



Board of Delegates Agenda

Wednesday, October 9, 2019
CCOG Office
9815 David Taylor Drive
Charlotte, NC 28262

Chairman Bobby Compton will convene a meeting of the **Centralina COG Board of Delegates on Wednesday, October 9, 2019** with a working dinner.

Time	Item	Presenter
6:00 p.m.	CCOG Open House During this time, CCOG staff will be available to answer questions about the organization's ongoing work in the region.	CCOG Staff
6:15 p.m.	Dinner Please RSVP to Kelly Weston at kweston@centralina.org or (704) 348-2728 by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 so that catering can be arranged.	Kelly Weston
6:30 p.m.	Call to Order	Bobby Compton
	Invocation	
	Amendments to the Agenda (if any)	
Consent Items: <i>Consent agenda items may be considered in one motion and without discussion except for those items removed by a Board member.</i>		
6:35 p.m. Item 1 Pages 4 - 5	CCOG Bylaws Amendment The Board of Delegates is asked to consider amending the CCOG bylaws to move the annual report presentation from the February Board of Delegates meeting to the October meeting. Action/Recommendation: <i>Motion to amend Article VIII, Section A of the CCOG bylaws as presented.</i>	Kelly Weston
Item 2 Pages 7 - 11	Approval of the August 14, 2019 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes The minutes of the August 14, 2019 meeting were distributed to all members of the Board of Delegates and should be approved, if correct. Action/Recommendation: <i>Motion to approve the August 14, 2019 Board of Delegates meeting minutes.</i>	Bobby Compton
Regular Business Items:		
6:40 p.m. Item 3 15 minutes Pages 13 - 15	Centralina Health Solutions Center Presentation CCOG staff will give a presentation on the health issues applicable to our communities, recent project highlights, services available to members, and a preview of upcoming conferences. Action/Recommendation: <i>Provide conference information to your manager and council/commission and encourage attendance.</i>	Michelle Nance and Angel Vanover
6:55 p.m. Item 4 30 minutes Pages 17 - 21	Regional Transit Plan Policy Committee Recommendations The Board of Delegates will provide recommendations for appointment to a regional committee that will advise on the regional transit planning effort. The Board is asked to provide recommendations for elected officials from their county with an interest in transit and mobility. Action/Recommendation: <i>The CCOG Board of Delegates will caucus by county.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>County Caucus Appointees - Each county will select two CCOG Delegates to represent that county on the Regional Transit Plan Policy Committee.</i> • <i>Chair Appointees - Each county will also identify names of additional elected officials from their county that would be good candidates for the Chair appointees. Potential candidates include those with an interest in</i> 	Michelle Nance



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	<i>transportation/transit, knowledge of transportation/transit, are representative of a key community, provide geographic distribution, urban/rural diversity, etc.</i>	
7:25 p.m. Item 5 30 minutes Page 23	Census 2020 Presentation and Engagement Activity The Board of Delegates will receive information about the upcoming decennial census and provide feedback to guide CCOG’s activities in leading regional collaboration on this issue over the next six months. Action/Recommendation: <i>Provide feedback on county level priorities for CCOG support of regional Census 2020 engagement</i>	Geraldine Gardner
7:55 p.m. 5 minutes	Comments from the Board of Delegates	Board Members
8:00 p.m. 5 minutes	Comments from the Chairman	Bobby Compton
8:05 p.m. 5 minutes	Comments from the Executive Director	Geraldine Gardner
8:10 p.m.	Adjournment	Bobby Compton
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Item 1



Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	October 9, 2019	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:		Regular:	X
Submitting Person:	Kelly Weston	Presentation Time:	N/A			
Presenter at Meeting:	Bobby Compton Geraldine Gardner	Phone Number:	704-348-2703			
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Submitting Department:	Gov. Affairs & Member Engagement	Department Head Approval:	Geraldine Gardner			
Description of Agenda Item:						
The Board of Delegates is asked to consider amending the CCOG bylaws to move the annual report presentation from the February Board of Delegates meeting to the October meeting.						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
At the September 11, 2019 Executive Board meeting, staff presented a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section A of the CCOG Bylaws regarding the Board of Delegates meeting schedule to adjust the timing of the annual report presentation. Staff believes this presentation should take place closer to the end of the fiscal year covered in the report. The Executive Board unanimously voted to recommend that the Board of Delegates approve the bylaws amendment at its October 9, 2019 meeting.						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
Motion amending Article VIII, Section A of the CCOG bylaws as presented.						
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	If the amendment is approved, the change will go into effect for the FY20 annual report, which will be presented at the October 2020 Board of Delegates meeting. The FY19 annual report will be presented under the old schedule at the February 2020 Board of Delegates meeting.					
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None.					
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	Centralina Council of Governments Proposed Bylaws Amendment for Board of Delegates Consideration – October 9, 2019					

CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Proposed Bylaws Amendments for Board of Delegates Consideration
October 9, 2019**

Article VIII: COUNCIL MEETINGS

A. **Time and Place:** The Council shall hold a regular meeting on the second Wednesday of the months of February, May, August and October at such time and place as shall be designated by the Executive Director. The first meeting of the calendar year is the Annual Meeting. ~~for the purpose of reviewing~~ **The annual report of the activities of the preceding fiscal year will be presented at the Council's last meeting of the calendar year.** The Chair or Executive Board may change the day of any regular meeting, but not the month, provided notice of such change is given to each delegate at least ten (10) business days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Executive Board, and shall be called by the Chair upon the written request of at least five (5) delegates. Notice of any special meeting shall be given to each delegate not less than five (5) business days prior thereto; and such notice shall specifically set forth the purpose of such special meeting and the matters to be considered at such meeting. Matters not contained in the notice of a special meeting may not be considered.

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[End of proposed Amendments.]



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Item 2



**Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019**

Jurisdictions Present	Represented By	Jurisdictions Not Present
Anson County	Jarvis Woodburn	Albemarle
Badin	Deloris Chambers	Ansonville
Bessemer City	Kay McCathen	Belmont
Cabarrus County	Lynn Shue	Charlotte
Concord	Terry Crawford	Cherryville
Cramerton	Will Cauthen	Cleveland
East Spencer	Deloris High	Cornelius
Gaston County	Ronnie Worley and Bob Hovis	Dallas
Gastonia	Walker Reid	Davidson
Granite Quarry	Bill Feather	Faith
Huntersville	Nick Walsh	Harrisburg
Lincoln County	Rich Permenter	Hemby Bridge
Locust	Rusty Efir	Iredell County
Marshville	Frank Deese	Kings Mountain
McAdenville	Jay McCosh	Landis
Mecklenburg County	Trevor Fuller	Lincolnton
Midland	John Crump	Lowell
Misenheimer	Jeff Watson	Marvin
Mooresville	Bobby Compton	Matthews
Morven	Theodore Carr	Mineral Springs
Spencer	Mike Boone	Mint Hill
Stallings	David Scholl	Monroe
Stanly County	Zach Almond	Mount Holly
Statesville	Michael Johnson and William Morgan	Norwood
Troutman	Paul Bryant	Oakboro
Wadesboro	Bill Thacker	Pineville
		Ranlo
		Richfield
		Salisbury
		Stanley
		Union County
		Waxhaw
		Weddington
		Wingate

Call to Order

Chairman Bobby Compton, Town of Mooresville, called the meeting to order. He welcomed new CCOG Delegates, Council Member Terry Crawford, City of Concord, and Council Member Rusty Efir, City of Locust. He also welcomed former CCOG Chair and former City of Charlotte Mayor and Council Member, Patsy Kinsey.

Invocation

Chairman Compton gave the invocation.

Amendments to the Agenda

There were no amendments to the agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. **NC Local Government Records Retention Schedule**
2. **CCOG Bylaws Amendment**
3. **Approval of the February 13, 2019 and May 8, 2019 Board of Delegates Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chairman Jay McCosh, Town of McAdenville, made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lynn Shue, Cabarrus County, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Federal Workplan Update

Leslie Mozingo, Strategics Consulting, explained that she assists CCOG in advocating for regional priorities on the federal level. She noted that the Executive Board recently approved the Federal Workplan included in the agenda packet. She explained that the goals of the plan are to (1) build, maintain and enhance relationships with Members of Congress and the federal agencies, (2) develop advocacy strategies around the items in the approved CCOG Federal Action Plan in coordination with the Executive Director and department directors, (3) provide knowledge and support on competitive grant opportunities, and (4) respond to troubleshooting requests on federal issues.

