



Board of Commissioners Work Session Agenda

Tuesday, November 12, 2013 -9:00 a.m.
Marbles Kids Museum, Zanzibar Room, 201 E. Hargett Street

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Joe Bryan

Call Work Session to Order – Introduction of Panelists

- 9:05 – 10:00 Panelist Introduction Presentations
- Panelist Perspectives – Steve Polzin
 - Panelist Perspectives – Sam Staley
 - Panelist Perspectives – Cal Marsella
 - Board of Commissioners/Panelists – Questions and Answers
- 10:00 – 10:45 Governance
- Sam Staley – Key Issues
 - Cal Marsella – Key Issues
 - Steve Polzin – Key Issues
 - Board of Commissioners/Panelists – Questions and Answers
- 10:45 – 11:30 Finance and Feasibility
- Cal Marsella – Key Issues
 - Steve Polzin – Key Issues
 - Sam Staley – Key Issues
 - Board of Commissioners/Panelists – Questions and Answers
- 11:30 – 11:55 Closing Statements
- Steve Polzin – Closing
 - Cal Marsella – Closing
 - Sam Staley – Closing
- 11:55 – 12:00 – Adjournment

Attachment:

1. Transit Questions

TRANSIT NOTES
CREATING A STUDY MODEL
TOP 25 QUESTIONS

Feasibility:

1. How would Wake County benefit from a comprehensive transit solution and why?
2. Considering existing legacy system, how could any benefit be measured?
 - a) Ridership metrics
 - b) Decrease traffic count measured
 - c) Infrastructure reuse or concentration
3. What transit models have other best of class system employed
 - a) Provide best of class comparables in the U.S. A.
 - b) Which examples of systems are most comparable to this situation
 - c) Discuss the benefits/issues of Inter-County and Intra County
4. How is Ridership projected?
 - a) What % of population needs to participate
 - b) What is range of increase/decrease in ridership?
 - c) What ridership growth curve should we assume and why
5. Are there viable private sector alternatives and if so describe
6. What potential transit corridors are most viable? And in doing so address:
 - a) Jurisdiction of each
 - b) Responsibility of maintenance
 - c) Likelihood of execution (%)
7. What modes of transit should be considered and why (Include Rail; enhanced bus and other)
8. Do un-served or smaller communities benefit and how is that quantified?
9. What are the top five impacts a robust transit plan has on neighborhoods (positive/negative)
10. What are the "sustainable" arguments for and against transit

Financing:

1. What are the most accepted models for financing and what are the key components?
2. What is the standard for the percentage of revenue covered by the fare box?
3. What are the other revenue sources that are available to cover the shortfall?
4. Can revenue collection be improved and if so how and what are the implications of such?
5. What are the top three expenses that need to be monitored; range of variances; and why.

6. What is the appropriate budgetary size (%) of a transit system vis-a-vis a (County) budget?
7. How is the distribution of tax proceeds balanced?
8. What are the financial models that should be considered by the municipalities (which insures that any new transit model is accretive and is neither a substitute nor redundant to the existing system.
9. If public money is used, and there is a change in the NC tax system, what is the range of impacts?
10. How have other communities budgetarily confirmed that existing service is maintained?

Governance:

1. What is industry model for best of class governance role of Transit
2. What are the key governance roles the County would need to include in transit oversight
 - a) Key Decisions
 - b) Financial
 - c) Other
3. What is the spectrum of governance roles the TTA could play?
4. If TTA is involved what areas should be focus of the County Commissioners
 - a) Structure of TTA
 - b) Representation
 - c) Financial Oversight
 - d) Service Guaranty
 - e) Other
5. Role, if any, County Commissioners should play in oversight of transit friendly roads /infrastructure