



CONNECT Beyond

# Project Fact Sheet

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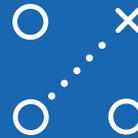
### DEFINE

a single, coordinated regional transit vision



### IDENTIFY

recommended corridors for high capacity transit and improved mobility



### STRATEGIZE

regional coordination methods for public transit



### DEVELOP

action-oriented tools to implement this regional transit plan

CONNECT Beyond is a regional mobility initiative that is being led by the Centralina Regional Council and the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) and will create a long-term regional transit plan for our two state, 12-county region. This regional transit plan will guide future public transit investments in our region and will serve as a blueprint for how to implement a robust, interconnected public transit network that will combine high capacity transit lines, enhanced bus services, and other innovative mobility solutions.

The goal of creating an interconnected regional transit network is to allow residents and visitors to travel seamlessly throughout our 12-county region – crossing municipal, county, and state lines –aboard modern, high quality public transportation services.



# Project Funding Partners

Centralina	Centralina Regional Council
MTC	Metropolitan Transit Commission
CATS	Charlotte Area Transit System
NCDOT	North Carolina Department of Transportation
CRTPO	Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization
GCLMPO	Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization
RFATS	Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study
CRMPO	Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization
SCDOT	South Carolina Department of Transportation

## Advisory Committees

Our project partners and stakeholders are an integral part of defining the future of mobility for our region. We've invited stakeholders from across our project study area to join advisory committees that focus on developing key elements of this plan, including major policy decisions, community impacts and technical feasibility.

### Community Advisory Committee

Key regional influencers who work in government, health & human services, economic development, business, social services, and education.

### Policy Advisory Committee

North Carolina and South Carolina elected officials and policy experts from across the CONNECT Beyond region.

### Technical Advisory Committee

Technical staff from across the CONNECT Beyond region, who specialize in transportation, land use planning, healthcare, economic development, education and other areas.

## Public Involvement

We've been working with community members from around the CONNECT Beyond region for several years to reach this point. CONNECT Beyond builds on two complementary regional visioning and planning initiatives led by the Centralina Regional Council: the CONNECT Our Future Project and the Regional Transit Engagement Series. The CONNECT Beyond Team also hosted an Online Public Meeting & Community Survey to present the candidate High Capacity Transit Corridors that are being considered for the CONNECT Beyond region and seek input from community members.

We are also hosting targeted listening sessions with community members from across the CONNECT Beyond region.

Feedback received from the community will help support, refine, or add to the draft recommendations for CONNECT Beyond's regional transit plan.