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STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



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2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Infrastructure

Mobility: Support the region's efforts to improve its competitiveness and grow the economy through investments to the transportation network

Economic Development

Aviation: Support the North Carolina Airport Improvement Program and other initiatives to make investments at Charlotte Douglas International Airport

Environment: Support growing communities in securing water resources

Community

Public Safety: Support initiatives to reduce community violence and improve disaster preparedness

Court System: Support Mecklenburg County state court agencies as they seek the allocation of additional state resources for their operations



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2025 State Legislative Agenda

Issue Area: Infrastructure

Issue: Mobility

Position: Support the region's efforts to improve its competitiveness and grow the economy through investments to the transportation network

The vision of the City of Charlotte is to provide safe, reliable, and equitable mobility options for all travelers regardless of age, income, ability, race, where they live, or how they choose to travel. An integrated system of roadways and public transportation, along with tree-shaded bikeways, sidewalks, and shared-use paths, will support a sustainable, connected, prosperous, and innovative network that connects all Charlotteans to each other, jobs, housing, amenities, goods, services, and the region. We are at a critical moment in our history with the potential to fundamentally change our mobility future.

The region's mobility needs are both increasing and changing. Doing nothing will have lasting impact on our economic competitiveness, quality of life, and upward mobility, especially for our most vulnerable communities. Our current level of mobility investment is unable to keep up with our changing needs and without a significant increase, our needed transportation investment will be delayed by decades. A commitment to a significant mobility investment program with a dedicated source of local funding will position the city and the region to access federal infrastructure funding for the next two decades.

The city, county, and majority of the towns have reached consensus on a plan to address regional mobility needs that can be taken to the General Assembly for its consideration. Additionally, the city has secured access to the Norfolk Southern O-Line from Uptown Charlotte to Davidson that provides a corridor for the operation of commuter rail services.



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Issue Area: Economic Development

Issue: Aviation

Position: Support the North Carolina Airport Improvement Program and other initiatives to make investments at Charlotte Douglas International Airport

The Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) continues to implement the Destination CLT capital improvements program, a collaboration with our airline partners, business community, state and federal legislators, North Carolina Division of Aviation, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Over the last 20 years, the presence and growth of CLT and its airline hub have resulted in CLT becoming not only one of the busiest airports in the U.S. but in the world. With a forward-thinking philosophy and a focus on constant growth, CLT sees itself as an Airport of the future. CLT is one of the nation's and world's busiest airports. Our growth has been remarkable, increasing from 28 million total passengers in 2005 to a record-breaking 53.4 million passengers in 2023. The Airport handled 539,066 aircraft arrivals and departures in 2023 compared to 505,589 in 2022. This continued and sustained growth means CLT is at or near capacity.

The airfield capacity enhancement study and terminal capacity enhancement study looked at possible and potential passenger growth forecasts and together form the Airport's master plan. This plan defines the future and long-term airfield and terminal development and helps craft CLT's construction and development through 2035. The build-out of the program provides more opportunities for airlines to schedule flights between Charlotte and other cities throughout the world, nation, and the Carolinas.

The City of Charlotte supports the NC Airport Improvement Program that provides funding to the ten commercial service airports in the State for capital improvements and debt service. The program is funded at \$100 million annually of which CLT receives approximately \$36 million annually. CLT has utilized this funding for gateway land acquisitions, debt service, charter terminal expansion and renovation, and Phase II of the Concourse "A" Expansion.

The use of the funds for these purposes enables CLT to advance critical airfield improvement and terminal projects that increase capacity to bring in more flights, especially those from other North Carolina commercial airports. This is a mutually beneficial outcome for all commercial service airports in the State of North Carolina.



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Issue Area: Economic Development

Issue: Environment

Position: Support growing communities in securing water resources

Charlotte Water is a public water and wastewater utility serving more than a million residents, visitors, and businesses in the City of Charlotte, Towns of Matthews, Mint Hill, Pineville, Huntersville, Davidson, and Cornelius, and Mecklenburg County. Charlotte Water traces its founding to 1899 when the Charlotte City Council purchased Charlotte Water Works Company to provide drinking water and fire protection for the city. In 1972, the city and Mecklenburg County consolidated efforts to provide a single water & wastewater service, and in the 1980's, began services for all of Mecklenburg County. Charlotte Water has water intakes in both Lake Norman and Mountain Island Lake.

