

Committee Members Present: Ed Driggs (Chair), Malcolm Graham, LaWana Mayfield, Renee Johnson, and Victoria Watlington. Additional Council members present; J.D. Mazuera Arias, Dante Anderson and Joi Mayo.

Committee Purpose: Reviews and recommends policies designed to promote mobility, environmental stewardship and planned growth.

Staff Resource: Liz Babson, Deputy City Manager

Meeting Summary – May 4, 2026:

At the May 4, 2026 meeting, the Committee discussed the following (meeting materials are available at [City of Charlotte - Meeting of Transportation, Planning and Development Council Committee on 5/4/2026 at 3:00 PM](#)):

I. Policy Referral: Development and Transportation Infrastructure

Staff provided an update on recent policy referral related to development and transportation infrastructure. Key takeaways:

- Transportation reviews include policy requirements, review for safety, and coordination with public investment projects
- Council-adopted policies require developers to build or modify the city’s street network to provide complete streets
- Staff are evaluating ways to enhance reporting of transportation rezoning requirements.
 - Scale of Development Activity
 - Over 1,000 development reviews in 2025
 - Includes: rezonings, subdivisions, commercial development and traffic studies
 - Rezoning = only 15% of total reviews
 - Developers Play a Major Role
 - Private developers deliver a large share of infrastructure – often faster and cheaper than government.
 - \$300 million in private investment
 - Policies Guiding Transportation
 - Key frameworks: Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Strategic Mobility Plan, Charlotte Streets Manual and the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)
 - Current Reporting Process
 - Staff provides transportation analysis in Council rezoning packers. This includes regulatory, safety and infrastructure considerations.
 - Proposed Improvements
 - The city is working to make reporting clearer and more transparent by adding: Who maintains streets (City vs. State), nearby infrastructure projects (CIP/NCDOT), Safety goals (Vision Zero), capacity and design requirements, and regulatory context.

Next Steps & Action

Staff will do a deeper review of transportation requirements tied to rezoning, and review proposed rezoning enhancements related to transportation as well as increasing clarity, consistency and transparency.

II. MPTA Update

Councilmember Driggs provided a status report on the Metropolitan Public Transit Authority activities. Key takeaways:

- Key Milestones & Decisions
 - April 27: City Council approved Termination Agreement (required by July 1)
 - May 4: FY2027 Budget presented which includes transit portion
 - MPTA: Approved draft FY2027 Budget and scheduled public hearings (May 13)
 - Monthly MPTA Board meetings are established
- Transition Progress
 - Transition Team engaged and active. Workstreams, Milestones and weekly coordination meetings are underway. LGERS approved MPTA participation.
- Primary Interlocal Agreement
 - Draft in development (City and MPTA legal teams) this defines transition framework and timeline, funding flow and liabilities and additional required agreements.
 - Approved required before July 1
- Upcoming Key Dates:
 - May 11- City Budget Public Hearing
 - May 13 – MPTA Buder Public Hearing
 - June 8 – City Budget Adoption
 - June 10 – MPTA Budget Adoption
 - July 1 – FY2027 begins

III. Policy Referral: I-77 South Express Lanes Project

NCDOT was unable to present at the May TPD Committee Meeting due to time constraints but provided key highlights. Council committee members voted to hold a special full council meeting as soon as possible; the date has not yet been determined.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next Transportation, Planning, Development Council Committee meeting is June 1, 2026, at 5:00 pm in room 267.