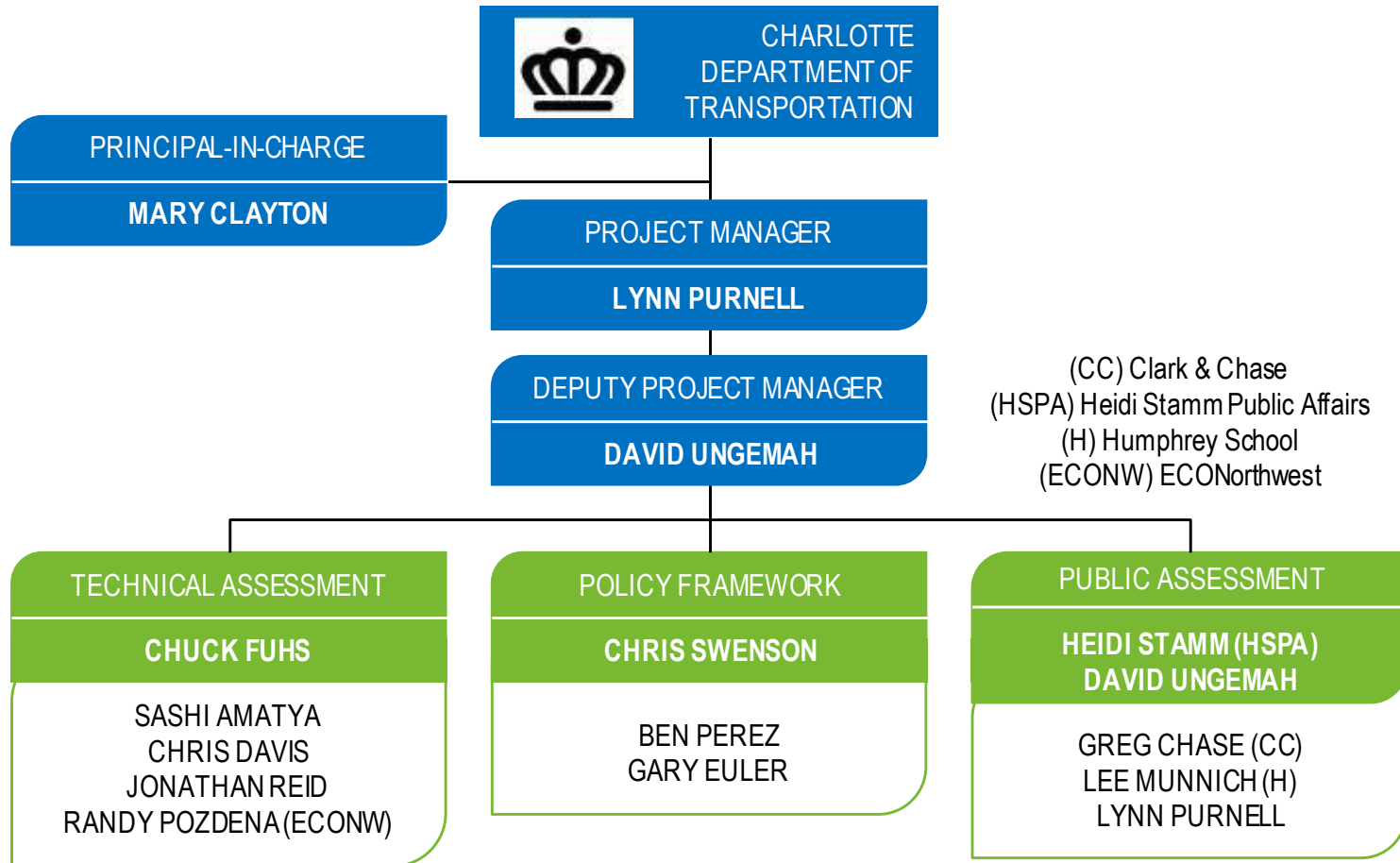


Meeting Agenda

- Study Overview & Schedule
- I-485 South *Fast Lanes* Opportunities
- US-74 East *Fast Lanes* Opportunities
- Corridor Public Assessment Plans
- I-485 South Stakeholder Workshop
- Other Discussion

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Study Tasks

1) Project Management

- Frequent meetings/calls with CDOT PM
- Steering Team meetings
- Technical Team meetings
- ProjectSolve 2 site for file sharing

2) Program Definition & Analysis

- Stakeholder workshops in I-485 South and US-74 East corridors
- Gap analysis
- Benefits/costs of *Fast Lanes* program

Study Tasks (cont.)

