibrant, livable city where residents of all income levels have convenient transportation access to employment, services, and housing choices.”

Effective planning and continued transportation investments will enable Charlotte to accommodate growth, enhance quality of life and ensure the continuation of a vibrant, growing economy. The City will continue to integrate land use, urban design, and transportation decisions that maintain mobility to create more places and neighborhoods throughout Charlotte that are walkable, transit-oriented, and bicycle-friendly.

Objectives WHAT?	Strategies HOW?
Accommodate and Support Growth	Implement the Centers, Corridors, and Wedges Growth Framework, the 2030 Transit System Plan and the Transportation Action Plan
	Prepare and adopt 1) Charlotte Place Type Policies, which further define the Centers, Corridors, and Wedges growth framework, and 2) a Unified Development Ordinance, a tool to implement the City's land use, urban design, and transportation polices*
	Coordinate with partners to advance multimodal transportation projects (streets, transit, bikeways, sidewalks, freeways, arterials, and high-occupancy toll lanes)
	In conjunction with regional partners, review the regional growth framework to link development patterns with transportation investments*
Support a Vibrant and Growing Economy	Develop the Charlotte Gateway Station project that serves regional public transit and rail services
	Continue to position Charlotte as a global freight and logistics hub by investing appropriate rail and roadway projects*
Maintain and Support Charlotte's Transportation Assets	Maintain Charlotte's transportation infrastructure and begin developing a long-term funding strategy for the Transportation Action Plan
	Maintain a twelve-year resurfacing cycle
Foster economic success for everyone in the community	Clarify policy guidance used in evaluating rezoning requests*
	Improve Charlotte's mobility and accessibility by enhancing walkability and bicycle friendliness*
	Implement the projects and programs identified in the Community Investment Plan to enhance safety, livability, transportation choices, and job growth*
	Implement the recommendations of the CATS bus system comprehensive review to increase access to transit and effectively deploy transit resources

*Included in the Strategic Priorities Matrix

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Performance

Objective and Strategy	Measure/Target	FY2016 Actual
Objective: Accommodate and Support Growth		
Strategy: Implement the Centers, Corridors, and Wedges Growth Framework, the 2030 Transit System Plan and the Transportation Action Plan	Four major arterial road projects completed per year	Three major projects completed
	Two major intersection improvements completed per year	No major projects completed
Strategy: Prepare and adopt 1) Charlotte Place Type Policies, which further define the Centers, Corridors, and Wedges growth framework, and 2) a Unified Development Ordinance, a tool to implement the City's land use, urban design, and transportation polices*	Complete initial draft of the Unified Development Ordinance	New measure in FY2018
	Complete Charlotte Place Type Policy Manual	New measure in FY2018
Objective: Support a Vibrant and Growing Economy		
Strategy: Continue to position Charlotte as a global freight and logistics hub by implementing appropriate infrastructure projects*	Fund transportation improvements through approved CIP projects	Advance preliminary planning report for Airport/West Corridor completed Aug. 2015
	Implement Area Plans	New measure in FY2018
Strategy: Develop the Charlotte Gateway Station project that serves regional public transit and rail services	Begin construction of Phase I track improvement	New measure in FY2018
	Pursue funding for Phase II improvements	New measure in FY2018
Objective: Maintain and Support Charlotte's Transportation Assets		
Strategy: Maintain Charlotte's transportation infrastructure and begin developing a long-term funding strategy for the Transportation Action Plan	Keep 95% of streetlights operational city-wide	95.41%
	Perform preventative maintenance on 100% of traffic signals every two years	100%
Strategy: Maintain a twelve-year resurfacing cycle	Achieve pavement rating of 90.0 or above	82.0
Objective: Foster Economic Success for Everyone in the Community		
Strategy: Implement the projects and programs identified in the Community Investment Plan to enhance safety, livability, transportation choices, and job growth*	Build 15 or more pedestrian safety and crossing projects per year	42 pedestrian safety projects installed
	Build 10 miles of new sidewalks and bikeways per year	13.02 miles of sidewalk and 2.96 miles of bikeways
	Conduct pedestrian safety awareness campaign	Participated in the NC Watch for Me campaign
Strategy: Implement the recommendations of the CATS bus system comprehensive review to increase access to transit and effectively deploy transit resources	Conduct and complete a comprehensive analysis of CATS bus route structure to connect more people to jobs and employment centers	New measure in FY2018

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FY2016 Strategic Focus Area Plan

“Charlotte’s strong economy and attractive lifestyle will thrive due to our vibrant places, healthy neighborhoods, and robust employment centers, supported by strategic transportation investments.”

A combination of sound land use planning and continued transportation investment will provide lifestyle, employment and travel choices. This approach will enable Charlotte to accommodate growth, enhance quality of life and increase Charlotte’s prominence and competitiveness in the global marketplace. To achieve its vision, the City will:

- Continue to integrate land use, urban design, and transportation decisions that create more places and neighborhoods throughout Charlotte that are walkable, transit-oriented and bicycle-friendly.
- Provide the necessary transportation infrastructure to increase Charlotte’s presence as a global freight and logistics hub, particularly at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.
- Implement the foundational principles of the Centers Corridors and Wedges Growth Framework, the Transportation Action Plan and the 2030 Transit Systems Plan.

FY2016 Initiatives	Key Indicators
Establish public and private sector partnerships to achieve effective transportation and land use results which support economic development and livability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to coordinate with partners to advance multimodal transportation projects (i.e., streets, transit, bikeways, and sidewalks) in the Charlotte area • In conjunction with CRTPO and other regional and local stakeholders, begin to apply CONNECT’s regional growth framework to link development patterns with transportation investments
Engage the community to support the City’s land use and transportation goals to create more mixed-use places and neighborhoods connected by more travel choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand community engagement opportunities and techniques to increase the community’s awareness and understanding of the City’s transportation and land use goals, and adopted policies such as the Centers Corridors & Wedges Growth Framework, the 2030 Transit System Plan, and the Transportation Action Plan
Implement the Centers Corridors and Wedges Growth Framework, the 2030 Transit System Plan and Transportation Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to implement the Centers Corridors and Wedges Growth Framework, the 2030 Transit System Plan and Transportation Action Plan • Develop and implement area plans and other policies that help to guide growth and development • Begin to update the City’s Zoning Ordinance to effectively implement the City’s land use, design, and transportation policies
Implement land use and transportation decisions that increase safety, livability, transportation choices and enhance economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to position Charlotte as a global freight and logistics hub by implementing appropriate infrastructure projects • Implement the projects and programs identified in the Community Investment plan to enhance livability, transportation choices and job growth • Improve Charlotte’s walkability and bicycle-friendliness through various initiatives, including Charlotte Walks and the 5-year update of the Bicycle Plan • Monitor and seek to decrease intersection crash rates citywide • Improve citywide pavement conditions
Seek all types of financial resources and funding partnerships necessary to implement transportation programs and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop long-term funding strategy for transportation and community place-making projects as part of 5-year update of TAP • Collaborate with legislative partners and stakeholders to consider new revenue sources discussed in the Transit Funding Workgroup Report
Refine the regulatory system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement recommendations from the permitting and development review report.