

# Red Line Task Force Meeting Minutes

## October 27, 2010

There will be a November MTC Workshop the day of the November Task Force Meeting. There were not enough voting members to cancel the Task Force meeting even though it will overlap with the MTC Workshop. Chairman Woods will send out a notice on the November Task Force Meeting.

A Project Cost Savings Task Force meeting was held on October 8, 2010. The task force identified items that could be deferred and eliminated to decrease the cost of the project. HDR will provide a report outlining these options. The task force also discussed relocating the Mt. Mourne station to the southern edge of the Mooresville Lowe's campus. HDR will be tasked to provide a feasibility study of the relocation of the station.

Paul Morris, Greenleaf Strategies, LLC, reported on a series of meetings he has held with planners, developers and City Managers that are committed to continuing the project. Developers have requested a fixed project completion date in order to begin the process of development of potential sites. He stated that despite the economy, most developers are staying true to their original plans, however many of their project delivery dates have been delayed. Next steps will include meetings with the developers not present at the October meetings, including developers at the Charlotte stations.

Brian Nadolny reported that all consultants are now under contract.

### NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD:

During a meeting with Norfolk Southern Railroad (NSRR) John Muth, CATS Chief Development Officer and Deputy Director, briefly discussed the Red Line project. He is pursuing future meetings to continue further discussion. The goal for initial conversations with NSRR is the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2010. Paul Morris agreed to contact Secretary of NC Department of Transportation, Gene Conti, to assist with meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter goal.

### PLAN OF ACTION:

Jill Swain, Mayor of the Town of Huntersville, suggested it is imperative to have a coordinated plan of action for future meetings with planners, developers, and other stakeholders, and for Task Force members to maintain ongoing communication regarding meetings and other activities.

### NEW STARTS:

CATS has retained Todd Noelle to update the station area development/market figures to capture revised development actual and projections within a ½ mile of each Red Line station. The results of this analysis will likely play a significant role in future discussions regarding financing of the Red Line project including discussions regarding TIF, MSD or BID's.

CATS had a kickoff meeting with each of the Towns at the end of September to review the requirements for the New Starts Land Use Submittal, and milestone dates for submittal of the required information. The Towns have been submitting data, and it is being reviewed and assembled by Tina Votaw (CATS), J. Wells (Planning), and Keith Hendrichs, consultant to CATS.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

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| 1. Organize a visit of the Task Force to Lowes  | Mayor Woods   |
| 2. Contact Gene Conti to help expedite a 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter meeting with NSRR.   | Paul Morris   |
| 3. Request a report on the New Starts Process from the Rail-Volution conference from Carroll Gray for the next meeting.                   | Brian Nadolny |
| 4. Provide pictures of Portland's Commuter Rail System  | Brian Nadolny |
| 5. Task HDR to produce feasibility studies for a potential 24 <sup>th</sup> Street Station and the relocation of the Mooresville Station. | Brian Nadolny |

Minutes submitted by Penny Traywick

Attachment: Attendees list

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