Ms. Mozingo introduced the following staff from the region’s U.S. Congressional offices who were in attendance:

- Kay Tembo, Senior District Liaison for Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)
- Sara Blackburn, Constituent Services Representative for Congressman Ted Budd (NC-13)
- Georgia Lozier, Deputy District Director for Congressman Richard Hudson (NC-08)
- Brett Keeter, District Director for Congressman Patrick McHenry (NC-10)
- James Estes, Regional Representative for Senator Thom Tillis

Treasurer William Morgan, City of Statesville, expressed his appreciation for Ms. Mozingo’s work on behalf of CCOG and its member governments and for the Congressional offices’ efforts on behalf of the region.

Chairman Compton noted that he attended a meeting on July 31st with Congressman Ted Budd in which they discussed competitive grants eligibility, fiscal year funding, Older Americans Act reauthorization, the federal surface transportation reauthorization bill, and alternative fuels tax and infrastructure funding. He thanked the staff members from the Congressional offices for attending the Board of Delegates meeting.

5. Video Message from Senator Thom Tillis

Mr. Estes noted that all of the Congressional offices want to be resources for local governments and invited the Delegates to talk with the staff representatives about how the offices can be of assistance. He added that the offices can provide letters of support for grant applications. He noted the importance of regionalism. As an example, he noted that a group of 17 counties within the state applied for and received a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation that will fund the repair of 77 bridges in those areas. He added that the Senator’s office has a staff member who will advocate for local governments’ federal grant applications.

Mr. Estes presented a pre-recorded video message from Senator Tillis, in which the Senator noted that his office is available to assist in securing federal grants and navigating the federal government. He noted that his advocacy to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation has helped secure over \$100 million for projects in the Charlotte region, including the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) Blue Line Extension and upgrades to the intermodal rail facility. He congratulated the organization on recently celebrating its 50th anniversary.

6. Strategic Review Update and FY20 Workplan Preview

Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, explained that CCOG has completed its strategic review process, which engaged the organization’s staff, Delegates, local government staff and other constituents. The purpose of the review was to identify ways CCOG can evolve to meet the region’s changing needs, ensure the organization has the best infrastructure for its work, and promote and increase awareness of the organization’s work. She presented four strategic review process deliverables. The first deliverable was the new mission statement: “Centralina leads regional collaboration and sparks local action to expand opportunity and improve quality of life. We do this through creative problem solving, innovative service delivery, and support to our local governments.”

The second deliverable was a set of core values based on the acronym LEAD ACT: listen and speak with care; embrace boldness and flexibility; accelerate collaboration; deliver expertise with sincerity; act with integrity and empathy; commit to our communities; take care of ourselves and each other

The third deliverable was the FY20 CCOG workplan, which includes each department’s workplan, goals, strategies, projects, and performance measures.

The fourth deliverable was a set of seven CCOG priorities: (1) manage cross-jurisdictional collaboration for coordinated regional growth, (2) expand regional mobility choices and connections, (3) improve the health and resilience of individuals, communities and our region, (4) facilitate business infrastructure and investments in our local communities and regional economy, (5) provide talent strategies and solutions for a qualified and competitive workforce, (6) support and champion our local governments, and (7) enhance CCOG operations, infrastructure and partnerships.

Ms. Gardner asked the Delegates to provide feedback on the workplan by September 4th. She added that the Executive Board will review and approve final versions of the workplan at its September 11th meeting. The workplan will officially roll out at the October CCOG staff meeting and the October 9th Board of Delegates meeting.

In response to a question from Commissioner Trevor Fuller, Mecklenburg County, regarding supports to younger adults and families, Ms. Gardner explained that CCOG will reach those groups through the organization’s healthy communities work and through sharing planning policies and best practices with member governments.

7. FY20 Project Spotlight Briefing

Ms. Gardner explained that CCOG staff is committed to providing the Board of Delegates with a quarterly report of the organization’s work. She asked the Delegates to share a packet of handouts with their communities and report on what CCOG is doing in the region. She introduced CCOG staff members for presentations spotlighting one of their department’s projects.

