



**Advancing the Plan Committee Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2023**

Jurisdictions/Organization	Committee Members Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
City of Charlotte City of Salisbury NC Public Transportation Gaston Business Alliance Anson County Gaston County Charlotte Regional Business Alliance City of Kings Mountain City of Charlotte City of Concord Mecklenburg County Town of Davidson Huntersville NC Department of Transportation Mecklenburg County Town of Waxhaw Centralina Regional Council	Vi Lyles Karen Alexander David Rhew Pat Mumford Jarvis Woodburn Jennifer Stepp Janet LaBar Scott Neisler Marcus Jones Lloyd Payne Leigh Altman Rusty Knox Melinda Bales Tony Lathrop Dena Diorio Ron Pappas Geraldine Gardner	Michelle Nance, Centralina Jason Wager, Centralina Narissa Claiborne, Centralina Sarah Niess, Centralina Jason Lawrence, CATS Guests Lauren Livingston, City of Charlotte Randi Gates, GCLMPO Patrick McDonough, HDR Kevin Walsh, HDR Media Alex Sands, Axios

Call to Order

Co-Chair Mayor Lyles, City of Charlotte, called the meeting to order. Mayor Lyles then revisited the Advancing the Plan Committee year-end goals, as well as the meeting’s agenda and objectives:

Meeting objectives:

- Learn about project updates, recent grant requests, and onboarding implementation consultants.
- Review peer models and identify insights/lessons for building blocks of a regional governance approach.
- Reflect on Committee year-end goals and define outputs for Committee to work towards

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of May 19, 2023, meeting minutes

Committee members motioned, seconded, and approved May 19, 2023,

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

Jason Wager, Director of Regional Planning at Centralina Regional Council, gave an overview of CONNECT Beyond’s latest implementation activities, including: Regional TDM Program: A key CONNECT Beyond recommendation is the development of a regional TDM program. The project team is currently convening a TDM Steering Committee that will meet now through next spring. This summer the TDM Steering Committee will be reviewing peers’ regions for best practices and will identify TDM “hot spots” in the region.

Seamless CONNECTIONs: CATS is submitting a grant to NCDOT to increase regional transit coordination through a shared scheduling software, Remix. If implemented, this will improve coordination between transit operators in the region.

Grants: Centralina submitted two grants in May for federal funding: (1) Climate and Pollution Reduction Grant and (2) Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant.

Implementation Consultants: Centralina has officially engaged HDR as the lead consultant for on-call implementation services. Kevin Walsh and Patrick McDonough briefly introduced themselves and gave an overview of their team and the work they will be assisting with. In addition to team members involved in the initial CONNECT Beyond plan development project, HDR has incorporated some new team members to bring new and fresh perspectives.

3. Agenda Item #3: Towards a Regional Governance Model and Peer Region Research (9:00-10:00)

Geraldine Gardner, Executive Director for Centralina Regional Council, began the discussion of the peer region research with a framing of the discussion around: (1) Reality of current statutes used to form the Triad and Triangle RTAs; (2) Responsibility of this group to conduct a deliberate process of reviewing peer regions; and (3) Timing of federal funding opportunities and need to pursue opportunities in parallel with this Committee’s work.

Peer Region Research Discussion:

Ms. Gardner presented Committee members with two models that most of the peer regions fall into – Model 1 encompasses regional collaboration around rider experience and planning; Model 2 incorporates into an RTA structure both infrastructure and operational transit functions. Committee members engaged in an activity to prioritize specific transit functions of both models into shorter and longer-term timeframes.

4. Agenda Item #4: Throughline for Committee Year-end Goals (10:00-10:20)

Michelle Nance, Deputy Executive Director for Centralina Regional Council, reviewed the Committee’s goals and gave an update on where we are on each goal. Ms. Nance

covered what the Committee will cover in the remaining two meetings, including the final written output for the Committee.

Closing Comments

Mayor Lyles thanked Committee members for their time and participation and adjourned the meeting.