



Stakeholder Committee Meeting #3

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Agenda

- Meeting #2 Review and Updates
- Public Engagement Round 1 Summary
- Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Recommendations
- Draft Public Transit and Rail Recommendations
- Next Steps



Meeting #2 Review and Updates

CTP Process

- 5 High Level Steps



Meeting #2 Review

- Highway Assessment
 - Deficiency Assessment
 - Identification of Needs
- Bike and Ped Assessment
 - Key Destinations
 - Identification of Needs
- Public Transit and Rail Assessment
 - Identification of Needs

Meeting #2 Updates

- New Website: <https://engagegaston.com/gaston-CTP>
- Public Engagement Round 1 Complete
- Obtained Draft 2055 MTP Project Lists (all modes)
- Finalized Needs Lists
- Analyzed Alternatives
- Corresponded with Jurisdictions
- East-West Connector



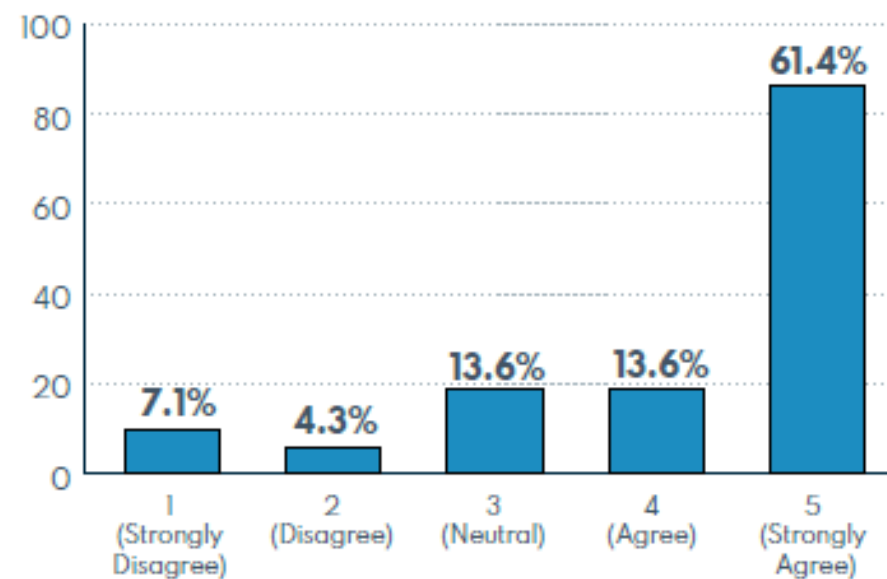
Public Engagement Round 1 Summary

Survey Results

- 436 responses from Gaston County residents / employees
- Full summary available on project website
- Takeaways
 - Strong support for road and intersection improvements
 - Desire for more local and regional transit, including passenger rail
 - Need for more sidewalks and off-road bike facilities

There should be a priority to construct sidewalks.

Average Rating: 4.18



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- Legend**
- Other Comments
 - Pedestrian Comments
 - Bicycle Comments
 - Public Transit Comments
 - Roadway Comments