Due to the intensive growth in population and economic activity in eastern Mecklenburg County – which is in the Yadkin River basin – Charlotte Water filed a notice of intent in February 2024 to modify its current interbasin transfer certificate to increase the maximum amount of water it can move from the Catawba River basin to the Yadkin River basin. Charlotte Water has preliminarily identified that up to an additional 30 million gallons per day will need to be transferred by 2058 from the Catawba to the Yadkin River basins. The proposed increase in the amount of water transferred between basins is in line with year 2058 interbasin transfer projections made in an agreement between Catawba River Basin stakeholders in 2010, including Duke Energy and both the States of North and South Carolina.

The notice of intent was filed in accordance with the North Carolina state statutes governing water transfers. The filing initiated a lengthy study and evaluation process that will primarily be conducted by the NC Department of Environmental Quality (Environmental Impact Statement) and NC Environmental Management Commission (ultimate approval authority of any final interbasin transfer modification proposal). The process will be comprehensive, transparent, and fully informed by input from the public, our neighboring communities, and other stakeholders. Any final proposal – which could be the currently proposed interbasin transfer or something else altogether – will be based on the results of the public feedback, alternatives analysis, and corresponding environmental studies Department of Environmental Quality and review by the Environmental Management Commission.

Since filing of the notice of intent early last year, several communities in the Catawba River basin have taken positions of opposition to the transfer for various reason such as it will take water needed for economic development and growth in other areas and have untold impacts on the environment. The answers to these and other concerns will be addressed in the studies being undertaken by the Department of Environmental Quality and considered by the Environmental Management Commission. A final decision of the Environmental Management Commission is expected in calendar year 2027.



2025 State Legislative Agenda

Issue Area: Community

Issue: Public Safety

Position: Support initiatives to reduce community violence and improve disaster preparedness

The City of Charlotte continues to implement the Safe Charlotte Plan that was adopted in 2020. The Plan addresses alternatives to violence, conversion of low-risk sworn officer duties to non-uniform units, studying the unique needs of communities, mental health and homeless response, youth program evaluation, and enhancement of recruitment efforts. CMPD recently implemented the Civilian Crash Investigator Program, which was enabled by the General Assembly in 2023 House Bill 140. Civilian personnel will be hired to investigate traffic accidents involving only property damage and will not carry firearms. The Community Assistance: Respond, Engage, Support (CARES) Team, which was piloted by CMPD with funds appropriated by the 2021 General Assembly, continues to respond to mental health and homeless calls using a nonsworn officer model. Since its inception in December 2022, the program has operated with no injuries and a very low incidence of arrests.

The City Council is strongly supportive of addressing a statewide issue affecting many cities and counties: the proliferation of arcade “fish” game parlors, illegal sweepstakes parlors, and unlicensed video poker machine parlors. These establishments have public safety impacts which can be a drag on city initiatives that seek to raise up marginalized communities, such as through the Corridors of Opportunity program. The electronic sweepstakes machines, arcade fish games, and unlicensed video poker machines in these establishments are currently illegal in North Carolina. Legislation to authorize and regulate such machines was introduced in 2021 and 2023 but did not advance. Under the 2023 legislation, the North Carolina State Lottery Commission would be tasked with issuing licenses and regulating the play of video gaming terminals. The bill would also strengthen criminal penalties for violations committed by the operators. Any revenues collected from the video gaming terminals would be used for scholarship forgivable loans to North Carolina residents to attend community college, improvement of graduation rates at State HBCU’s, and the costs of enforcement. There is work underway to continue this initiative in the 2025 long session. By supporting such efforts, the city would be at the table as the legislation works its way through the process. The voice of the city will be very important, especially if any planning and zoning issues are addressed in the legislation.



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2025 State Legislative Agenda

Issue Area: Community

Issue: Court System

Position: Support Mecklenburg County state court agencies as they seek the allocation of additional state resources for their operations

State funding for the court system is appropriated by the NC General Assembly and administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts. The funding formulas do not account for the unique needs of the state's urban areas. Consequently, funding has never kept pace with the population or the proportion of statewide crime in urban areas. As crime increased in our county, both the city and Mecklenburg County began supplementing state funding to add personnel and equipment to various court agencies, including the District Attorney's Office and Mecklenburg County Courts. Even with the local resources committed to the system, the local court system does not receive funding commensurate with its share of population and crime. If not addressed, it will fall further behind in handling its case volume and bringing offenders to justice. This will make it much more difficult to take chronic offenders off the streets and to sustain the crime reductions that police and the community have fought to achieve.