Emily Hickok, Marketing and Communications Manager, noted that CCOG will issue a Request for Proposals this fall to identify an agency that can assist with creating a new website, logo, and design standards manual. She added that the Board of Delegates will be asked to provide feedback on the logo and website designs at future meetings, as well as become brand champions once these projects are completed.

Jason Wager, Principal Planner, explained that one of the takeaways from the Regional Transit Engagement Series that began in 2017 was that the region is ready for a regional transit plan. He noted that in the future, the Board of Delegates will be asked to adopt a regional transit plan. He asked the Delegates to share the project summary with other elected officials and staff in their communities in the meantime. He added that CCOG anticipates forming a subcommittee of Delegates that will be able to bring back transit plan recommendations to the Board of Delegates.

Katie Kutcher, Aging Programs Coordinator, explained that CCOG’s mobility management efforts focus on coordination between transportation providers in the region to improve transportation options for older adults and people with disabilities. She asked the Board of Delegates to continue supporting regional mobility management efforts and to continue participating in regional transit planning activities.

Mike Manis, Community and Economic Development Director, encouraged the Delegates to visit the new Centralina Economic Development District portal at www.centralinaedd.org. He explained that the portal features interactive, economic data for local governments and economic developers. He asked the Delegates to let him know if they would be interested in having a presentation on the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy at an upcoming board or council meeting in their community.

David Hollars, Centralina Workforce Development Board Executive Director, presented an overview of Career Headlight, an online tool that helps students and career seekers to identify jobs within the region that match their interests and skillsets. He asked the Board of Delegates to share the Career Headlight handout with citizens in their community and to encourage their local libraries to allow his staff to conduct training on the tool. He also asked the Delegates to encourage their school systems and community colleges to allow his staff to discuss the benefits of Career Headlight.

Secretary Jarvis Woodburn, Anson County, made a motion committing the Board of Delegates to share with their respective councils, commissions, and boards highlights from the CCOG Quarterly Report and FY20 Project Spotlight Briefing Sheet. Commissioner Shue seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. NC Radar Project Presentation

Brad Panovich, NBC Charlotte, and Kevin Hartman, NC Radar Project, gave an overview of the project. Mr. Panovich explained that there is a lack of doppler radar in parts of the state west of Raleigh that has created a radar coverage gap impacting 41% of the state’s population, including the Centralina region. He added that the lack of radar coverage has caused missed tornado warnings and higher false alarms in the region. He described efforts to address the issue at the federal level. He presented a proposed solution that would place radars in the gap areas and improve National Weather Service (NWS) and local news stations’ ability to share safety information with the public. He added that there is a need for funding upfront costs associated with the project, as well as ongoing maintenance and communication expenses. He added that private partners are being considered if government funds cannot be secured for the project.

In response to a question from Chairman Compton regarding an existing radar tower in Charlotte, Mr. Panovich explained that the radar was installed by the Federal Aviation Administration for airport use and is not a solution to the coverage gap.

In response to a question from Commissioner Rich Permenter, Lincoln County, about the project costs, Mr. Panovich explained that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NWS have agreed to pay for the project’s data costs. He further explained that currently, local news stations have access to private companies’ radars, but the NWS cannot provide data to those radars.

In response to a question from Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Watson, Village of Misenheimer, regarding the impact on weather radios, Mr. Panovich explained that some of the project’s goals are for the NWS to have access to all radars and to lower the false alarm rate.

In response to a question from Commissioner Fuller regarding project barriers, Mr. Panovich explained that past efforts to address the coverage gap have involved outreach to the federal government, but there has been a lack of federal funding for this need. He noted that communities in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area used public-private partnerships to fund a similar project. He added that funding may not be as much of a barrier as determining who will control the proposed radar system.

Commissioner Bob Hovis, Gaston County, noted that the lack of radar coverage impacts Charlotte Douglas International Airport, which is a reason for public support of the project.

Mayor Will Cauthen, Town of Cramerton, made a motion authorizing CCOG staff to participate in the NC Radar Project in coordination with federal, state, and local partners.