In-Person Public Event #1

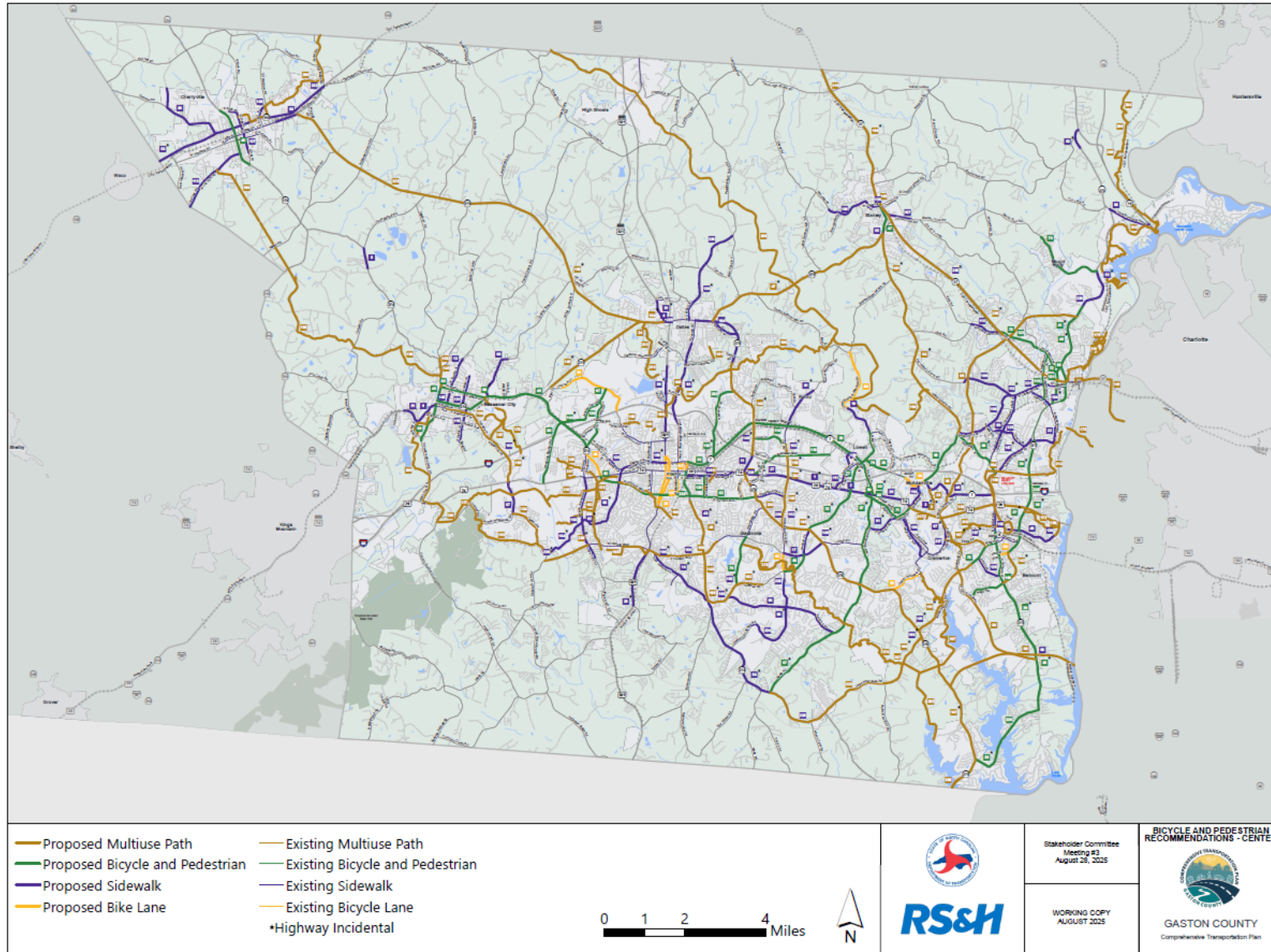
- Get to Know Gaston
 - April 3, 4-8 pm in Downtown Gastonia
 - Interacted with ~75 people
 - Interactive exercises mirrored survey questions
- Feedback incorporated into online survey and input map





Bicycle and Pedestrian Discussion

Bicycle and Pedestrian Features



Bicycle Features

- Bike Lanes (5 ft)
 - Dedicated portion of roadway for bicyclists
 - Standard bike lanes are marked with pavement markings and signage
 - Separated bike lanes offer physical separation from vehicle traffic using bollards, raised dividers, planters (also known as buffered bike lanes, protected bike lanes, cycle tracks)
 - Wider because of additional separation



Pedestrian

- Sidewalks (5-8 ft)
 - Paved path for pedestrians along the side of a road



Bicycle and Pedestrian

- Bike lanes and sidewalks
- Bicycle and pedestrian bridge



Bicycle and Pedestrian

- Multiuse Path (Greenway) (8-14 ft)
 - Wide, paved, shared paths for walking and bicycling
 - Often in natural areas along streams or utility corridors



