



Comments Received

Do you have any questions about the 2040 Plan Update process and/or what will be accomplished?

- Who or how do we request pedestrian bridges ... specifically over exit 23 over I-77? For safe walking across where there is no sidewalk. Same for requests for extended sidewalks where in some cases they randomly end ... or bikeways, too.
- I recently moved here from the Minneapolis area. In Minneapolis, they have a lot of greenways. I was very surprised about the lack of greenways in Huntersville and in the Charlotte area in general. You have a much warmer climate than Minneapolis to enjoy greenways and the outdoors.
- Is part of the Ambassador group to identify a 'personality' for the town, too?

If the 2040 Plan could only accomplish one thing over the next 5 to 10 years, what would be your priority?

- A stronger TIA plan to promote more infrastructure improvements, road intersections, schools, fire, and police.
- Protected bike lanes, edible landscapes, safe walkways for children, too, to learn to ride bikes, etc.
- High speed train to the airport.
- Seems like a lot more commercial on the south end of Charlotte vs. Huntersville (i.e. – Ballantyne area).
- Walkability and bikeability in the incorporated areas – in particular to bus stops / public transport.
- Tree save.
- Affordable housing. The EDC report said the average worker here makes \$40,000 – at 30% of that (which doesn't allow for savings), there is almost no place to live here.
- Safer for bikers and pedestrians.
- Give Huntersville a 'personality' based on our assets ... We have water / lakes / nature preserves.
- Our downtown should be focused on – offer some art / culture, space for children to create art, music, etc. This town needs an injection of life!
- We have lived in Huntersville since 1995 and I've worked for Charlotte since 1998. It seems like the north side of Charlotte and the Lake Norman area don't get the focus/enhancements when compared to the other areas. The Red Line was our one thing and it has now been indefinitely put on hold. Has there been any

discussion/thought/momentum behind identifying and promoting a North Charlotte/Lake Norman transit line not related to the existing Norfolk Southern track? Yes, the original Blue line was along existing track but other lines like the Silver line and most of the Blue line extension are new track/new alignments.

Do you have any suggestions to encourage people to participate in the 2040 Plan?

- If you call me with a date and time for a public meeting, I can get Hopewell Presley Church Family Life Center. It holds 250+ people.
- Facebook group.
- YouTube channel with instructional videos.
- Booth at different events with easy to read information.
- Conference calls and online presentations (i.e. – Skype + conference call).
- In addition to presenting to HOA's (a good idea), perhaps present the 2040 Plan to other civic-minded groups in town: e.g. – parent-teacher organizations, churches.
- Collaborate, somehow, with Sustain Charlotte (a great organization) on this plan.
- Postcard mailers – There is so much tech chatter that I often miss things on social media, but I do go through my mail.
- Car magnets, calls from volunteers, flyers to post at schools, churches, coffee shops.
- Organize us as volunteers so we don't duplicate effort and get a good spread across town.
- There should be a tent set up at every single town event with a representative from the Plan Ambassadors to sign people up and give away swag / gear / goodies ... everyone likes free things! A few volunteers could do an 'on the spot' interview with a few questions to weed out anyone just there for the free things ... Record contact name, Phone #, e-mail address for future e-mails, meeting invites, etc.
- Set up signs at Starbuck, Publix, Harris Teeter – high traffic areas, to advertise the 2040 needs. I kiosk would even be better.
- I work for the City of Charlotte. A couple of years ago, one of my coworkers was a Knight Cities Challenge winner. Her idea was to have 150 city employees take 10 minutes each week to engage one person in a conversation about how we can make Charlotte better. The goal was to collectively engage in one-on-one conversations with more than 5,000 people (from October 2015 to June 2016). I did not take part in this effort myself but understand the program was very successful. If you want more information, I can either pull together material and send you or put you in touch with Alyssa (who came up with the idea and implemented it). Seems like something similar to this could be implemented for the 2040 plan update.