

Committee Members Present: Ed Driggs (Chair), Malcolm Graham, LaWana Mayfield, and Renee Johnson. Additional Council members present, Kimberly Owens, Dante Anderson, Dimple Ajmera 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 – June 1, 2026:

At the June 1, 2026 meeting, the Committee discussed the following (meeting materials are available at [City of Charlotte - Meeting of Transportation, Planning and Development Council Committee on 6/1/2026 at 3:00 PM](#)):

I. a. Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority Update

Board Chair, David Howard provided a full update on the establishment, governance, required deliverables and transition progress for the MPTA as it moves toward Gate 1 (July 1, 2026) in compliance under the PAVE Act. Key takeaways:

- Establishment & Governance
 - The MPTA Board was seated in December 2025 and has since adopted bylaws, ethics policies, financial policies, and operational frameworks. The 27-member board oversees the authority, supported by several committees such as officers, executive, finance & audit, operations & safety, planning & capital project delivery.
- PAVE Act Requirements
 - Twelve major studies, plans, or policies must be completed and submitted to the NC General Assembly by July 1, 2026. These include the HR plan, IT plan, asset acquisition plan, interlocal agreements, financial and operational policies, Silver Line value engineering, and agency approvals. Most items are complete or in late-stage review; several remain in progress but on track.
- Transition Milestones (Gate 1-3)
 - Gate 1 (July 1, 2026): Legal/operational readiness – interlocal agreement finalization, HR and finance operating model setup, procurement continuity, grant and agency pathways, and completion of all PAVE Act deliverables.
 - Gate 2 (January 1, 2027): Transfer and cutover of employees, systems, Workday configuration, finance operations, and procurement capabilities.
 - Gate 3 (July 1, 2027): Full separation from City systems, steady-state financial operations, asset transfers, and elimination of interim structures.
- Functional Update Example: Human Resources
 - Work is underway to finalize benefits strategy, HRIS (Workday) configuration, payroll sequencing, and personal policies. Key decisions are required soon to stay aligned with testing and configuration deadlines.
- Community Engagement Highlights
 - Extensive outreach through Silver Line meetings, pop-ups, rail safety fairs, community events, microtransit expansion efforts, fare modernization, public incentives, and advocacy with federal partners.
- Included in the presentation; MPTA Committee Board processes and agendas, executive committee agendas, F&A, OSC, and PCPD committee agendas.

Next Steps & Action

Staff will work with the MPTA Board Chair on future updates.

b. Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority Primary Interlocal Agreement

Parker Poe provided an overview of the original and revised versions of the primary interlocal agreement between the Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority and the City. Key takeaways:

- The overall theme of the revisions is more structure and oversight around governance, contracting, assets, liabilities, and financial management. As well as greater clarity on ownership, responsibility, and decision-making authority during the transition. Additional protections for both parties, particularly concerning debt obligations, transit funds, liabilities, and employee matters. A move from several placeholder or high-level provisions to detailed operational requirements and procedures.

Next Steps & Action

Action Review presentation to full council on June 8th, at the City Council Business Meeting.

c. Metropolitan Public Transportation Authority Memo Update

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

- The memo provides an update on the coordination between the MPTA and the City of Charlotte regarding implementation of the PAVE Act and transit operations. The memo also provides an update on the draft Primary Interlocal Agreement.
- Councilmember Driggs highlighted the PACT Act requirements for the City's transfer of transit operations to the MPTA, effective July 1, 2026.
- Planned Next Steps
 - June 8, 2026, Action Review presentation to discuss the draft Primary Interlocal Agreement
 - June 22, 2026, City Council to consider the Primary Interlocal Agreement for approval
 - July 1, 2026, effective date of the Primary Interlocal Agreement
- City staff and Parker Poe will make themselves available for additional "Office Hours" drop in opportunities as requested. City Council is also welcome to provide mark-ups to the City Attorney.

II. Data Centers

Staff provided a brief recap on the May 11th public hearing and an update on proposed actions regarding data center development, including a potential temporary moratorium and future regulatory standards. Key takeaways:

- Public Feedback
 - May 26th, most speakers supported a moratorium due to concerns about water consumption and thermal discharge, energy demand, urban heat island effects, noise and light pollution, environmental justice impacts, groundwater contamination and artificial intelligence-related concerns.
 - Speakers opposed a moratorium due to concerns based on misinformation about hyperscale facilities, data centers are critical infrastructure, existing approved projects cannot legally be halted and a need for collaboration on standards before a complete ban on data centers
- Moratorium Proposal
 - Staff are proposing a 150-day moratorium (June 8-November 5, 2026) on data center applications to allow time for research, policy development, and community engagement.
- Legal Framework

- North Carolina law (G.S. 160d-107) permits temporary moratoria if local governments clearly document: problems being addressed, why alternatives are insufficient, scope and duration of the moratorium and actions to be taken during the moratorium period.
- Research and Policy Development (during the moratorium)
 - An environmental consultant would conduct independent research
 - An interdisciplinary city team would evaluate impacts and best practices
 - Staff would develop policy recommendations and engage the public
- Projects in progress
 - Several major data center projects would be exempt because they already have vested rights or approved zoning plans.
- Statewide Context
 - Numerous North Carolina municipalities have recently adopted data center moratoria. Staff highlight ongoing state legislative activity that could affect local authority over data centers and future industry regulations.

Next Steps & Action

Council action on June 8th, at the City Council Business Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Next Meeting:

The next Transportation, Planning, Development Council Committee meeting is on August 3, 2026, at 5:00 pm in CH-14.