Charlotte City Council

Transportation & Planning Committee

Meeting Summary for October 10, 2011

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

I. **Subject:** **Elizabeth Area Plan**
Action: Motion to refer to Council for final approval

II. **Subject:** **Center City Curb Management**
Action: For information

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Present: David Howard, Nancy Carter, Warren Cooksey
Time: 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

ATTACHMENTS

Agenda Package

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Chairman David Howard called the meeting to order at 3:43 and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves.

I. **Elizabeth Area Plan**

Howard: The first item on the agenda is the Elizabeth Area Plan, and we only heard positive comments. If one of you would like to either make the motion, give feedback or ask for more discussion, that would be fine.

Cooksey: Is there anything more to be said?

Mrs. Carter made a motion to forward the Elizabeth Area Plan to City Council for final approval. Mr. Cooksey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

II. Center City Curb Management

Pleasant: You were presented the Curb Lane Management Study at your July 25 meeting. Today, Doreen Szymanski will talk about the test signage that is proposed along Tryon Street.

Ms. Szymanski presented updates to the Curb Lane Management Study including the Tryon Street Pilot, reallocation of curb lane uses, signage changes and next steps.

Howard: Are you talking changing the times you can and cannot park or are you talking about changing when the taxi, valet and loading zones change from one to the other (see slide 3)?

Szymanski: We are talking about removing the restrictions from peak hours. There will not be any peak hour restrictions on Tryon Street in the Pilot. We think flipping space use is causing confusion for motorists, so we have found a way to accommodate all uses, keeping the public parking as public parking all the time.

Howard: 24 hours?

Szymanski: Yes, 24 hours unless there is a special event. We are also doing a pilot project on Trade Street at Gateway, and on 6th Street between Caldwell Street and College Street in order to test some other signage.

Ms. Szymanski explained a block face template where there are multiple uses in a block, and N. Tryon St. between 5th & 6th Streets (see slides 4&5) which includes a bump out in the curb.

Carter: Is there enough room for limos to angle park?

Szymanski: No. They would have to back out into traffic on Tryon Street.

Carter: I was thinking about backing in. I'm thinking about maximum use.

Szymanski: We are trying to accommodate limos other places on the street.

Howard: (Regarding the inset space, see slide 5) That was put there for Montaldo's. If that use is gone, do you really need a limo area there? Have you thought about just getting rid of it so you don't have that confusion?

Szymanski: There has been some discussion about bumping that curb back out someday through development, but until that time, we are dedicating it for loading.

Howard: Will you keep the towing number on the signs?

Szymanski: Yes, that helps. Also, we are putting what they can do in green boxes and what they can't do in red boxes. We are going to test these and get feedback from motorists to see what they prefer. We will have a website to collect comments.

Carter: Sign 7 implies to me that you don't have to pay. I think we need to indicate when people have to pay for parking.

Howard: Do we have free spaces?

Szymanski: No.

Howard: Sign 8 is confusing to me. It says no limit, but then it has a time restriction on the bottom.

Szymanski: I think the taxi and delivery companies understand what this means. We actually have more compliance with them than we do with the public. We have lots of signs that will go away (see slide 8).

Carter: If you have valet parking and no signage permitting it, people who are driving up for valets will see that and go on.

Szymanski: We don’t post for valet today. They put out their podiums and their signs, and that’s how people know when valet parking is available. That has worked well so far and we haven't received any complaints about that. We are trying to minimize the messages we are conveying to the public, and that’s what the valet podiums do. It’s one less thing the public has to read when they are driving along that street.

We will be back with a report on the Pilot Project that we will be implementing November through February. We plan to be back in November with on-street parking program changes. On-street parking is a business and we need some changes to bring the program up to date with what other cities are doing.

Danny: Should we recommend signs that are not compliant with the MUTCD, we'll come to you for adoption.

Howard: Are we trying to get this rolled out for the entire center city before September of next year? Will we have an opportunity for staff to test them before we ask the public?

Schumacher: Yes.

Cooksey: Has any of this gone before a focus group of people who park uptown?

