

**SILVER LINE TASK FORCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020**  
**7:00 PM**  
**REMOTE MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Matthews Silver Line Task Force will be conducted remotely using the Zoom virtual meeting platform.

**TO WATCH LIVE:** The meeting will be available via Zoom. To join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device, click this URL: <https://zoom.us/j/95165386425>. An account is not necessary to join.

**TO LISTEN LIVE:** The meeting audio will be available by calling 888-788-0099 (Toll Free) or 877-853-5247 (Toll Free) and entering meeting ID 951 6538 6425

- I. Welcome (10 minutes).....Bill Stevens
  - Overview of Prior Meeting, Approval of Minutes
  
- II. Presentation by CATS Team (60 minutes).....Andy Mock and Jenna Nichols
  - Process, Schedule, Benefits/Risks, Locally Preferred Alternative, Virtual Tour of LYNX Blue Line
  - Discussion with Task Force Members
  
- III. Next Meetings: (10 minutes).....Staff
  - Topics
  - Frequency
  
- IV. Adjournment

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF POTENTIAL QUORUM**  
**PLANNING BOARD**  
**JULY 1, 2020**  
**7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

Notice is hereby given that a potential quorum of the Matthews Planning Board will be present at the Matthews Silver Line Task Force public meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This event will be held on line using Zoom meeting platform.

**MINUTES  
SILVER LINE TASK FORCE  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020  
7:00 PM  
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

***ALL PARTICIPANTS MET REMOTELY***

**PRESENT:** Chairman Bill Stevens; Members Lou Abernathy, Fred Baylor, David Blackley, Wyatt Dixon, Chris Hough, Bo Hulsey, Jim Johnson, Kerry Lamson, Lynn Lewis, Scott Phillips, Jana Reeve, and Jennifer Saunders; Mayor John Higdon; Town Engineer Susan Habina-Woolard; Transportation Planner Dana Stoogenke; Senior Administrative Specialist/Deputy Town Clerk Shana Robertson

**ABSENT:** Members Natasha Edwards and Walter Wright

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

**GREETING FROM MAYOR**

Mayor John Higdon thanked everyone for their participation. Mayor Higdon said that each member was appointed to the Task Force by Town Council because they were respected by the community and cared about the Town of Matthews. Mayor Higdon said that goal was to find the best route possible through Matthews and he was excited about the future of the Silver Line. He wished the members luck in gathering information and making a recommendation to the Town Board.

**WELCOME**

Town Engineer Susan Habina-Woolard outlined meeting guidelines for effective communication and participation. Guidelines included being respectful of others in the group, succinctness, attention, and patience. Mr. Stevens suggested that meeting agendas be sent in advance for the member's review.

Transportation Planner Dana Stoogenke welcomed the members to the Silver Line Advisory Task Force and introduced Chairman Bill Stevens. Ms. Stoogenke reviewed the list of Town Board appointed community members and the Town staff liaisons.

Ms. Stoogenke said that Silver Line Task Force members will meet twice a month during the summer on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. She added that in the fall, members would only need to meet once a month. The goal of this committee was the successful adoption of the Silver Line Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) by the fall of 2020 and present this to the Board of Commissioners.

**SILVER LINE TASK FORCE MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

Members of the Silver Line Task Force took turns introducing themselves to the group.

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

Ms. Stoogenke reviewed Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) LYNX Silver Line Program that was presented at the May 26, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting (Exhibit A attached and made part of these minutes).

Ms. Habina-Woolard said that CATS staff and consultants were using a complicated decision matrix process. Town staff will be sharing that information with the members of the Silver Line Task Force in future meetings.

Mayor Higdon asked if the group had to make a decision on the alignments that were presented by CATS or if members could suggest something different. Discussion ensued on the CATS suggested alignments and the weight of the Towns recommendation.

Mr. Stevens said that the consensus was that the objective of the Silver Line Task Force was to recommend a route through the Town of Matthews. Mr. Stevens suggested that a broad goal be set for the outcome of each meeting. Ms. Stoogenke said that could be provided.

Jim Johnson requested a detailed map of the proposed alignments. Ms. Stoogenke said that she would work with CATS to obtain that and supply it to the group.

Wyatt Dixon asked if there was an area of the Blue Line that was similar in design to the Matthews vision that staff would recommend being studied. Ms. Habina-Woolard said that the staff was working with CATS to get the members a virtual tour of the LYNX Blue Line. Members can discuss likes and dislikes on designs and if those would fit into the Matthews culture.

Lynn Lewis asked if ridership data was available. Ms. Stoogenke said that she would work to get that information for the group's review.

Chris Hough asked if, besides CPCC, were there any required stops that CATS was requiring in Matthews. Ms. Stoogenke said that she did not know of any restraints but CATS had been having meetings with CPCC, Novant, and Atrium. Mr. Hough clarified that CATS has not stated that the Silver Line must stop at the hospital. Ms. Stoogenke said they had not. Mayor Higdon said feedback that he had received from citizens included a stop relatively close to Downtown Matthews.

**NEXT MEETING: July 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom- Proposed Topics**

Ms. Habina-Woolard said that the next meeting would focus on the adopted LPA alignment, economic/transit-oriented development, and the decision matrix. Ms. Habina-Woolard said that background information on planning would also be available. She added that in July, CATS wanted to have meetings with small groups, and the Silver Line Task Force was a small group. Future meeting agendas and expectations were discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana Robertson  
Senior Administrative Specialist/Deputy Town Clerk

