

Meeting Minutes March 30, 2023

The purpose of this memorandum is to document the discussion at the meeting of the Beyond 77 Task Force held on March 30, 2023. See attached sign-in sheet for a list of attendees who took part in this meeting.

Items Discussed:

- Agustin Rodriguez updated the Task Force on recent efforts to advance Beyond 77 strategies and solutions (S&S) with similar recommendations of the CONNECT Beyond (CB) initiative.
- Beyond 77 (B77) S&Ss PM 6 (Policy to Engage Integrated Transit Services) and PM 10 (First-Mile/Last-Mile Transit Connection Policies) are similar to seven CB recommendations. Efforts are now underway to obtain funding from NCDOT to support pilot projects for:
 - a fare integration project between CATS and the CK Rider transit agency in Cabarrus County, and
 - a regional platform for Remix planning and scheduling software.
- Brian Elgort reviewed the Mobilization Digests.
 - The Digests' purpose is to provide Task Force members with "elevator speech" information about the 26 S&Ss under review by the Task Force.
 - Two examples were reviewed PM-9 Policy to Define Equitable Mobility and PR-4 Regional Strategy for Funding Alternatives.
 - Andy Grzymyski questioned the need for including the prioritization score because it lacked context, e.g., is the score of 70 for PR 4 a good score? Warren Cooksey suggested that a High, Medium, Low approach be employed. It was determined that staff would consider changes based on the input received.
 - Alex Rotenberry recommended including hyperlinks. Warren Cooksey suggested QR codes.
 - CRTPO staff will be updating the Mobilization Digests and emailing them to the Task Force in increments of 6-8 S&Ss over the upcoming weeks.
- Elle Tedder reviewed the Implementer Engagement Plan.
 - The presentation covered timeline, target Strategies and Solutions, consensus building, and implementer engagement.
 - The Plan's goal is to generate endorsements for Strategies & Solutions from colleagues and collaborators that can be used as leverage with implementers.
 - See Appendix I for a copy of BowStern's presentation.
- Brian Powers conducted a presentation. Its purpose was to start the Task Force's discussion of alternative funding.

- The Task Force S&S survey results ranked PR 4, Regional Strategy for Funding Alternatives, in a first-place tie with two other S&Ss.
- The Task Force's work will be to develop consensus on what to include in a regional strategy to address the PR-4's stated goal of developing a common vision and strategy that diversifies funding sources for critical needs, as well as reduces reliance on state and federal programs.
- The presentation provided a review of current funding sources and discussed recent efforts in North Carolina to identify alternative funding sources.
- Johanna Quinn stated that the increased property tax option was likely not viable. Other Task Force members agreed.
- Braxton Winston stated that Charlotte had developed a consensus on a sales tax increase because it was the most equitable option.
- See Appendix II for a copy of RS&H's presentation.

Action Items:

1. Staff to finalize Mobilization Digest, including how to reflect prioritization scores.
2. BowStern to contact Task Force members about taking part in Phase 1 Coordination open houses and about who needs to be involved.
3. Task Force members to continue familiarization and provide feedback to the FAST website - [FAST Website - click here](#)
4. Task force members to identify both the preferred alternative funding source(s) and those which would be unfeasible.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 25, 2023 – 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, in-person only at [2145 Suttle Ave. Charlotte NC](#)

Please contact Agustin Rodriguez at agustin.rodriquez@charlottenc.gov if any changes to these minutes are needed.

Beyond 77 Task Force Meeting #6 Sign-in Sheet (Mar 30, 2023)
 All Remote Participants

Name	Agency/Organization
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Andy Grzymiski	Charlotte DOT
Arthur Cashwell	Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO
Dr. Mike Miltich	Former CRTPO Board Chair
Dr. Sylvia Bittle-Patton	Cherry Community Organization
Irene Ivie	Mecklenburg County
Johanna Quinn	Charlotte DOT
Michelle Nance	Centralina Regional Council
MPT Braxton Winston	City of Charlotte Council
Mshauri A.J. Simmons	All Means, The Males Place, UNCC
Tim Gibbs	Former Transportation Planner
Tony Lathrop	NC Board of Transportation
Warren Cooksey	NCDOT - Turnpike Authority
Agustin Rodriguez	CRTPO Staff
Bob Cook	CRTPO Staff
Brian Elgort	CRTPO Staff
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