



BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Meeting on August 26, 2025, 6:00 PM

BAC Members Present: Connie Proctor, Chair
Juan Contreras Juarez, Vice Chair
Frank Devine
Lauren Patterson
Matt Weschler
Andy Zou
Isaac Oyer
John Pinnix

BAC Members Absent: Tammy Brock
Nate Steinhauer

City Staff Present: Paola Bula Blanco, CDOT
Dave Campbell, CDOT
Ed McKinney, Special Assistant to City Manager
Rachel Stark, CDOT
Paul Benton CDOT

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

Connie Proctor called the meeting to order at 6:02P.M., seconded by Frank Devine.

Agenda Item #2 Introduction of Members and Guests

BAC Members, CDOT staff, and guests introduced themselves. Present from the public was Eric Zaverl with Sustain Charlotte, Ashley Morisette and Van Wilson.

Agenda Item #3 Review of Previous Minutes

Isaac Oyer made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes, seconded by Juan Contreras Juarez. The July meeting minutes are approved.

Agenda Item #4 Mobility+ Plan – Shaping the Future of Transportation in Charlotte

Ed McKinney, Special Assistant to the City Manager, provided an overview of the proposed sales tax referendum and the [Mobility+ Plan](#).

Key points:

- The proposed one-cent sales tax would generate \$19.4 billion over 30 years.
- Allocation of funds: 40% roads, 20% bus and microtransit, 40% rail.
- If referendum passes, the city department CATS would transition to a regional transit authority and a new 27-member regional transit authority board would oversee transit investments (appointments split between city, county, state).
- Bus funding supports the Better Bus Plan, focused on increasing frequency and reliability.
- Strategic Investment Areas (SIAs) will guide project prioritization. Each town in the region would receive its funding and determine how it's used.
- Continued investment in city programs, like the Bike Program and Vision Zero.
- Broader multimodal investments are planned across the city.
- Average household cost estimated at \$22/month.
- Roadway funding linked to "[Purple Book](#)" projects and SIAs, with pilot projects in Harrisburg Road and Arrowood Road (\$55M).

Transit Elements:

- Bus service:
 - Increase frequency on top 15 routes (60% of riders) to every 15 minutes
 - Overall system shift toward 30-minute service
 - Investment in bus stops (shelters, seating, concrete paths)
- Microtransit:
 - Currently piloted in the north
 - Planned expansion to 19 countywide zones
- Rail Projects:
 - Sales tax revenue would likely accelerate project delivery.
 - Silver Line: Bojangles Coliseum to the Charlotte Douglass International Airport
 - Blue Line: extension to Pineville
 - Gold Line: extension to Rosa Parks Place

- Red Line remains a priority and will be built in a phased approach. Will likely take around 10 years until its fully operational.

Discussion/Questions:

Isaac Oyer asked about concerns with hiring drivers for the expansion of the transit system, Ed responded that it would be an opportunity to expand employment, with a starting wage of \$26/hour and career growth opportunities.

Frank Devine asked if there were goals to improve frequency beyond 15 minutes. Ed said that 15 minutes is a significant step forward for Charlotte's transit system, and if the referendum passes, future improvements may be assessed by the future transit authority. Frank also asked about planned improvements to the Transit Center, Ed noted that reinvestment in the facility is included, several scenarios have been considered.

Connie Proctor asked about reliance on federal matching funds, Ed responded that federal transportation funding is expected to remain available long-term. Connie also asked about roadway funding allocation and project types, Ed referenced the "[Purple Book](#)" and SIA Program, noting that smaller-scale projects will build toward larger network improvements.

Matt Weschler asked about opportunities to expand the Bicycle Program budget. Ed said scale of funding is determined by City Council, but the referendum would allow for larger bonds in the future, which could support bigger projects, including bikeways like the CycleLink, through SIAs.

Frank asked about SIA timelines. Currently, the SIA Pilot projects in Harrisburg and Arrowood are aiming to be underway or complete by 2027.

Agenda Item #5 Report Back from Netherlands Summer Study Abroad

Connie Proctor shared takeaways from a three-week program at the University of Amsterdam, *Planning the Cycling City*.

Program highlights:

- Explored Amsterdam through a cycling lens. Held classroom lectures and field visits, including Rotterdam.
- Participants conducted comparative studies on a variety of mobility topics. Connie's group focused on school commute modal choices.
- Interviews with locals revealed findings that immigrant families leaned toward driving, while native Dutch favored biking/walking.

Key Takeaways

- Language influences how transportation challenges are framed, shifting to urban design language could better support vision-building. Highlighting that mobility is about more than just getting from point A to point B.
- The Dutch approach emphasizes experimentation and continuous improvement
- Focus on freedom and safety for children through low-speed, mixed-traffic environments
- Personal responsibility is emphasized more strongly.

Inspirations observed:

- Bike bridges and revamped brick (“clinker”) streets
- Fully pedestrianized streets
- Emergency vehicles designed for smaller streets, not vice versa
- Modal filters and traffic calming measures

Following Connie’s presentation, the BAC and guests discussed a strategy for engaging with Council.

- Isaac proposed the BAC identify 3-4 clear goals to present to council, tied to Vision Zero and schools, including statistics on school access to bike lanes.
- Frank suggested the strategy could also focus on Safe Routes to School and greenway funding, linking to children’s mobility. Dave Campbell recommended inviting the new Safe Routes coordinator to a BAC meeting once hired.
- Ashley Morissette suggested creating a ‘back to school biking’ resource list for parents, using knowledge of bike buses in Charlotte, and highlighting bike buses in general. Dave shared that WSOC is airing a piece on kids biking to school on Aug. 29.
- Connie emphasized a need for consistent BAC engagement with Council, possibly through the Transportation Planning and Development Committee.

The group decided that the next BAC meeting will focus on BAC priorities and action planning.

Connie and Juan will lead a presentation on goals and asks of council, BAC members and guests should bring ideas for discussion and a schedule will be developed for speaking opportunities at council sessions.

Agenda Item #6 Member Topics and Updates

No additional member topics or updates.

Agenda Item #7 Additional Public Comment

No additional public comment.

Agenda Item #8 Confirm Next Meeting and Adjourn

Connie made motion adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Frank. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

The next BAC meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2025, at 6 P.M. at CMGC, room 278.