Szymanski: We reached out to the stakeholders and we had four charette sessions for the public, so we got feedback that way. We are going to roll out these concept signs to get input before we start replacing old signage.

Howard: I would like to make sure that we get people that actually park to tell us if this makes sense to them.

Szymanski: We have been talking about being uptown on Tryon Street to talk to the motorists and get feedback from people who are visiting for the first time as well as people who are regularly here.

Schumacher: We have a third item of business. There is an issue with the November meeting schedule. The attorney evaluation is 3:00-5:00 on the 14th. The obvious choices would be 1:30 that day or November 28.

Howard: Do you have anything that requires action next month?

Schumacher: The Bike Share.

Howard: Let's poll the Committee for the next meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07.

Transportation & Planning Committee
Monday, October 10; 3:30 – 4:00 PM
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 280

Committee Members: David Howard, Chair
Michael Barnes, Vice Chair
Nancy Carter
Warren Cooksey
Patsy Kinsey

Staff Resource: Jim Schumacher

AGENDA

I. Elizabeth Area Plan – 10 minutes
Staff Resource: Kathy Cornett
The Transportation and Planning Committee received an overview of the Draft Elizabeth Area Plan at their September 12 meeting, the Planning Committee of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the draft plan at their September 20 meeting, and City Council received public comment on the draft at their September 26 meeting.
Action: Final recommendation to City Council
Attachment: 1. Elizabeth Area Plan.ppt

II. Center City Curb Management – 20 minutes
Staff Resource: Doreen Szymanski
This presentation will share the latest sign concepts developed for the Center City.
Points of discussion include:

- Tryon Street Pilot Project
- Application of the standard block face template to Tryon Street
- Concept signage developed for the Tryon Street Pilot Project
- Next Steps

Action: For information
Attachments: 2. Curb Lane Management Study.ppt
3. Parking Signs: Design Intent Drawings.pdf

Attachment: Citizens' Transit Advisory Group Annual Report– Information Only

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, November 14; 3:30 – 5:00 pm in Room 280

Distribution: Mayor & City Council, Transportation Cabinet, Cathy Cornett, Curt Walton, City Manager, Ken Tippette, Vivian Coleman & Doreen Szymanski, Leadership Team, Ruchi Agarwal