Alderman Mike Boone, Town of Spencer, noted that Duke Energy should be involved in the project.

In response to a question from Commissioner Permenter, Mr. Panovich explained that the NWS will not agree to maintain the proposed radar system.

Commissioner Ronnie Worley, Gaston County, seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Comments from the Executive Director

There were no comments from the Executive Director.

Comments from the Board of Delegates

In response to a question from Vice Chairman McCosh regarding the timeline for coordinating with other COGs on the NC Radar Project, Ms. Gardner explained that the sense of urgency exists, but the COGs must further discuss project management logistics to move forward.

Mayor Bill Feather, Town of Granite Quarry, requested the Delegates receive a copy of the NC Radar Project presentation to share with their communities.

Comments from the Chairman

Chairman Compton asked the Delegates to provide Ms. Gardner with comments on the proposed CCOG mission statement, values, and priorities for the FY20 workplan by September 4th.

He reminded the Delegates that the next Board of Delegates meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the CCOG office. He asked the Delegates to send an Alternate on their behalf if they are unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman Compton also encouraged the Delegates to attend a Disaster Recovery and Economic Resiliency Workshop at the CCOG office on September 10th. He added that the event is designed for counties that received a disaster declaration for Hurricanes Florence and Michael and will provide information about grant and technical resources to help support local communities' disaster recovery efforts.

He also pointed out that Census 2020 materials are available on the CCOG website at www.centralina.org. He noted that CCOG will convene a meeting of representatives of the Complete Count Committees in the region to share best practices and practical tips for census promotion and engaging hard-to-count populations.

He asked the Delegates to complete the survey at their tables to provide CCOG staff with feedback on the organization's newsletter and on the structure, format, content, and timing of the Board of Delegates meetings.

Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, Chairman Compton adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.



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Item 3



Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	October 9, 2019	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:		Regular:	x
Submitting Person:	Michelle Nance/Linda Miller	Presentation Time:	15 minutes			
Presenter at Meeting:	Michelle Nance and Angel Vanover	Phone Number:	704-348-2709			
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Submitting Department:	Planning and Aging	Department Head Approval:	Michelle Nance / Linda Miller			
Description of Agenda Item:						
Presentation on the health issues applicable to our communities, recent project highlight, services available to members, and a preview of upcoming conferences.						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
The Centralina Health Solutions Center is a joint venture of the Planning and Aging departments at CCOG, aimed at helping local governments create healthy, lifelong communities. The presentation will highlight current trends and demographics that will impact your community and a recent project that paired transportation, access, community involvement, and access to opportunities for physical activity. Two applicable conferences are planned in November 2019, that will explore the issues impacting local governments.						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
Provide conference information to your manager and council/commission and encourage attendance.						
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	Two conferences coming up in November 2019.					
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None.					
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for Healthy Communities Flyer • Centralina Area Agency on Aging Annual Conference Flyer 					



2019 PLANNING FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 5 • 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

GASTONIA CONFERENCE CENTER • 145 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WAY • GASTONIA, NC 28052

THE INTERSECTION OF HEALTH AND COMMUNITY PLANNING

This program is designed for public health officials, land use planners, transportation planners, city and county managers, park and recreation officials, elected officials and planning boards. Discover best practices and tools to create healthy, lifelong communities with a compelling keynote address, lightning round presentations, breakout sessions and mobile tours on placemaking and walkability. Includes a light breakfast and lunch.



Keynote Speaker: Cornell P. Wright

Executive Director, N.C. Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Mr. Wright will speak on the state's efforts toward eliminating health disparities experienced by racial/ethnic minorities and findings from the 2018 Health Equity Report.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS \$100 (Until October 18)

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Plan4Health19>

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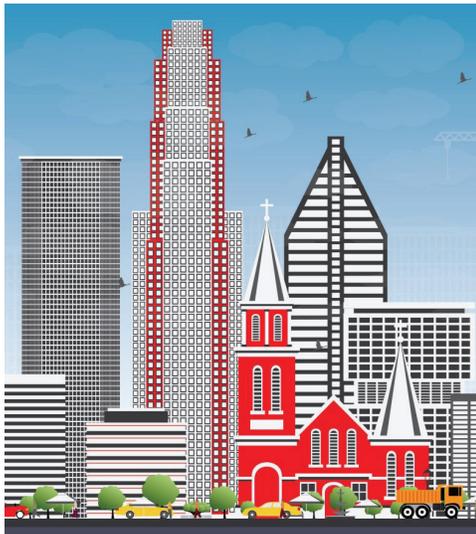