- Multiuse Path (Side Path) (8-14 ft)
 - Wide, paved, shared paths for walking and bicycling
 - Run parallel to roadway corridors



Highway Incidental

- Bicycle and/or pedestrian accommodations that are part of highway projects
 - Will show up on both Highway and Bicycle and Pedestrian CTP Maps

Project Types Not in CTP

- Sidewalk or multiuse path maintenance / improvements
- Bike routes / signage
- Shared lane markings or “sharrows”
- Dirt or gravel paths / trails
- Slow streets



Informational Maps

- 2026-2035 STIP Projects
- Current CTP
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Crashes
- Key Destinations / Existing Facilities

*We also reviewed local plans (bike/ped, Vision Zero, Mobility Plans, transportation plans) as well as the Draft GCLMPO 2055 MTP project lists.

Draft Maps and Lists

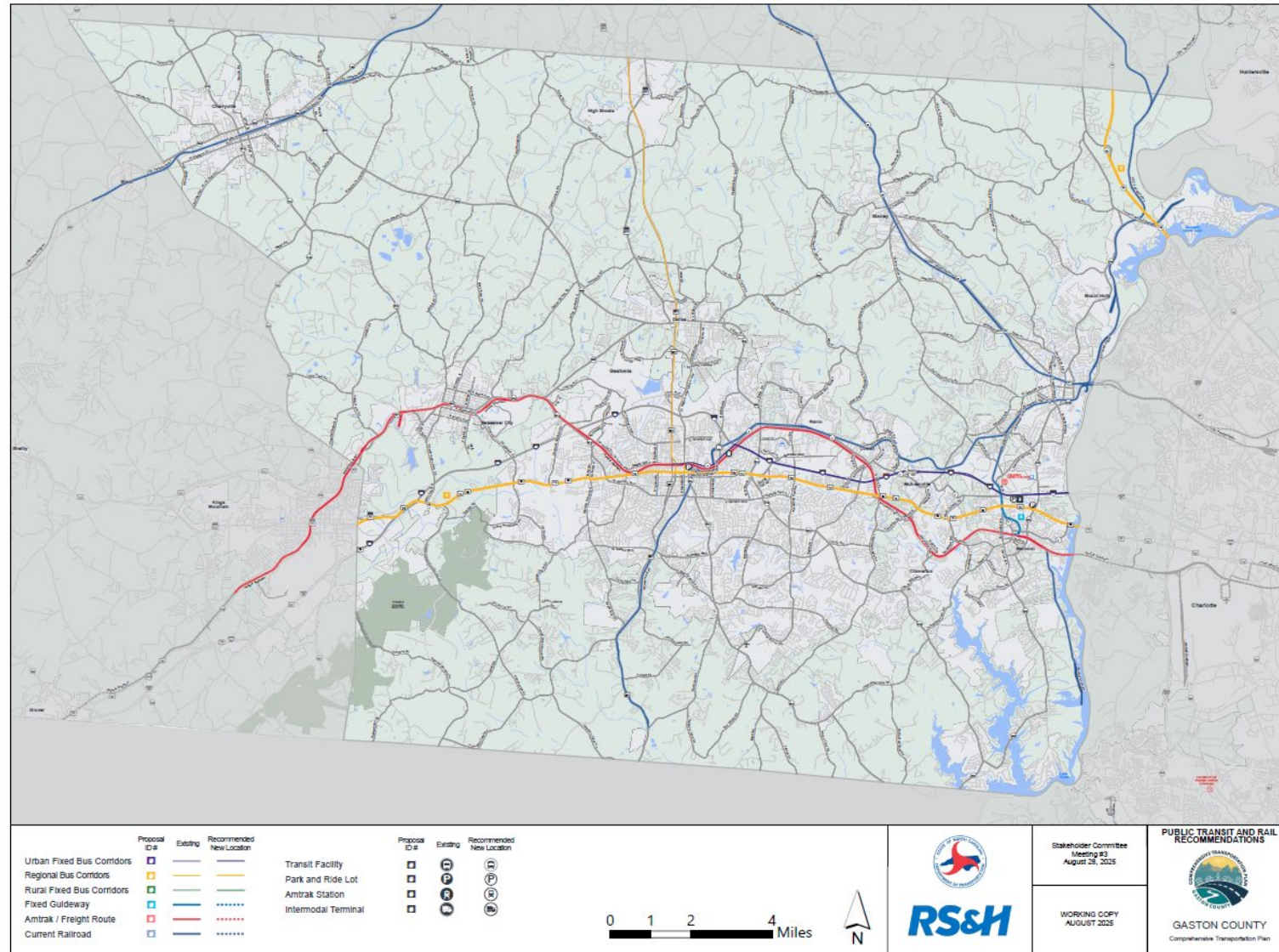
GROUP EXERCISE

- Review Draft Map and List
- Review and respond to the list of specific questions for your jurisdiction
- What changes are needed?



Public Transit and Rail Discussion

Public Transportation and Rail Features



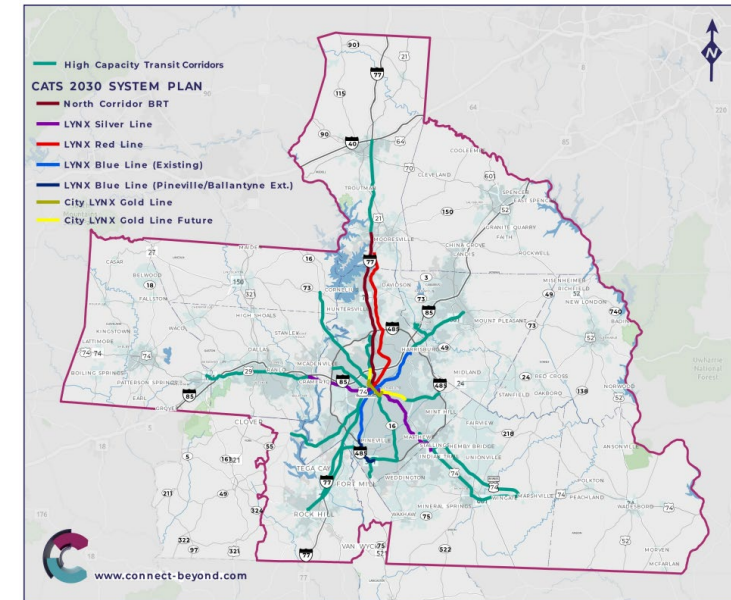
Public Transit

- Park and Ride Lots
- Transit Facilities
- Intermodal Terminals (Mobility Hubs)



Rail

- Fixed Guideway
- Grade Separations
- Amtrak/Freight Route
- Current railroad (active or inactive)



Project Types Not in CTP

- Bus Shelters



Informational Maps

- Current CTP

*We also reviewed regional plans (CONNECT Beyond, LYNX Silver Line).



Draft Maps and Lists

- Review Draft Maps and Lists
- Things to Note:
 - The Silver Line is not shown; is not in current CTP; currently showing Proposed Regional Bus Corridor along US 74
 - NCDOT funds Intercity Bus Service from Asheville to Raleigh (Cardinal Flyer) with a stop in Gastonia; cannot see on map because it runs along US 29/74 and I-85 which have other existing and proposed facilities
 - NCDOT funds Intercity Bus Service from Boone to Charlotte (Mountaineer) with a stop in Gastonia; cannot see the full route on the map because a portion of the route runs along I-85 which has other existing and proposed facilities
 - Microtransit in Gastonia will be indicating on the map using a text box per NCDOT guidance



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- Finalize CTP Maps and Recommendations Lists for Bicycle/Pedestrian and Public Transportation/Rail
- Develop Draft Highway Map, Recommendations List, and Project Sheets
- SC Meeting #4 (November)
- Public Input Round 2 (Late Jan/Early Feb)

Q & A