

Mayors from Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville and Mooresville Announce Transportation Task Force

For Immediate Release

Off I-77, December 14, 2007 - Jill Swain, mayor of Huntersville, joined fellow mayors from Cornelius, Davidson and Mooresville today to announce the formation of a transportation task force charged with making transportation work better for the residents of the region.

“The area mayors are asking community leaders to develop a balanced and integrated approach to addressing the transportation priorities affecting our citizens,” said Swain during the morning rush-hour commute at a Huntersville park and ride. “We’re ready to roll up our sleeves and work together to improve transportation in our communities.”

The task force will be chaired by former Davidson mayor Randall Kincaid and vice chaired by former Cornelius mayor Gary Knox. Each town has appointed one elected official and one citizen to serve on the task force. The group will meet weekly beginning January 2 and submit an initial report in April. Discussion topics include widening I-77, improving land use plans, commuter rail, connectivity, alternative funding and improving air quality.

“This is a first of its kind announcement, showing the spirit of co-operation amongst the new boards,” said Mooresville Mayor Bill Thunberg. “Many of the new administrations are just days old and coming together so quickly shows the gravitas of this issue and our desire to make substantive change.”

Joining Huntersville’s Mayor Swain and Mooresville’s Mayor Thunberg at the announcement this morning were Cornelius Mayor Jeff Tarte and Davison Mayor John Woods.

Task force members include:

Chair: Randy Kincaid

Vice Chair: Gary Knox

Davidson: Brian Jenest, Lawrence Kimbrough

Cornelius: Carroll Gray, Jim Bensman

Mooresville: Mitch Abraham, TBA

Huntersville: Charlie Jeter, TBA

Public meetings will take place at Cornelius Town Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Here is the tentative meeting schedule:

January 2 Air quality considerations

January 9 Widening I-77

January 16	Buses; What are we doing now, how to work with transit corridor CMS bussing, policies, private schools
January 23	Land use plans
January 30	Thoroughfare plans and connectivity
February 6	Bicycling, walking, greenways
February 13	North Corridor Commuter Rail
February 20	Accidents on I-77
February 27	Alternative funding discussion
March 5	Additional fact finding and discussion of draft report
March 12	Discussion of draft report with elected and appointed officials
March 19	Task Force discussion of report
March 26	Reserved

An email subscription listserve has been created for those wishing to receive meeting updates and information. Meetings times and other materials may be viewed on each of the town websites.

Those wishing to submit a letter or speak at the meetings should contact Randy Kincaid at rkincaidnc@bellsouth.net.

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