2019 CENTRALINA AGING CONFERENCE

The 20th Annual Aging Conference will be held at
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Charlotte

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Item 4



Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	October 9, 2019	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:		Regular:	x
Submitting Person:	Michelle Nance	Presentation Time:	30 minutes			
Presenter at Meeting:	Michelle Nance	Phone Number:	704-348-2709			
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Alternate Contact:		Phone Number:				
		Email:				
Submitting Department:	Planning	Department Head Approval:	Michelle Nance			
Description of Agenda Item:						
<p>The Board of Delegates will provide recommendations for appointment to a regional committee that will advise on the regional transit planning effort. The Board is asked to provide recommendations for elected officials from their county with an interest in transit and mobility.</p>						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
<p>The Chair would like to establish a regional committee of elected officials to advise on the regional transit planning effort. The role of the committee includes active involvement in the planning process, providing input and guidance on plan development, and keeping the Board of Delegates up to date through periodic communications and reports. Over the next two years, it is anticipated that this committee will be invited to attend 4-6 meetings per year, which may be in the form of joint policy committee and technical committee working sessions, public engagement meetings, or consultant led briefings. Ultimately, this group will provide a recommendation to the full CCOG board on adoption of the plan. The plan will also be taken for adoption before the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC), the policy board for the Charlotte Area Transit System.</p> <p>The Regional Transit Plan Policy Committee will include a mix of CCOG Delegates and additional elected officials from throughout the region with an interest in transportation and transit policy, development, and local and regional impacts. The committee will also be representative of the region in terms of geography, community size, urban/rural interests, etc.</p> <p>The committee makeup will include CCOG Delegates and Chair Appointees, which will include elected officials from across the region (including South Carolina) to round out the committee.</p>						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
<p>The CCOG Board of Delegates will caucus by county.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Caucus Appointees - Each county will select two CCOG Delegates to represent that county on the Regional Transit Plan Policy Committee. • Chair Appointees - Each county will also identify names of additional elected officials from their county that would be good candidates for the Chair appointees. Potential candidates include those with an interest in transportation/transit, knowledge of transportation/transit, are representative of a key community, provide geographic distribution, urban/rural diversity, etc. 						
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	The Regional Transit Plan Policy Committee should be formed by early November, 2019. A project kick off meeting is anticipated before the end of 2019.					



Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None.
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Transit Plan Update• Template for Caucus



Regional Transit Planning

A regional transit system which offers local transportation choice emerged as a top growth priority from the three-year, 14-county, bi-state planning process known as *CONNECT Our Future*. Through the **Regional Transit Engagement Series**, the region has taken an in-depth look at the importance of integrated, reliable, mobility options as a means of retaining and growing this region’s economic competitiveness and quality of life by providing transportation choices, increased access to jobs, education, medical services, and local economic development and placemaking. With this input our region now embarks on the creation of a shared **Regional Transit Vision and Implementation Strategies** to move us forward, together.

Why is Regional Transit Important?

Global Competitiveness | More Modes Than Roads | Retaining Community Identity
Growing and Changing Demographics | Economic Mobility | Increased Access
Community Growth Opportunities | Technology Integration

Counties Included in the Project Area:

The project area includes Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Stanly and Union counties in North Carolina and the urbanized areas of Lancaster and York counties in South Carolina (within the Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study geography).



What's Been Done to Date

- ◆ In 2017, the Metropolitan Transit Commission and the Centralina Council of Governments partnered to kick-off a Regional Transit Engagement Series.
- ◆ Eighteen forums were conducted in eight counties in North Carolina and South Carolina to assess transit needs and opportunities.
- ◆ In May 2018, a Regional Transit Summit was held and resulted in a call to action for a shared regional vision for transit - a Regional Transit Plan.
- ◆ In late 2018, 24 meetings were conducted to build a scope of work for the plan and broaden the stakeholder base.
- ◆ In mid 2019, meetings were held with transit representatives in Anson, Cleveland, Rowan, and Stanly counties to assess rural mobility needs and key elements for a transit plan scope.
- ◆ From 2017 - 2019, quarterly meetings held with rural transit service providers across the region.
- ◆ Engagement participants included local and state planning, transportation and transit staff, local government managers, elected officials, economic development organizations, major employers, institutional leaders (hospitals, colleges, etc.) and key state and federal government staff.