3) Examine New Framework Alternatives

- Policy options & early action strategies
- Potential financing methodologies/concepts
- Team meetings

4) Analysis for Early Tolling

- Potential *Fast Lanes* alternatives
- Focus on I-485 South & US-74 East corridors
- Considers public support, cost, financing, travel demand, operational issues, transit compatibility & phased implementation

Study Tasks (cont.)

5) Confirm Public Acceptance

- Corridor-specific Public Assessment Plans
- Public opinion surveys
- Longitudinal focus groups for I-485, US-74 and overall MUMPO area
- Stakeholder interviews
- Intercept-based open houses
- Project fact sheets
- PowerPoint presentations

Study Tasks (cont.)

6) Pilot Program Design

- Most promising models for early-action pricing
- Phasing opportunities
- Final report modeled after USDOT Urban Partnership Agreements
- Next steps to advance projects

Study Schedule

- Focus first on I-485 South corridor
 - February – May/June
- Then focus on US-74 East corridor
 - May/June – November
- Surveys & focus groups to assess public opinion beyond two corridors
 - April & September
- Final report
 - December

Study Schedule

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What Success Will Look Like

- Key constituent approval to move forward with consideration of *Fast Lanes* facilities and network in I-485 South and US-74 East corridors
- Broad community understanding and excitement regarding subsequent steps in *Fast Lanes* consideration

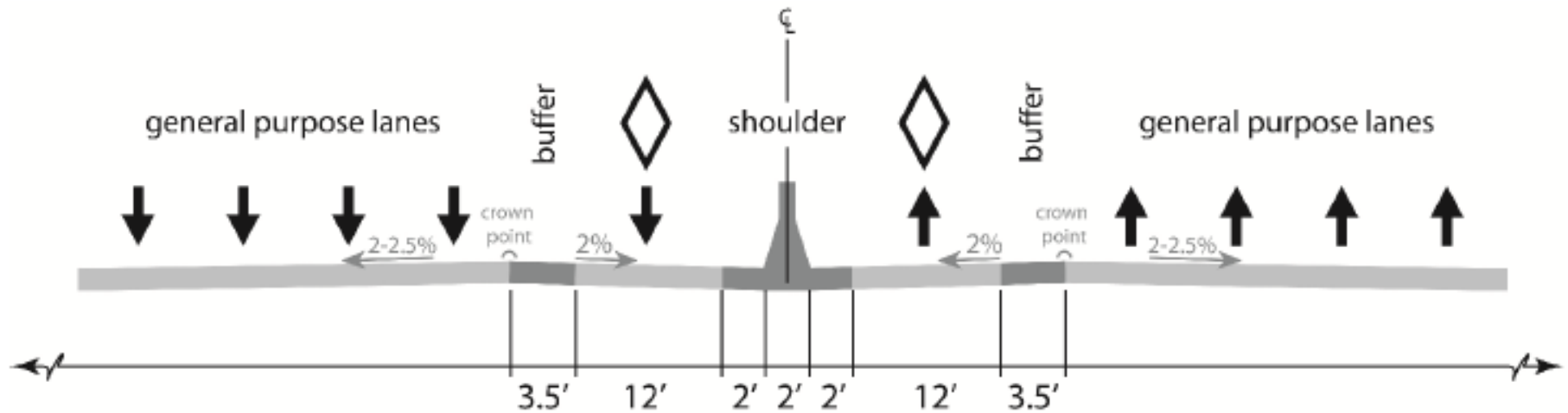
I-485 South Opportunities/Issues

- Original concept was to widen to 6 lanes between I-77 and Johnston Road (R-4902)
- Decision to widen segment to 8 lanes
- Design-Build project will not include *Fast Lanes* design
- Study findings will be used to address the need for *Fast Lanes* along this segment in the future
- Other discussion items/issues?

US-74 East Opportunities/Issues

- Oct 2011: MTC decided that US-74 median would not be reserved for rapid transit
- Dec-Jan 2012: City and NCDOT met to discuss plan revisions for U-209B (Sharon Amity to Conference) based on MTC decision
- Feb 2012: NCDOT staff is analyzing impacts caused by plan revisions

US-74 East Opportunities/Issues



US-74 East *Fast Lanes* Vision



US-74 East Segment Analysis

- Existing two-way bus lanes between Albemarle & I-277, including connections to Brookshire & Belk
- Proposed widening between Albemarle & Conference (Project U-209B)
- Proposed widening between Conference & I-485 (Project U-2509)
 - NCDOT performing feasibility study of 3 options for *Fast Lanes* implementation