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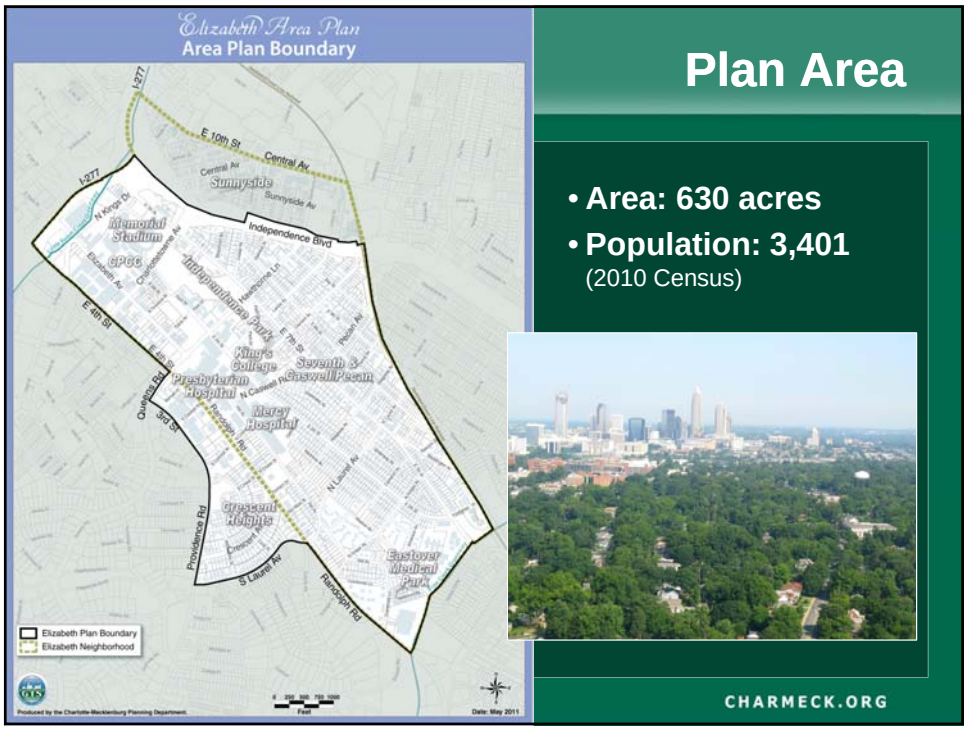
Elizabeth Area Plan
Area Plan Boundary
Plan Area
• Area: 630 acres
• Population: 3,401
(2010 Census)
Elizabeth Plan Boundary
Elizabeth Neighborhood
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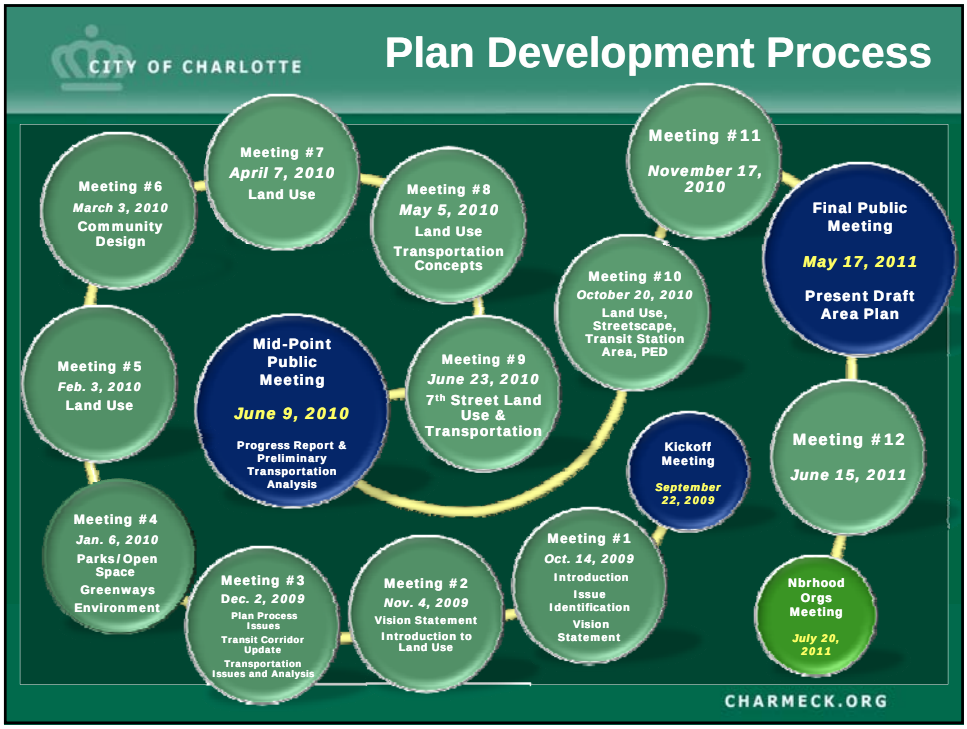

