



FORUM SUMMARY

A second public forum was held to summarize the concept developed for the Gastonia Multimodal Study. HDR and ColeJenest & Stone representatives (Brett Wallace, Tim Eckmair, and Jonathan Crowder) presented the following information:

- Project overview;
- Desired study outcomes;
- Comments from previous workshop;
- Guiding principles;
- Overall vision;
- Phase 1 concept;
- Conceptual cost;
- Potential funding sources;
- Future development; and
- Next steps.

The presentation slides are attached.

The attendees were generally supportive of the concept as presented, and indicated that such a facility would be positive for Gastonia. Questions and comments included the following:

- Concern about phasing approach. Would like to see a developer come in and complete more of the project at one time, rather than in a piecemeal fashion.
- Question about public or private ownership of the facility. Public ownership limits the ability to move loiters on their way.
- Development is good, but the facility should not draw traffic away from the existing downtown area.
- Discussion about federal funding opportunities, and the increasingly positive outlook for transit under the new administration.
- Clarification on impacts to Tony's and the Shrimp Boat.

The completed sign-in sheet is attached.