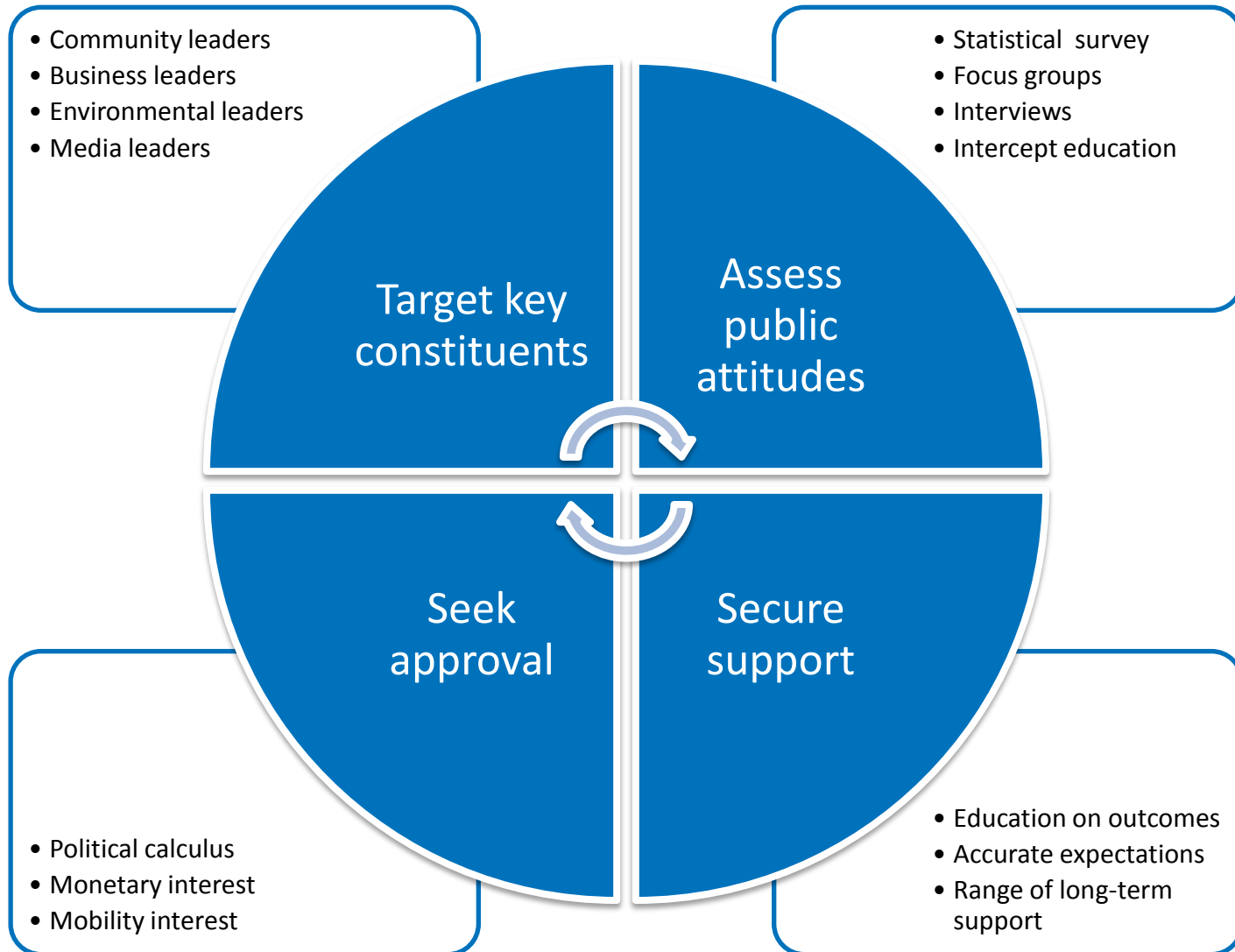
Public Assessment Plan Goals

- **Educate** communities on opportunities
 - *Fast Lanes* contribution to mobility on candidate corridors
 - Ability to deliver through alternative financing
- **Assess** public opinion
 - Public approval
 - Desire for advancing managed lanes

Public Assessment Plan Objectives

- Corridor-specific (I-485, US-74) Public Assessment Plans will include:
 - Public opinion surveys
 - Focus groups
 - Stakeholder interviews
 - Intercept-based open houses

Public Assessment Plan



I-485 South Stakeholder Workshop

- Identify appropriate corridor stakeholders
 - Opinion-setters in corridor
 - Key businesses, civic organizations, agencies
- Purpose of workshop
 - Common base of understanding
 - Managing expectations
 - Answer questions / dispel misunderstandings
 - Begin collaborative framework

Content of Workshop

A Brief History

- Fast Lanes Phases 1 and 2
- Progress on I-77 North

Managed Lanes 101

- What defines a managed lane
- How managed lanes work
- Existing project lessons learned
- Common misunderstandings
- Education and information challenges

I-485 South Context

- Vision, goals, and objectives
- Design and operations alternatives
- Market assessment
- Prospective public reactions

Workshop Outcomes

