



Committee Of 21
Meeting # 6
October 6, 2008
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members				
NAME	PRESENT		NAME	PRESENT
Ned Curran, Chair	YES		Pat Mumford	YES
Johnsie Beck	YES		Peter Pappas	NO
Mark Casper	YES		Ken Randall	YES
Cindy Chandler	YES		Wendy Spanbauer	YES
John Crosland	YES		Allen Tate	YES
Frank Emory	NO		Betty Turner	YES
Ray Eschert	YES		Virginia Keogh	NO
Claire Fallon	YES		Ed McMahan	NO
Anthony Fox	NO		Randy Kincaid	NO
David Howard	YES		Charles Knox	NO
Steve Iannarino	NO			
Non- Committee Members				
Vi Lyles, Lee Institute	YES		Natalie English, Chamber	YES
Doug Bacon, Lee Institute	YES		Ann Canby, Surface Transp. Policy Partnership	YES
Danny Pleasant, CDOT	YES		Norm Steinman, City	YES
Deborah Goldberg, City	YES		Andy Munn, REBIC	YES
Jim Schumacher, City Manager's Office	YES		Mary Thomsen, REBIC	YES
Bill Coxe, Huntersville and MUMPO-TCC	YES		Valaida Fullwood, Lee Institute	YES
Andy Grzyski, City	YES		Sarah King, City Finance	YES
Joel Levy, City Finance	YES		Greg Gaskins, City Finance	YES

WELCOME AND REVIEW OF MEETING OBJECTIVES

Committee Chair Ned Curran called to order the 6th meeting of the Committee of 21 at 11:09 am. The meeting took place at the Government Center, Room CH-14. Danny Pleasant introduced Ann Canby, President of the Surface Transportation Policy Partnership.



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FUTURE OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION | Ann Canby, Surface Transp. Policy P'ship

Ann Canby presented a PowerPoint presentation, covering such topics as:

- CO2 Emission from Fossil Fuel (EPA, MMT, 2005)
- Per Capita Transportation Spending, 1990-2004 Based On 2000 Base Pop.
- NC Vehicle Miles Traveled Trend Urban Arterials (2007, 2008)
- Federal Funding Sources FY2008

She noted places such as Colorado and Fairfax County, VA where citizens have been willing to invest in improving roads and making them more environmentally sound. Large states that are finding ways to share responsibility for roads include: California, Arizona, Texas and Pennsylvania. She suggested watching what's happening in Seattle because that community is doing a range of things (e.g., parking fees, local option taxes, TIF districts, and sales and property taxes).

Canby commented that systems of funding that rely on VMT are becoming unglued because people are driving less due to gas prices. This shift in driving habits is causing significant shortfalls. Alternatives such as a 10-cent gas tax have been proposed. Revenue for transportation is generally assessed on a user basis, though sales taxes and property taxes are exceptions.

Potential Funding Sources:

- Impact Fee – Washington state, San Diego, San Jose
- Parking Fee – Seattle, Pittsburgh, Baltimore
- Congestion Pricing is a variable pricing mechanism that helps mitigate traffic at peak times – NYC, Puget Sound, Washington (HOT lanes)
- Rental Car
- Emissions Fee

CRITERIA FOR GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATIONS | Danny Pleasant, CDOT

Danny Pleasant delivered a PowerPoint presentation covering topics and criteria required to define a governance model. Defining questions center on:

- Accountability?
- Clarity/transparent of decisions?
- Effective prioritization?
- Achieving construction timetables?
- Completing project within budget?
- All of the above?



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The committee divided into three smaller groups to answer the following questions about a governance model:

- What are the criteria?
- Current system: what works and what does not work?
- Ideal model: What governance model meets your criteria?

REVIEW OF GAP ANALYSIS | Norm Steinman, CDOT

Norm Steinman reviewed a handout entitled “Expenditures, Revenues and Funding Gaps Projected for 25 Years in Mecklenburg County” that outlines the \$12.0B transportation funding gap over a 25-year period.

REVIEW SELECTED REVENUE SOURCES (REVISED) | Greg Gaskins, City Finance

Greg Gaskins reviewed a handout entitled “Selected Revenue Sources for Further Consideration (Rev. 09.29.08)” and answered questions.

DRAFT GUIDING PRINCIPLES & DECISION-MAKING PROCESS | Vi Lyles, Lee Institute

Vi Lyles reviewed the process and agreements that members will have to make as they move forward and craft a plan. She distributed a handout entitled “Themes from the Committee of 21, August 18, 2008”

CLOSING

Ned Curran adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.