



Mecklenburg State Delegation Briefing

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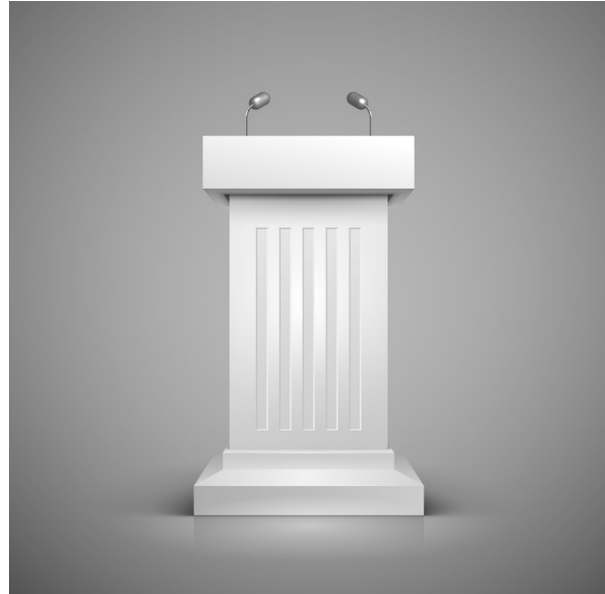
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Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

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Remarks from Delegation Chairperson



City Updates & 2025 State Legislative Agenda



Supporting Western NC

- ▶ Charlotte Fire deployed teams to respond to calls and assist 911 centers
- ▶ CMPD & Mecklenburg Sheriff deployed teams to assist local law enforcement
- ▶ Charlotte Water deployed crews to assist in reestablishing potable water for rural communities
- ▶ Charlotte City Council holding annual strategy session in Asheville, January 26-29

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Safe Communities

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Update: Launched Civilian Crash Investigation Program

- ▶ 71% of all crashes over last three year are minor crashes
- ▶ Sworn officers were working minor crashes ~ 40,000 hours each year

Legislative Agenda: Public Safety

- ▶ **Support initiatives to reduce community violence and improve disaster preparedness**
 - Support measures to implement stronger arcade gaming regulations and protections for the communities negatively impacted by such establishments

Legislative Agenda: Court System

- ▶ **Support Mecklenburg County state court agencies as they seek the allocation of additional state resources for their operations**
 - City joining business and community interests in supporting the local court system



Preparing for Growth



Progress: Opened Concourse A Phase II Expansion

- ▶ Ten gate expansion on former rental car site
- ▶ \$231 million project
- ▶ NC Airport Improvement Program funds committed for the project
- ▶ Increases capacity to accommodate more flights, including to other NC cities

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Legislative Agenda: Aviation

- ▶ **Support the North Carolina Airport Improvement Program and other initiatives to make investments at Charlotte Douglas International Airport**
 - Continue supporting the NC Airport Improvement Program that provides funding for capital projects at the state's ten commercial service airports, including Charlotte Douglas International Airport
 - Compete for other state funding opportunities that may be made available to airports

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Progress: Stowe Regional Water Resource Facility

- ▶ Groundbreaking in June 2023
- ▶ \$380 + million project
- ▶ Consolidates wastewater treatment of Towns and Mount Holly and Belmont
- ▶ Commissioning completed in 2026



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Legislative Agenda: Environment

- ▶ **Support growing communities in securing water resources**
 - Support Charlotte Water's initiative to modify its 2002 inter-basin transfer certificate that transfers water from the Catawba River to the Rocky River Basin to accommodate growth occurring in the Towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, and Mint Hill, and City of Charlotte
 - Town of Mooresville recently requested a similar certificate
 - Utilities in growth areas around the state are considering initiation of the same process to address their water needs

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Emerging Topic: Planning

- ▶ **Further understand "down-zoning" clause of SB382 and implications as they affect future initiatives:**
 - Any further limiting of uses (fish arcades, short term rentals, etc.)
 - Any reduction in density
 - Any non-conforming structure, use or lot (if it currently exists then any proposed ordinance change can not make it out of compliance)
- ▶ **Look to collaborate on any language modifications that retain an ability to pursue housing solutions and respond to constituent issues**

Mobility Update:

Regional collaboration to find a solution for transportation funding

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| <p>1 Developed from a Multi-Year Regional Collaboration to find a regional solution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town, County, City collaboration: Managers established regular work sessions and meetings • Adopted an updated MTC Interlocal Agreement • Created Draft Legislation for transportation funding supported by a majority of the jurisdictions | <p>2 Recognizes the need for a balanced multimodal approach to our transportation needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated road funding throughout the county (Towns, City & ETJ) • Dedicated bus funding to service the majority of transit customers who rely on transit • Dedicated rail funding to expand rail investment in our regional rapid transit corridors | <p>3 Empowers local jurisdictions to determine and invest in their transportation needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road revenue proportionally allocated directly to each town and the city of Charlotte • Each jurisdiction determines how to invest to address their unique needs |
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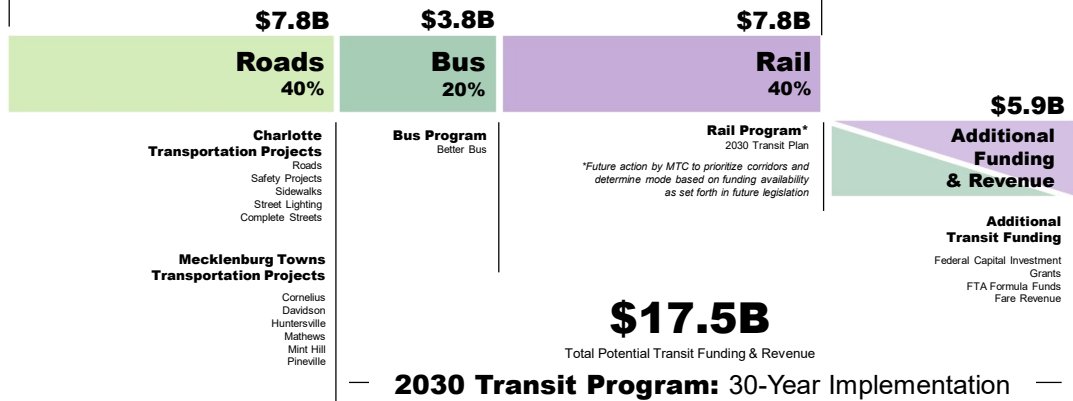
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\$19.4B

One Cent - Mecklenburg County Sales Tax
30-year Revenue
(based on current tax revenue projections)

August 28th 2024
Council Presentation

Transportation Investment Program: 30-Year



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40% for Roads:

	Year 1
Cornelius:	\$5.8M
Davidson:	\$3.1M
Huntersville:	\$12.4M
Mathews:	\$5.4M
Mint Hill:	\$6.7M
Pineville:	\$1.9M
Charlotte:	\$102.4M

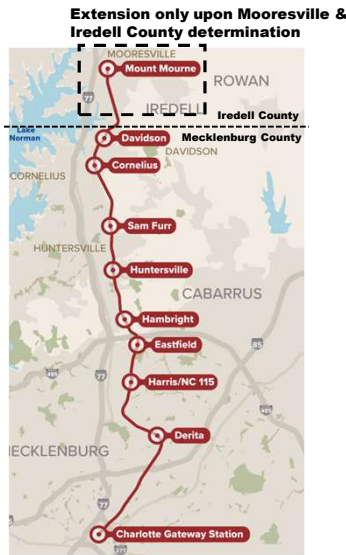
30 Years
\$7.8B

Investment in Roads:

- Town allocations based on established methodology (road miles or road miles and population)
- Annual revenue source that grows with sales tax growth
- Resulting allocations are 10-20% of annual budgets

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The Red Line

A 20+ Year Pursuit:

- Since 2002 the MTC's adopted transit plans have recommended the Red Line commuter rail
- The Red Line was anticipated to be funded through the 1998 transit tax
- Delivering on the commitment of the Red Line is critical for support of sales tax

Breakthrough in 2024:

- Charlotte purchased the Red Line from NS (September)
- Preserves ability to extend to Mooresville into Iredell County (only upon their determination)
- Draft Legislation commits to building the Red Line first

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Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC):

- Mayors of Towns and City
- Chair of County Commission
- NCDOT Board of Transportation

Updating the Transit System Plan:

- **MTC led process** with extensive public engagement
- **MTC policy decision and adoption**

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Fall 2024

Goals, Objectives & Baseline Assumptions

Confirm and prioritize program goals and objectives. Define evaluation criteria based on those goals

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Winter/Spring 2025

Alternatives & Evaluation

Evaluate potential bus and rail improvements

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Late Spring 2025

Recommended Transit System Plan

Develop a fiscally constrained plan and implementation schedule

Legislative Agenda: Mobility

- ▶ **Support the region's efforts to improve its competitiveness and grow the economy through investments to the transportation network**
 - Advance the draft legislation to enactment by continuing to work with legislators and stakeholders, including county, towns, business community, and advocates for transportation, environment, housing, and other groups

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Discussion



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