



**Advancing the Plan Committee Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2023**

Jurisdictions/Organization	Committee Members Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
City of Kannapolis City of Salisbury Gaston Business Alliance Anson County City of Gastonia Gaston County Charlotte Regional Business Alliance City of Kings Mountain Gaston County Mecklenburg County Town of Davidson Huntersville NC Department of Transportation Cabarrus County City of Charlotte Town of Waxhaw	Darrell Hinnant Karen Alexander Pat Mumford Jarvis Woodburn Jennifer Stepp Bob Hovis Janet LaBar Scott Neisler Kim Eagle Leigh Altman Rusty Knox Melinda Bales Tony Lathrop Mike Downs Ed Driggs Ron Pappas	Michelle Nance, Centralina Jason Wager, Centralina Narissa Claiborne, Centralina Sarah Niess, Centralina Geraldine Gardner, Centralina Luke Lowry, Centralina Guests Bob Cook, CRTPO

Call to Order

Co-Chair Mayor Hinnant, City of Kannapolis, called the meeting to order and proceeded with brief introductions of all meeting attendees. Mayor Hinnant turned the meeting over to Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director, Centralina Regional Council to review the meeting’s agenda and objectives:

Meeting objectives:

- **Share** updates on local legislative activities and **review** resources for Committee members to support communication efforts about the project
- **Learn** about the regional TDM program development project and **engage** in connecting the business community to TDM
- **Reflect** on 2021 Funding & Partnership Working Group analysis of “Current State” and prioritize work as a group
- Using input from the Committee’s homework assignment as a model, **identify and prioritize** themes of regional governance approaches to inform upcoming peer region analysis

Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of March 24, 2023 meeting minutes**

Commissioner Hovis called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes.
Seconded by: Commissioner Woodburn
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Agenda Item #2: Ideas in Action - Latest Project Updates

Item 2a: General Project Updates

Ms. Gardner recapped some recent CONNECT Beyond legislative activities, including her meetings with legislators as part of NCARCOG Legislative Day. Centralina met with Senator Johnson (Senate) and Representative Crutchfield (House) who are sponsors in the legislature for Centralina’s requested CONNECT Beyond implementation funding. Centralina is also working on two major federal grants related to CONNECT Beyond. EPA’s Climate and Pollution Reduction grant and the Build America Bureau: Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant, with deadlines at the end of May.

Item 2b: Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan Development, Scott Curry, Kittelson & Associates, covered the basics of transportation demand management (TDM) and reminded the Committee that TDM is a key near-term recommendation of the CONNECT Beyond plan. Mr. Curry also reviewed some example TDM strategies and the possible benefits of these strategies. After the presentation, the Committee broke into small groups to discuss how the TDM program can best connect with employers and the business community in region.

3. Agenda Item #3: Evaluating Today: Revisiting and Prioritizing 2021 Current State Analysis

Ms. Gardner led the Committee through a review of the 2021 Funding & Partnership Working Group analysis of the “Current State of Partnerships,” as well as the Homework Survey results that the Committee recently completed. These homework inputs will inform upcoming research on peer regions.

4. Agenda Item #4: Looking Forward: Identifying Regional Governance Themes

Jason Wager, Assistant Regional Planning Director for Centralina Regional Council, revisited the work that the Committee has already done and forecasted work remaining on Committee goal of exploring options for a regional governance model. The Committee split out into small groups to expand on their homework responses to discuss potential responsibilities for a regional transit entity. The Committee then heard information about the timing and requirements of federal grant opportunities (Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act) and broke into small groups to discuss the impact of this funding on their work.

Closing Comments

Mayor Hinnant asked the members for some closing comments and then adjourned the meeting.