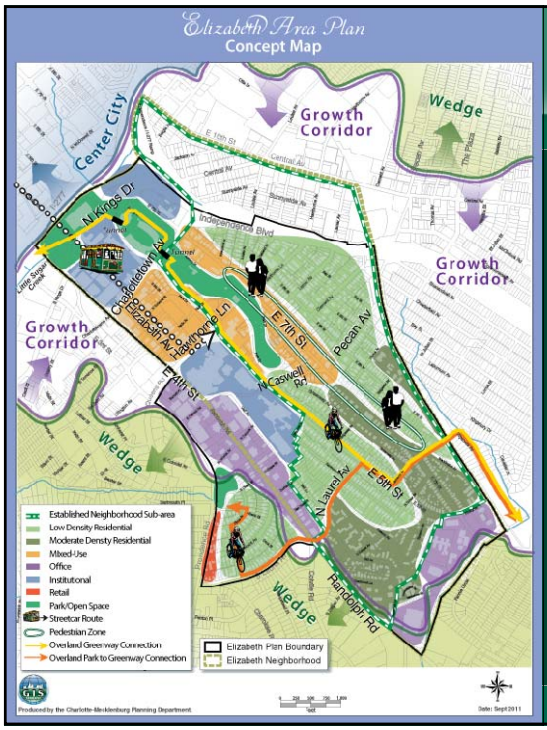

Plan Concept

- ✓ Maintain character of the established historic neighborhood
- ✓ Independence Park, as centerpiece of the neighborhood, to be preserved/protected
- ✓ Preserve parks and open space
- ✓ Create inviting pedestrian environment
- ✓ Create connections to parks and greenways
- ✓ Mixed use development near future streetcar stops

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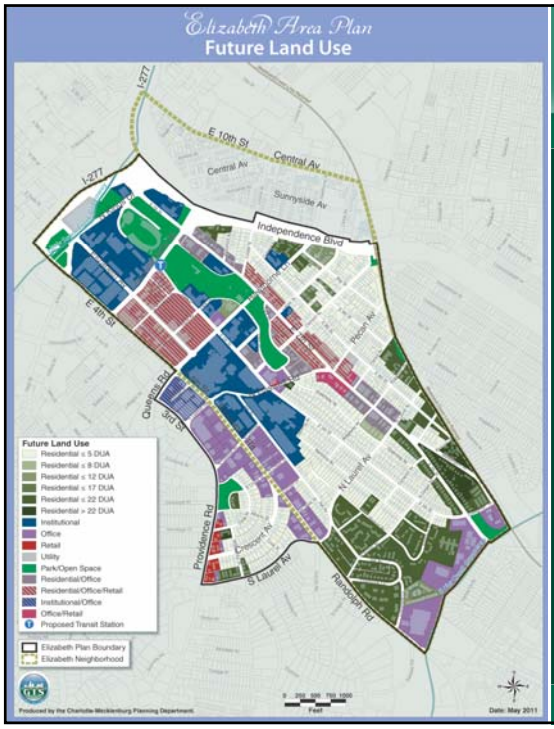

Future Land Use

- Emphasis on preservation of historic residential neighborhoods.
- East Seventh Street and Elizabeth Avenue identified as commercial/retail corridors.
- No additional encroachment by non-residential uses into adjacent residential neighborhoods.

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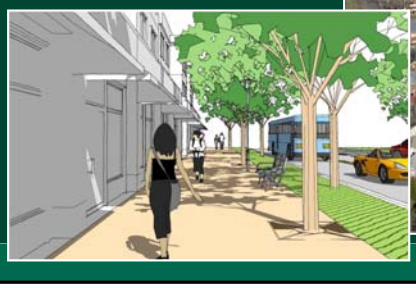
Key Transportation Policies

- No widening of East Seventh Street for travel lanes
- Additional pedestrian crossings of East Seventh Street, Pecan Avenue, and Caswell Road
- Provide street connections to support new development and eliminate gaps in the sidewalk system
- Additional connections between streetcar and transit stops and neighborhood employment and commercial centers.
- Provide cross-section diagrams for major plan area streets



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Infrastructure/Community Facilities and Environment

Summary of Key Policies

- ✓ Preserve/protect Independence Park.
- ✓ Maintain parks/recreational facilities in good condition and make them available to residents.
- ✓ Additional pedestrian and bicycle connections within the neighborhood and between greenways and neighborhood parks and open spaces.
- ✓ Minimize impacts to existing tree canopy.
- ✓ Low impact design for better water quality protection.
- ✓ Innovative best management practices.

