

Federal & State Report

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Overview

Staff-Proposed Legislative Agenda Requests

- No votes today
- Committee scheduled to consider and vote on proposed agendas on January 3

Engagement Strategy

- Mayor's Directive
- Framework

Next Steps

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Federal: Destination CLT

Continue working with Congress and the Administration to secure federal resources for the build-out of the Destination CLT capital program at Charlotte Douglas International Airport

- Secure a Letter of Intent for the federal government to provide federal funding for construction of the fourth parallel runway and north and south end around taxiways
- Secure competitive grant funding through the federal Airport Terminal Program for Destination CLT projects

Federal: 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan

Continue working with Congress and the Administration to secure federal resources for the build-out of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan

- Maintain liaison with the Congressional Delegation to keep them informed of progress in advancing the 2030 Plan
- Secure competitive grant funding through public transportation and multi-modal opportunities

Federal: Immigration

Support federal immigration policies that strengthens our economy and workforce, immigrant families and communities

- Continue the H-1B Visa Program and make program changes to address issues related to spouses and dependent children
- Support merit-based solutions to allow participants in the asylum, parole, temporary protected status, and deferred action for childhood arrivals programs to earn and keep legal status that eventually leads to citizenship
- Support increased funding and support of resettlement organizations as they work with refugees in our community

Federal: Sustainability and Resilience

Support federal funding and policies that enable the City to reach its Strategic Energy Action Plan goals

- Fleet Electrification and Infrastructure
- Energy Efficiency
- Environmental Justice
- Workforce Development

State: Mobility

Continue working with regional stakeholders and the General Assembly to secure mobility legislation

- Enables the voters of Mecklenburg County to authorize the Mecklenburg County Commission to levy dedicated, stable, and permanent sources of revenues for regional and local public transportation, roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, passenger rail, greenway, and safety projects
- Enables local governments to issue revenue bonds for projects that would be backed by the new local sources of revenue

State: State Transportation Funds

Support data-driven approaches to the distribution of State transportation funding that are fair and consistently applied

- Support the Strategic Transportation Investments program for prioritization of State transportation construction funding
- Restore statutory funding levels for all municipalities receiving local street maintenance funding through the Powell Bill Program

State: Safe Charlotte

Support policies and increased resources that further initiatives to lower crime, increase public safety, and redeploy resources to areas of highest and best use

- Authorize police departments to convert low risk sworn duties to non-uniform units, such as investigations of non-lethal traffic accidents by trained civilians

Engagement Strategy

Description / Background:

- The City of Charlotte is a political subdivision of the State of North Carolina and must follow applicable state statutes and regulations. In order to enhance and preserve legislative authorities, it is important that Mayor and Council build relationships with members of the General Assembly. Doing so will enable both local and state elected officials to enhance their understanding and appreciation of the challenges that they face in their policy-making roles.

Policy Question / Intent:

- The intent is to develop a sustainable strategy to guide Mayor and Council in developing stronger and deeper relationships with members of the General Assembly.

Focus on Mobility

Mobility is a Regional Issue

Delegation for Charlotte Regional Business Alliance covers 11 NC counties

- 46 Members:
 - 14 Senators
 - 32 Representatives
- Political Balance:
 - 28 Republicans
 - 18 Democrats



2022 Regional Positions of Leadership

Senate

- *Kathy Harrington, Majority Leader and Chair, Appropriations
- Paul Newton, Chair, Finance
- Vickie Sawyer, Chair, Transportation
- Todd Johnson, Chair, Commerce and Insurance
- Ted Alexander, Chair, State and Local Government
- Carl Ford, Chair, State and Local Governments

House

- Tim Moore, Speaker of the House
- Jason Saine, Sr. Chair, Appropriations
- Dean Arp, Sr. Chair, Appropriations
- John Bradford, Sr. Chair, Finance
- Mitchell Setzer, Sr. Chair, Finance
- Kristin Baker, Chair, Health
- Wayne Sasser, Chair, Health
- John Torbett, Chair, Education – K-12
- Grey Mills, Chair, Election Laws
- Mark Brody, Chair, Local Government – Land Use, Planning and Development

Develop Communications Strategy

Work with our regional partners on developing the strategy

- Metropolitan Transit Commission
- Charlotte Regional Business Alliance
- Centralina Regional Council

Background information and talking points need to be consistent while illustrating the benefits to all parts of the region

- Legislators from outer counties will be more interested in what the planned system will do for their counties as opposed to Mecklenburg County and Uptown Charlotte

Schedule Visits to the NCGA

Work with partners on scheduling

- Leadership elections will be held in January
- Committee chairmanships and assignments will be released in January
- Annual events, like the NCLM Town & State Dinner, have not yet been scheduled
- Legislative deadlines have not been established for:
 - *Bill drafting and introduction dates*
 - *Crossover – date at which most legislation must be out of its house of origin*

Potential dates that may work for City of Charlotte

- February 1 and 15
- March 1 and 15
- April 5 and 19

Next Steps

Date	Event
January 3	US Congress convenes Committee meets to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue discussion on Engagement Strategy with General Assembly • Propose federal and state legislative agendas Committee Chair discusses proposed agendas at Council Committee Discussions
January 9	Staff presents proposed legislative agendas to City Council at Action Review
January 11	NC General Assembly Organizational Session (one-day)
January 23	City Council consideration of legislative agendas
January 25	NC General Assembly reconvenes long session
January 30 – February 10	State Delegation Briefing
March 26 – 29	Congressional Briefings

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Questions and Answers

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