



**Transportation Planning and Development  
Council Committee Meeting Summary**

**Monday, October 6, 2025  
CH-14 at 10:00 am**

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COMMITTEE AGENDA TOPICS

- Agenda Overview
- I. Metropolitan Public Transit Authority (MTPA) Appointments
  - II. Community Area Plan (CAP) Update and Next Steps

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**COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

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**Committee Members Present:** Ed Driggs (Chair), Malcolm Graham, Marjorie Molina, Victoria Watlington, and Renee' Johnson. Additional Council members present, James Mitchell, Edwin Peacock, and LaWana Mayfield.

**Staff Resources:**

Liz Babson, City Manager's Office  
Alyson Craig, City Manager's Office  
James Mitchell, City Council Member  
Anthony Fox, City Attorney's Office  
Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk's Office  
Monica Holmes, Planning, Design, and Development

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**DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS**

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**Metropolitan Public Transit Authority (MPTA) Appointments**

Staff will provide a status update of applicants and council workgroup will provide an update on the process for board appointments.

- Transit Authority Board of Trustees Appointments
  - There are 27 members appointed to the board of trustees. These are appointed by the city, county, six towns and state government leaders.
  - City has 12 appointments in total. Three must be recommended by Business Alliance (2) and Foundation for the Carolinas (1).
  - Basic eligibility requirements are all members must be county residents, no current elected officials, and no registered lobbyists or family members of lobbyists may be appointed.
  - 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. The PAVE

Act does not define any of these terms used and it will be on council for further requirements.

- Public Transportation demonstrated experience/qualifications in the area has created the most questions and is undefined. It is defined in Merriam-Webster Dictionary as “a systems of trains, buses, etc., that is paid for or run by government. “Public Transportation System” is defined term under the act. The City can determine and define scope of this term and other terms.
- The city has developed an application process which is consistent with the City’s Boards and Commissions process. This is tailored to meet the requirements of the PAVE Act. The application asks each applicant for an explanation of their demonstrated experience. Application window is open and closes on October 13, 2025. The City Council will appoint by November 24, 2025.
- Council Work Group Update
  - Mayor Lyles appointed the work group on September 26, 2025, in an email to council. There was a defined process to meet council approval of appointments by November 8<sup>th</sup>. Council member Mitchell (chair), Council members Mayfield and Driggs sit on this work group.

### **Next Steps**

- On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the work group will sort applicants into categories that help guide full council in making a final determination for nominations based on requirements from PAVE Act. The work group will also screen applicants based on review of resumes and determine a subset of applicants to interview using guiding principles such as skill set and experience, transit rider experience and use, and council district representation.
- On October 16<sup>th</sup>, all applications will be verified and shared with full council.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, the work group will conduct interviews. Each interview will be 25 minutes with selected applicants. The interview schedule provides up to 52 hours for interviews, morning, afternoon and evening hours. These interviews will be held at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center.
- On November 6<sup>th</sup>, the work group will make recommendations for council consideration.
- On November 10<sup>th</sup>, nominations by council at Council Business Meeting. The City Clerk will notify the County Clerk.
- On November 24<sup>th</sup>, the council will vote on the MPTA Board appointments at the Council Business Meeting. Council vote on Charlotte Regional Business Alliance (2) and Foundation for the Carolinas (1) recommended appointments.

### **Community Area Plans (CAP) Update and Next Steps**

Staff provide a status update community engagement, what they have heard and next steps with the Community Area Plans. Key takeaways:

- Community Area Plan overview.
  - The purpose is to refine the CLT Future 2040 Plan and provide community-level guidance for growth and development.
  - This is a citywide and large geographical approach.

- The benefits include collaboration between neighborhoods, levels the playing field for all communities on policy and efficiently identify citywide policy updates.
- Community Area Plan expectations
  - Informs decision making
    - Does not create regulations or laws
  - Identifies public and private investments
    - Does not provide funding
  - May recommend future zoning changes
    - Does not change zoning
  - Provides guidance for development
    - Does not stop development
- Comp Plan 2040 vs. CAP
  - Comp Plan 2040: 10 goals
  - CAP: Community Planning Areas and how we use the Comp Plan 2040 goals.
- Planning staff has connected 40 plus different ways with charlotteans
  - Traditional + in-person methods
  - Media
  - Digital and virtual methods
  - Overall project engagement has occurred over the last two plus years
    - Neighborhood + town hall's, office hours, webinars and workshops
- What they've heard
  - How do neighborhoods and residents know their comments were understood, vetted and addressed?
  - How do these plans reflect the neighborhood's vision?
  - Comments and proposed changes can be viewed on [www.cltfuture2040.com](http://www.cltfuture2040.com)
  - Types of comments: new content + policies, clarify, quality, next steps and revised policy map.

### **Next Steps**

- Staff will continue to educate neighborhoods on the process and how to use the plans.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

### **MEETING MATERIALS**

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