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Tentative Schedule

October 10	City Council T & P Committee – Recommendation
November 14	City Council – Action

Thank You

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Curb Lane Management Study Update

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Agenda

Curb Lane Management: Managing Competing Interests at the Curb

1. Tryon Street Pilot
2. Standard Block Face – Reallocation of Curb Lane Uses
3. Sign Changes
4. Next Steps

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Tryon St. Pilot Project

Tryon Street

- Reallocate Curb Space
- New Signage
- Tryon Street – Remove peak restrictions
- No Transition of Public Parking Spaces

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Curb Space Reallocation

Block Face Template

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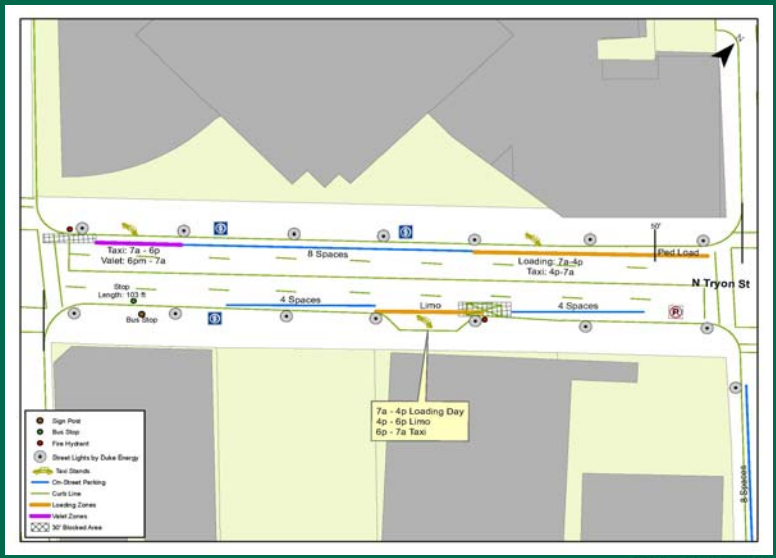
N. Tryon St between 5th & 6th Sts



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Tryon St., 5th to 6th

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Tryon St., 6th to 5th

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Signs That Go Away!

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Next Steps

1. Report on Pilot Project
   - Pilot Duration: November through February
   - Results

2. On Street Parking Program Changes
   - Fees
   - Fines
   - Hours/Days
   - Enforcement

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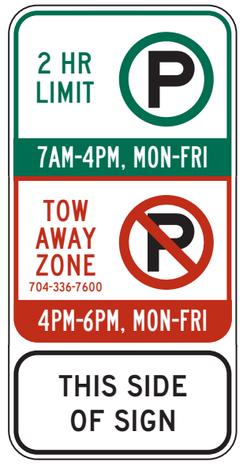

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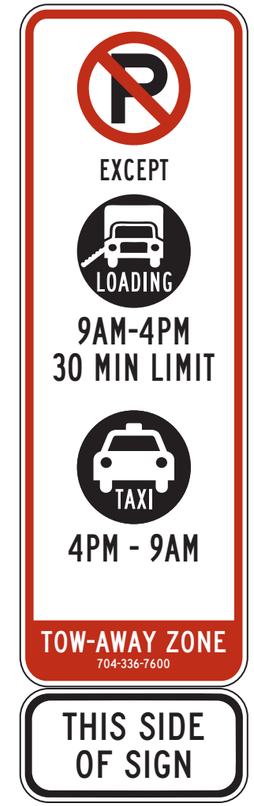

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FROM THE
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DATE: October 7, 2011
TO: Transportation and Planning Committee Members
FROM: Stephanie C. Kelly, CMC, City Clerk
SUBJECT: **Citizens' Transit Advisory Group Annual Report**

The attached report of the Citizens' Transit Advisory Group is being sent to you pursuant to the Resolution related to Boards and Commissions adopted by City Council at the November 23, 2009 meeting. This resolution requires annual reports from City Council Boards and Commissions to be distributed by the City Clerk to both City Council and to the appropriate Committee for review.

If you have questions or comments for the board, please convey those to staff support for a response and/or follow-up.

