



Charlotte City Council
Transportation & Planning Committee
Summary Minutes
October 28, 2019

COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan – (Information)
Regional Transit Study – (Information/Recommendation to full Council)
Silver Line Design & Environmental Study – (Recommendation to full Council)
I-77 Corridor Study – (information)

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Committee Members Present: Julie Eiselt (Chair), Greg Phipps, Braxton Winston, Dimple Ajmera

Committee Members Absent: LaWana Mayfield (Vice Chair)

Staff Resources: Taiwo Jaiyeoba, City Manager’s Office

Meeting Duration: 10:33 am – 11:44 pm

ATTACHMENTS

1. Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan: Presenter – Taiwo Jaiyeoba
2. Regional Transit Study: Presenter – John Muth
3. Silver Line Design & Environmental Study: Presenter – John Lewis
4. I-77 Corridor Study: Presenter - Augustin Rodriguez

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Assistant City Manager Taiwo Jaiyeoba gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan. Staff is wrapping up Phase 2 of the plan development process. Since the update in September, the growth scenarios have been shared with Council and the community and the information has been placed online. A public input/survey booklet to obtain feedback is also online.

Three Community Meetings were held in early October where nearly 200 people attended, and over 1200 people have been engaged in the process over the last few weeks. More than 1000 people have filled out the public input/survey booklet. 426 people completed it at a workshop or pop-up event and nearly 600 completed it online. The link to the public input/survey booklet has been e-mailed to the committee and staff asks that you share the link with your network and in your teams. Going forward staff will give an update of the public engagement and the growth scenarios early next year. Work will also begin on policy and strategy development and determining the policies needed to carry the preferred growth scenario to implementation.

Regional Transit Study

John Muth provided an overview of The Regional Transit Study. The regional transit study is a partnership between the City and the Metropolitan Transit Commission. The study is a stepping stone to greater conversations regionally and development of implementation strategies on an overall regional transit plan. The purpose is to share details about the regional transit plan to include area covered, plan deliverables, regional partners, process and next steps ahead of City Council vote for October 28 on a contract between CATS and Centralina Council on Governments (CCOG). The study area includes 12 counties across 2 states with 2.7 million people in an area across 5,866 square miles.

The study will look at local and integrated bus strategy in the region and how we can interconnect them, and look at rapid transit corridors that have been identified. Tools for long-term rapid transit planning are ROW preservation, land use and funding mechanisms across the region. Areas of coordination include cross-county connections, scheduling, fares, mobility hubs, maintenance facilities, park and ride and transportation demand management strategies. The plan will address new transportation technology, clear implementation strategies with defined next steps, roles and responsibilities as well as considerations for land use, freight impacts, regional coordination guidance, funding strategies. A collaborative process for implementation will also be developed.

Funding partners include:

- NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT)
- SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT)
- Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS)
- Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO)
- Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPS)
- Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO)
- Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study (RFATS)

\$1.7 million has been assembled from the funding partners to date. Additional potential funding partners include the US Economic Development Administration, the private sector and other local governments.

For next steps, on October 28, there will be a Charlotte City Council agenda item for contract with the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG). In mid-November, CCOG will execute the Consultant contract and have the initial plan kick off meeting at the end of 2019.

Silver Line Design & Environmental Study

CATS director, John Lewis presented to the committee the Silver Line Design and Environmental Study. This item will be on the November 12th Council agenda. The study allows CATS to advance with the design and environmental process for the transit oriented development and planning services contract for the Silver Line. CATS programmed \$50 million in its budget to advance the project. The contract will allow CATS to reach 65% design prior to entering the Federal process. The study will allow for beginning coordination with multiple NCDOT projects along the corridor. It is vitally important to be in line with NCDOT in the early design of these projects moving towards implementation and construction so there will not be anything hinders the project. NCDOT and CATS staff are in the coordination phase, working together to look at all options on these projects.

CATS is initiating a pre-project development phase prior to official entry into the FTA project development phase. The pre-project development phase will identify a more detailed cost estimate, time line, scope and possibly address local funding issues surrounding moving the project forward. Once the FTA Project Development stage starts, there is a two-year window to complete the project and be ready to move forward with a procurement process for construction, design, final design and engineering construction.

I-77 Corridor Study

Augustin Rodriguez provided the Committee an overview of the I-77 Corridor Study. The purpose of the study is to develop a master planning document that comprehensively capitalized on past efforts and generate a vision for the overall system. The study will identify strategies for achieving the vision through ongoing collaborative community engagement process. The study will prioritize a list of improvements along the study area, parallel networks and east/west connections for upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plans.

The study's limits are Statesville, NC to Rock Hill, SC and includes eleven jurisdictions, three counties, two states, seven agencies and two committees. The emphasis of the study is congestion management, connectivity within the network, investing/funding strategies, technology, multi-modal recommendations and land use coordination.

A kickoff meeting was conducted in September 2019 and the project is scheduled to be complete by September 2021. An internal meeting will be held November 5, 2019 to determine branding and data collection evaluation. Stakeholder meetings will be held before mid-December and an online survey and public engagement phase will begin by January 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.