



**Advancing the Plan Committee Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2023**

Jurisdictions/Organization	Committee Members Present	Centralina Staff and Guests Present
City of Kannapolis City of Charlotte NC Public Transportation Gaston Business Alliance Stanly County Charlotte Regional Business Alliance City of Charlotte Gaston County Mecklenburg County Mecklenburg County Town of Huntersville Town of Waxhaw Gaston County Centralina Regional Council	Darrell Hinnant Vi Lyles David Rhew Jennifer Stepp Andy Lucas Janet LaBar Marcus Jones Kim Eagle Leigh Altman Dena Diorio Melinda Bales Ron Pappas Bob Hovis Geraldine Gardner	Michelle Nance, Centralina Jason Wager, Centralina Narissa Claiborne, Centralina Sarah Niess, Centralina Luke Lowery Guests Jason Lawrence, CATS Patrick McDonough, HDR Amanda Vandergrift, InfraStrategies -Remote Remote Guests Lauren Livingston, City of Charlotte Jorge Luna, HDR John Muth, Yolanda Brisco Sabrina Colon Randi Gates

Call to Order

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Agenda Items:

Agenda Item 1: Approval of September 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Stepp motioned, Commissioner Hovis seconded, and the Committee members approved the September 22, 2023, Advancing the Plan Committee meeting minutes.

Agenda Item 2: Jellyfish Model” Transit Functions: Scale and Need

Centralina Deputy Executive Director, Michelle Nance, recapped the building blocks of the Jellyfish Model and recognized that the Committee motioned that this is the preferred model for regional coordination. Michelle presented slides on each of the transit functions of the Jellyfish Model in more detail. Amanda Vandergrift, Infrastrategies, presented the potential budget requirements of these transit functions based on peer research. Amanda also presented on the ability of local funds to be leveraged for state and federal funds, sharing information about how peer regions’ budgets for regional coordination breakdown between local, state, and federal funds. Clarifications on local funding options for transit from the last meeting were also shared.

The Committee broke out into small groups to do a budget exercise for the Jellyfish Model.

Agenda Item 3: Governance Structure Evaluation

Patrick McDonough, HDR, reviewed the three governance structure types available to implement the Jellyfish Model in our region. The three structures available are (1) Interlocal agreements, (2) Joint Powers Agency, and (3) Regional Transportation Authority. Attributes of each governance structure, including the available revenue streams, entity status, ability to hold debt, and fiscal responsibility, were reviewed. Committee members engaged in discussion about the governance structure types.

Agenda Item 4: Looking Ahead - Forecast for committee.

Geraldine Gardner, Executive Direct, outlined the objectives for the two remaining Committee meetings in 2023 – November 17, 2023, and December 15, 2023.

Agenda Item 5: CONNECT Beyond Project Updates

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not addressed during the Committee meeting.

Closing Comments

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