Section 6. **REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS**

The City Council finds it appropriate to periodically review each standing board, committee, and commission to which they make appointments for the purpose of assessing whether said board, committee, or commission should be renewed, dismantled, expanded or its charge redefined. To this end, each board, committee, and commission that is part of the City, or that was established by the City Council, whether acting alone or in conjunction with one or more other local governments, is required to submit annual written reports that must contain in depth reviews of the body's activities, including goals, objectives, successes, problems, and/or the need for City Council assistance. These reports shall be submitted to the City Clerk and will be staggered through the year according to a schedule established by the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall then provide the Mayor and City Council with copies of the reports and refer the reports to the appropriate Council Committee for the Committee's information.

Boards, committees, and commissions that are not part of the City shall submit reports in accordance with the reporting requirements set forth in their contract, if any, with the City.

In addition to required written reports, the City Council may request on a case-by-case basis that an oral report be made to the Council.

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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

DATE: September 30, 2011

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: _____

Tom Cox, Co-Chair
Mary Barker, Co-Chair
Citizens Transit Advisory Group

SUBJECT: 2011 Annual Report

The 13-member Citizens Transit Advisory Group (CTAG) operates under the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) Transit Governance Interlocal agreement. No publicly elected office holder may serve on CTAG. Members are appointed for two-year term as follows: one co-chair appointed by Mecklenburg County; one co-chair appointed by Charlotte Mayor, City of Charlotte; two appointed by Charlotte City Council; two appointed by Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners; one appointed by board of Education; one appointed by each of the six town in Mecklenburg County (Pineville, Mint Hill, Cornelius, Matthews, Davidson, Huntersville).

All members are required to attend at least 65% of the regular and special meetings held in any one calendar year with no excused absences. In order to be eligible for reappointment, the member must have attended at least 75% of the regular scheduled meetings during the term. Any member who fails to attend any three consecutive regular committee meetings shall be removed.

Current Members
Members are appointed to two-year terms and any term limits shall be in the discretion of the member's appointing authority.

Members	Appointed by	Term Expires
Tom Cox, Co-Chair	Appointed by Charlotte Mayor	6/30/2013
Mary Barker, Co-Chair	Appointed by Commissioner	6/30/2012
Henry M. Antshel	City of Charlotte	6/30/2013

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Rob Watson	Mecklenburg County	6/30/2013
Rhonda Odom	Mecklenburg County	6/30/2013
Katherine (Kate) Payerle	City of Charlotte	6/30/2013
John Phillips	Town of Davidson	6/30/2013
Colvin Morgan Edwards	Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools	6/30/2013
Todd Steiss	Town of Huntersville	6/30/2012
George Sottilo	Town of Matthews	06/30/2012
Peter Larsen	Town of Mint Hill	06/30/2012
Vacant	Town of Cornelius	
Vacant	Town of Pineville	

CTAG is an advisory board to the MTC. The MTC members are Mayors and managers from the municipal and county elected bodies that are party to the Transit Governance Interlocal Agreement. This committee's responsibilities include Annual review, comment and make recommendations with respect to the Transit Program and budget; Review, comment and make recommendations on proposed transit policies presented to the MTC for approval; Review, comment and make recommendations on Corridor rapid transit alignments and technology plans recommendations coming out of preliminary engineering and environmental studies; Engage in proactive efforts to seek and provide insights on community attitudes towards transit plans and system performance; Annual review and comment on market research results; Provide input and advice on increasing community awareness of transit-oriented land use planning and its relationship to the implementation of transit investments; and Engage in proactive efforts to increase awareness within the community and key stake-holders on the total value of investing in transit.

In 2011, CTAG discussed submitting recommendations to the Metropolitan Transit Commission. They received an overview of the proposed FY2012 Transit Operating Budget and the FY2012-2016 Capital Investment Plan; updates on the MTC policies; presentations on transit capital improvement plan, Center City Access Study/Gateway Station; safety and security at the transit center. In May, the group took a tour of the renovated North Davidson Garage. They also received updates from the CEO on Federal Transit Administration quarterly meetings, legislative changes, labor negotiations for the bus operators, monthly sales tax report, and State full-funding agreement. The group was invited to public meetings on the Countywide Service Plan.