

# Transit Authority Board of Trustees Appointment Overview

# Composition of Board of Trustees

- **27 members appointed to board of trustees**
- **Appointed by City, County, six Towns, and state government leaders**
- **City has 12 appointments total**
  - 3 appointments must be recommended by Business Alliance (2) and Foundation for the Carolinas (1)
  - 1 appointment must have small business experience
  - 1 appointment to be an active CATS user (MOU requirement)

# Basic Eligibility Requirements

- **Residency**: all members must be County residents
- **No Elected Officials**: no current elected officials may be appointed
- **No Lobbyists**: no registered lobbyists or family members of lobbyists may be appointed

# Experience/Qualification Requirement

- “Members of the board of trustees shall have demonstrated experience or qualifications in the areas of law, finance, engineering, public transportation, urban planning, logistics, government, architecture, or economic development”
- PAVE Act does not define any of these terms used

# Experience/Qualifications (cont.)

- Demonstrated experience/qualifications in the area of “public transportation” has created the most questions and is undefined
- Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines “public transportation” as *“a system of trains, buses, etc., that is paid for or run by government.”*
- “Public Transportation System” is a defined term under the Act

Any combination of real and personal property established for purposes of public transportation. The systems may include one or more of the following: structures, improvements, buildings, equipment, vehicle parking or passenger transfer facilities, railroads and railroad rights-of-way, rights-of-way, bus services, shared-ride services, services and other forms of micro transit, high-occupancy vehicle facilities, car-pool and vanpool programs, voucher programs, telecommunications and information systems, integrated fare systems, and the interconnected bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure that supports public transportation, bus lanes, and busways. The term includes tunnels and other infrastructure designed to rapidly transport people, freight, or vehicles through automated means. The term does not include, however, streets, roads, or highways except to the extent they are dedicated to public transportation vehicles or to the extent they are necessary for access to vehicle parking or passenger transfer facilities.

- The City can determine and define scope of this term and other terms

# Application Process

- The City has developed an application process which is consistent with the City's Boards and Commissions process
- Tailored to meet the requirements of the PAVE Act
- Application asks each applicant for an explanation of their demonstrated experience
- Application window is open now and closes on Monday, Oct. 13
- The City Council appoints by November 24, 2025

# Questions?