Up Next: Regional Transit Vision and Implementation

- ◆ Develop a single, coordinated transit vision for the project area that includes multiple transit modes.
- ◆ Identify rapid transit corridors as extensions to the Charlotte Area Transit System 2030 plan and in coordination with other regional and local transportation plans.
- ◆ Develop action-oriented strategies to support:
 - ◇ Improved mobility and access.
 - ◇ Effective and coordinated transit investments.
 - ◇ Coordinated transit operations to meet the needs of a growing and changing population.
- ◆ Identify key topics and methods for regional coordination.

To learn more, contact Jason Wager at jwager@centralina.org or 704-348-2707.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION



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Action Needed: Creation of a Regional Transit Plan Policy Committee

The CCOG Board of Delegates will caucus by county.

- County Caucus Appointees - Each county will select two CCOG Board Delegates to represent that county on the Regional Transit Plan Policy Committee.
- Chair Appointees - Each county will also identify up to three (3) names of additional elected officials from the county that would be good candidates for the Chair appointees. Potential candidates include those with an interest in transportation/transit, knowledge of transportation/transit, are representative of a key community, provide geographic distribution, urban/rural diversity, etc.

After the meeting, the Chair will review the list of potential Chair Appointees and select representatives that would create a qualified, diversified committee. Invitations will be distributed to Chair Appointees. The goal is to have the committee in place before a project kick off meeting, which is anticipated by the end of 2019.

County:	
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County Caucus Appointees – Nomination of CCOG Delegates

	Name	Local Government Affiliation
County Caucus Appointee 1:		
County Caucus Appointee 2:		

Chair Appointees – Nomination of Potential Candidates from Your County (Elected Officials)

	Name	Local Government Affiliation	Regional Transportation /Transit Interests
Proposed Nominee 1:			
Proposed Nominee 2:			
Proposed Nominee 3:			



Centralina Council of Governments

Item 5



Board Agenda Item Cover Sheet

Board Meeting Date:	October 9, 2019	Agenda Item Type:	Consent:		Regular:	x
Submitting Person:	Geraldine Gardner	Presentation Time:	30 minutes			
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Submitting Department:	Govt. Affairs and Member Engagement	Department Head Approval:				
Description of Agenda Item:						
<p>The Board of Delegates will receive information about the upcoming decennial census and provide feedback to guide CCOG’s activities in leading regional collaboration on this issue over the next six months.</p>						
Background & Basis of Recommendations:						
<p>The Decennial Census, or Census 2020, will commence on April 1, 2020, however, planning is underway to ensure a successful or complete count across our region, the state and the country. Census data is vital to a range of government processes, including planning decisions, political districting, and funding from state and federal sources. Over \$675 billion per year is distributed to state and local governments using Census numbers, corresponding to \$1,828 in funding per capita. Census 2020 will have utilized web and phone-based responses, in addition to in-person census counters. Paper submissions have been eliminated. Councils of Government across the nation are supporting their local “Complete Count Committees” set up to support census outreach and information dissemination. CCOG held a workshop featuring state and federal officials sharing information with local government staff about Census 2020. At the workshop, participants expressed a desire for CCOG to play a role in supporting county efforts to ensure our region is counted. CCOG engaged the Regional Managers Group and received similar feedback. After sharing key facts about the census and our region’s readiness to count, CCOG staff will seek feedback from Delegates about local concerns about the census process, including the new electronic counting process, and how to engage “hard to count” populations. CCOG will use this feedback to inform its Census support activities over the next six months.</p>						
Requested Action / Recommendation:						
Provide feedback on county level priorities for CCOG support of regional Census 2020 engagement						
Time Sensitivity: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
Budget Impact: <i>(none or explain)</i>	None					
Attachments: <i>(none or list)</i>	None					