
RED LINE TASK FORCE
Meeting Summary
March 23, 2011
DISCUSSION SUMMARY

MEMBERS: Mayor John Woods, Mayor of Davidson, Chair
Mayor Jill Swain, Mayor of Huntersville
Mayor Jeff Tarte, Mayor of Cornelius
Bill Thunberg, Mooresville Representative
Carroll Gray, Lake Norman Transportation Commission
Iredell County Representative (Vacant)
Commissioner Harold Cogdell, Jr., Mecklenburg County, Vice Chair (Absent)
Mayor Anthony Foxx, Mayor of Charlotte (Absent)

CATS

STAFF: Carolyn Flowers, CEO, Director of Public Transit
John Muth, Deputy Director for Development
Dee Pereira, CFO, Manager of Transit Administration
Brian Nadolny, North Corridor Project Manager
Jim Schumacher, Assistant City Manager
Danny Rogers, Transit Corridor Project Manager
David McDonald, Transit Planning Manager
Azania Herron, Community Relations Specialist
Penny Traywick, Office Assistant

OTHERS: Councilman David Howard, Charlotte City Council
Leamon Brice, Davidson Town Manager
Jack Flaherty, NCDOT Rail
Bill Coxe, Huntersville Transportation Planner
Adam Guerino, City of Charlotte Finance
Jonathan Wells, Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission
Andrew Warfield, Lake Norman Citizen

Meeting time 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:05 p.m.

II. Approval of February 23, 2011 meeting summary

The meeting summary was approved with the amended “and pertinent members of the Red Line Task Force as designated by the Chair” added to the first Discussion Item.

III. Information Items

Capital Budget: Dee Pereira reported on a revised 5-year capital budget which includes \$225 million for the Red Line based on the P3 option from the November workshop. These funds will be listed as “to be indentified” until a delivery method and funding mechanisms are determined. According to that option, CATS funds would be available after the project is complete. She stated the necessary first step is to obtain a commitment from NCDOT that they will be leading the project. Mayor Swain said that this reflects the two line strategy.

IV. Discussion

Consultant Services: Jack Flaherty handed out an overview of the major tasks and timeline in the Scope of Work (SOW) for Greenleaf Strategies Consulting Services. (See attached). Deputy Secretary Westmoreland and Miriam Perry have approved the contents of the contract. State funding is available for the project. Mr. Flaherty is satisfied with the SOW and the progress being made, and expects the contract for the consultant work to be signed in the next week or two so Paul Morris can begin work.

NCDOT/Norfolk Southern Railroad Contract: Negotiations are complete and NSRR has signed the contract. Mr. Flaherty mentioned that someone from NCDOT Rail Division would be able to provide details on the contents of the contract if needed.

March 8, 2011 meeting: Mayor Swain and Mayor Tarte gave a brief overview of the meeting with Secretary Conti and his staff. During the March 8 meeting, general discussion centered on a review of the project and the possible funding partnerships. The meeting focused on building the relationship between the Towns and the State.

Secretary Conti has been and continues to be supportive of the Red Line project. He agrees that it makes sense for NCDOT to take the lead role when it comes time for discussions with Norfolk Southern. Secretary Conti also said he understands the importance of having Iredell County in the process and said the State will be at the table with discussions with Iredell. Mayor Tarte reported Secretary Conti conveyed that there was a possibility that certain portions of the grade separation project could be accelerated resulting in a possible improvement to the Red Line schedule.

Work Plan: Mayor Woods and Brian Nadolny lead a discussion about the potential partners on the project. The task force assigned teams to explore opportunities with the partners identified. These teams will be charged with meeting with potential partners and reporting back to the task force (See attached).

Bill Thunberg asked if a commuter rail project needed to cross county lines to qualify for the commuter rail floor funding. Dee Pereira said she didn't think so and would check to verify.

Councilman Howard mention that there would be a workshop being put on by FHWA on HOT Lane Conversions on April 20th in room 267 starting at 8:30 am.

