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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (May 12)	Tues (May 13)	Wed (May 14)	Thurs (May 15)	Fri (May 16)
3:30 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267 7:00 PM Budget Public Hearing, Meeting Chamber		2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280 3:00 PM Budget Adjustments, Room 267	8:00 AM Toast & Talk with District 4 CM Greg Phipps, Nona's Bakery 1520 Overland Park Ln. 12:00 PM Economic Development and Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, May 12

- 3:30 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Walkability scan project update; Customer friendly permitting process; Auto oriented uses schedule; Review committee referrals/project updates; Future meeting topics
- 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267
- 7:00 PM Budget Public Hearing, Meeting Chamber

Wednesday, May 14

- 2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Power2Charlotte; PCCO timeline review; Coal ash due diligence update; Tree legislation
- 3:00 PM Budget Adjustments, Room 267

Thursday, May 15

- 8:00 AM Toast & Talk with CM Greg Phipps, Nona's Bakery 1520 Overland Park Lane
- 12:00 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: Energy strategy; Business Investment Program review

ATTACHED: [May and June calendars](#)

INFORMATION:

City to Launch MindMixer, A New Tool for Community Engagement

Staff Resource: Kenneth Brown, Corporate Communication & Marketing,

On May 19, the City will launch [MindMixer](#), an online platform designed to improve the way residents and local government connect through the sharing of ideas. MindMixer is currently used by cities such as San Francisco, Boston and Wilmington as a tool to engage residents in online conversation about quality of life, sustainability and revitalization issues. Here is an example of San Francisco's site: <http://www.improvesf.com/>

During Charlotte's initial launch, three questions will be posted to our MindMixer site under the following topics: CharlotteNC.gov Website Redesign, Google Fiber and Code for America. These topics were selected to help staff get more familiar with the tool while giving the community a new way to engage. Staff anticipates that these topics will be posted for at least a month to allow it to do some initial benchmarking and analysis. At the completion of that phase, staff will

begin to utilize this tool as a part of its community engagement for the City's Community Investment Plan.

April 23 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary

Staff Resource: Carolyn Flowers, CATS, 704-336-3855, cflowers@charlottenc.gov

At its meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, MTC received two updates, considered three action items and heard two information items:

Red Line Task Force Update

CATS staff is working with Norfolk Southern (NS) to prepare a White Paper of the O line, as required by NS before they will consider passenger service on their line. The relationship with NS and their willingness to allow the O line to be used as a passenger line remains an issue; however, passenger use of the O line is worth pursuing since it would spark considerable regional development along the line.

Transit Funding Working Group (TFWG) Update

The TFWG subcommittee on funding and financing options has developed an action plan including various funding sources to provide a diversified portfolio of resilient funding sources and financial plans to realize the vision of the 2030 Transit Plan. The TFWG has a 90 day work plan to refine the action plan and funding options. Implementation will require commitment and support from MTC, elected officials and business and community leaders. When significant steps have been achieved, the TFWG will return to MTC to request support.

CIP – Rapid Transit and Other Key Capital Projects

CATS staff presented an update of the five rapid transit and key capital projects projected for capital expenditures over the next five years: LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) Light Rail Project, Light Rail Maintenance Facility Expansion, Cornelius Park and Ride Lot, Transit Bridge Inspection and Repair Program and LYNX Silver Line Alternatives Analysis. Funds have also been programmed for Red Line study, LYNX Blue Line Capacity Expansion to upgrade the existing rail line from two-car to three-car capacity, Phase 2 of the CityLYNX Gold Line and working with the State on Charlotte Gateway Station (CGS). The state is working with NS on track alignments and capacity modeling for CGS.

Title VI Fare Equity Analysis

As required by FTA, CATS staff performed a fare equity analysis to ensure that the proposed fare increase does not impose a disparate impact or disproportionate burden on minorities or low income individuals. Surveys show that the majority of low income and minority individuals purchase rides at full cash fare, which is consistent with comments made at last month's Fare Increase Public Hearing. Weekly passes are purchased more often than monthly passes by low income and minority individuals. To mitigate fare increase effects, MTC approved increasing advertising about fare passes and lowered the proposed percent increase of the weekly pass from 12% to 10% and to decrease the proposed price of the one-day pass. In addition, MTC authorized investigating and possibly implementing a program to give people a \$2 credit at the

Transit Center on a weekly or monthly pass if they present the bus ticket they used to get to the Transit Center. Staff will also reach out to the 151 organizations that offer volume discounted passes to help increase their pass programs' effectiveness.

FY2014-2015 Operating Budget and FY2014-2018 Capital Investment Plan

MTC members unanimously approved the staff recommended budget including the proposed \$0.20 fare increase effective July 1, 2014.

MTC Representative to Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO)

CRTPO has a rule that the MTC representative to CRTPO must be an elected official. Matthews Mayor Jim Taylor currently serves on CRTPO, but was not at the April MTC meeting. Action on the MTC representative to CRTPO was deferred until May to give an opportunity to discuss Mayor Taylor's serving on CRTPO as MTC's representative. Potential conflicts of interest can be addressed and planned around if they arise.

5307 and 5310 Funding

5307, the Urbanized Area Formula Program for transit capital and operating assistance, and 5310, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, are competitively awarded funds for projects that serve the special needs of the transit-dependent. Following the 2010 census, part of Iredell County was folded into the Mecklenburg urbanized area. Iredell's transit agency, iCATS, is no longer eligible for some rural funding it formerly received for part of its service area. CATS and iCATS are in discussions on the collaboration format for the two agencies in working with CRTPO for funding. Both agencies will receive less money than before.

CATS CEO Report

Under the CEO's report, Carolyn Flowers discussed:

a. Bike Charlotte:

Bike Charlotte is April 25 through May 11. As in past years, CATS passengers with bicycles can ride for free during the week of May 4-10.

b. Transit Meetings:

CATS hosted the annual conference of the North Carolina Public Transportation Association (NCPTA) in April. The annual conference was previously held in Wilmington, but NCPTA wants to return to Charlotte next year. John Muth is on the planning committee for RailVolution. Charlotte was slated to host RailVolution for 2016 but hotel availability needs to be worked out. CATS will work with CRVA to reconcile the hotel issues.

c. Budget Update:

Staff continues to monitor sales tax receipts. There is still a deficit in sales tax revenues year-to-date, but staff hopes the shortfall will be recovered by the end of the year.

d. Ridership:

Ridership was significantly impacted by the weather in February and the beginning of March, but seems to be tracking back to normal levels.

The next MTC meeting will be May 28, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

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