



Town Council
September 2023 Work Session
September 19, 2023 | 3:30 PM
Apex Town Hall | 73 Hunter Street, Apex, NC

- 1. Call to Order | Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor, Jacques K. Gilbert
- 2. North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant – S-Line Rail Corridor – Mobility Hub Funding Match**
Shannon Cox, Long-Range Planning Manager, Planning Department
- 3. Electric Utility Presentation**
Eric Neumann, Director, Electric Utilities Department
- 4. Electric Utility Policy Discussion**
Eric Neumann, Director, Electric Utilities Department
Amanda Grogan, Director, Budget and Management Services
- 5. Q & A**
- 6. Adjournment**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Accommodation Statement: Anyone needing special accommodations to attend this meeting and/or if this information is needed in an alternative format, please contact the Town Clerk's Office. The Town Clerk is located at 73 Hunter Street in Apex Town Hall on the 2nd Floor, (email) allen.coleman@apexnc.org or (phone) 919-249-1260.

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for consideration by the Apex Town Council

Item Type: WORK SESSION
Meeting Date: September 19, 2023

Item Details

Presenter(s): Shannon Cox, Long Range Planning Manager

Department(s): Planning

Requested Motion

Motion to approve a Resolution to Support Development of the S-Line Rail Corridor and to Provide Local Funding to Match a Federal Grant Opportunity for Mobility Hub Design and Project Development Activities, and to authorize the Interim Town Manager to sign the Letter of Commitment.

Approval Recommended?

Yes

Item Details

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is pursuing a Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant to complete final design or construction for mobility hubs along the S-Line corridor. If awarded, the program would include preliminary design, environmental study, and final design for a mobility hub in Apex. The grant requires a 20 percent local match from the Town of Apex; \$460,000 based on the cost estimate (see below). NCDOT requested a Resolution of Support and Letter of Commitment from the Town to include with the grant submittal, due on September 28, 2023. If awarded, this project would advance the work and partnership from the S-Line TOD Study and Mobility Hub Feasibility Study.

<i>Task</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Match Amount</i>
<i>Preliminary Design</i>	\$500,000.00	
<i>NEPA</i>	\$300,000.00	
<i>Final Design</i>	\$1,500,000.00	
Total	\$2,300,000.00	\$460,000.00

Attachments

- Item No. 2-A1: Resolution of Support - NCDOT Mobility Hub Matching Funds
- Item No. 2-A2: Letter of Commitment - NCDOT Mobility Hub Matching Funds



**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF THE S-LINE RAIL
CORRIDOR AND TO PROVIDE LOCAL FUNDING TO MATCH A FEDERAL
GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR MOBILITY HUB DESIGN AND PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has a long tradition of progressing successful passenger and freight rail projects and supporting the development of rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT has worked with state, regional, and federal partners to develop plans for the federally-designated Southeast Corridor (“S-Line”), a passenger and freight rail network extending from Washington, D.C. through North Carolina to Jacksonville, Fla.; and

WHEREAS, a Record of Decision to develop the Raleigh to Richmond portion of the Southeast Corridor was approved by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) on March 2017, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act; and

WHEREAS, the development of the S-Line corridor supports and promotes economic development in communities along the corridor, including those in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the developed S-Line would provide greater access to jobs, health care, and education and provide new options for the movement of both goods and people; and

WHEREAS, the developed S-Line would provide efficient and reliable commuting options for communities and businesses along the corridor; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT is working with communities along the S-Line to plan stations, mobility hubs, infrastructure needs, and other land use considerations to prepare for rail service and maximize mobility options in each community; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT and communities along the S-Line corridor are pursuing a federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) grant opportunity to design and construct mobility hubs and associated connections to improve access for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, communities participating in the RCN grant application must provide twenty percent for their portion of the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Apex:

That the Town Council supports providing \$460,000 in matching funding for the RCN grant and supports further design and construction efforts of the S-Line rail corridor, including mobility hubs and related infrastructure needs.

This the 19th day of September 2023.

Jacques K. Gilbert, Mayor
Town of Apex

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day,
acknowledging to me that he signed the foregoing document: Jacques K. Gilbert.

Allen Coleman, CMC, NCCCC, Town Clerk
Town of Apex

My commission expires:

(Official Seal)



The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 19, 2023

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing to express my support for the **North Carolina S-Line Mobility Hub Program (Mobility Hub Program)** application for the Department of Transportation's Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program for fiscal year 2023. This letter represents a commitment by the Town of Apex to provide \$460,000 in matching funds for the **Mobility Hub Program**.

The **Mobility Hub Program** will serve to advance regional multimodal transportation along the S-Line Rail Corridor in central North Carolina – adding opportunities for local connections to goods and services, improving social equity in historically disadvantaged communities, supporting sustainable transportation, and spurring economic growth. The **Mobility Hub Program** will build on the planning and preliminary design work for each mobility hub detailed in the North Carolina S-Line Mobility Hub Plan that was awarded RAISE funding for completion.

By moving each mobility hub forward to a shovel-ready phase or construction, the RCN Program would continue this impactful work, reactivating and enhancing the communities along the S-line corridor and neighboring jurisdictions. Each mobility hub will be a place of accessible, multimodal, connectivity; offering an integrated suite of mobility services, amenities, and technologies, which will allow passengers to transfer modes in a safe and convenient manner.

The Town of Apex sits directly along the S-Line Corridor, between Hamlet and Raleigh, in Wake County. Apex is a railroad town without a rail station. Our motto, "The Peak of Good Living", is an affectionate tribute to both our position at the highest point along a 30-mile stretch of the S-Line corridor, and the high regard we have for our hometown. We are excited about the opportunity to bring passenger rail back to Apex, and see the **Mobility Hub Program** as a critical component of our multimodal, land use, downtown improvement, and economic development vision. The Town of Apex has reviewed the RCN Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and understands the requirements for matching funds and obligation timeframes.

Sincerely,

Shawn Purvis
Interim Town Manager