V. Action Items

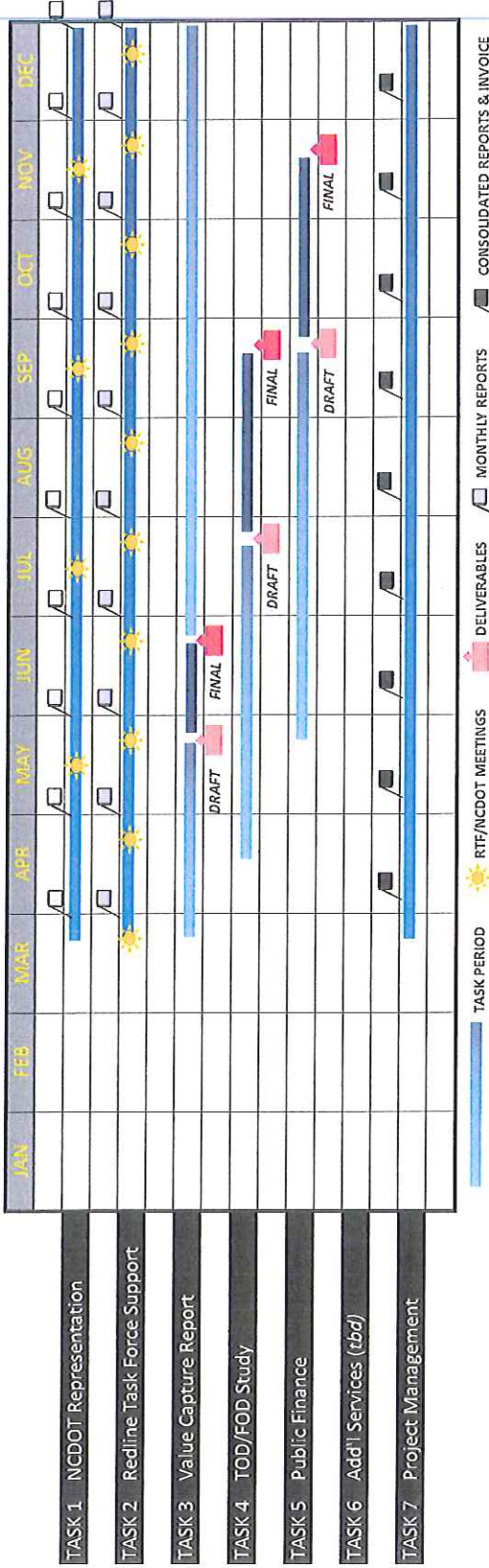
1. Describe the contents of the NSRR Scope of Work at a subsequent meeting – NCDOT
2. Link the NCDOT schedule with Paul Morris's schedule – Brian Nadolny and Jack Flaherty
3. Verify that a project doesn't need to cross county lines to qualify for commuter rail floor funds – Dee Pereira
4. Identify other corporate partners - All

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT RED LINE TASK FORCE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 AT 4:00 P.M. IN CONFERENCE ROOM #266

NORTH CORRIDOR STRATEGIC CONSULTING SERVICES



RED LINE TASK FORCE WORK PLAN TEAMS

CATS

Dee Pereira
NCDOT – Jack Flaherty / Paul Morris
City Finance
Mayor Tarte

NCDOT / NORTH CAROLINA

Carolyn Flowers
Dee Pereira
Bill Coxe
Councilman Howard
Northern Mayors
NCDOT Board Member
TCC Chair
John Collett

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD

Lead - The State - NCDOT Rail
Mayor Woods
CATS

SIEMENS

NCDOT Representative
City Representative
Bill Thunberg
Mayor Tarte

NORTHERN TOWNS

Paul Morris
5 Town Managers

DEVELOPERS

Paul Morris
Carroll Gray
Councilman Howard

CHARLOTTE

Paul Morris
City Finance - Scott Greer
Councilman Howard

MECKLENBURG COUNTY

County Commission - Harold Cogdell, Jr.

City ED - John Allen

CATS

Paul Morris

Mayor Swain

IREDELL COUNTY

NCDOT

Bill Thunberg

Judge Collier

John Collett

CATS

Mayor Woods

MOORESVILLE

Bill Thunberg

Paul Morris

CATS

Mooreville Staff

Carroll Gray

LOWES & OTHER CORPORATIONS

Paul Morris

Mayor Woods

CATS

Bill Thunberg

Charlotte Chamber Representative

MSI Chamber

Gene Conti

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Jeff Parker

CATS – Dee Pereira

NCDOT

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