



Federal & State Legislative Agendas

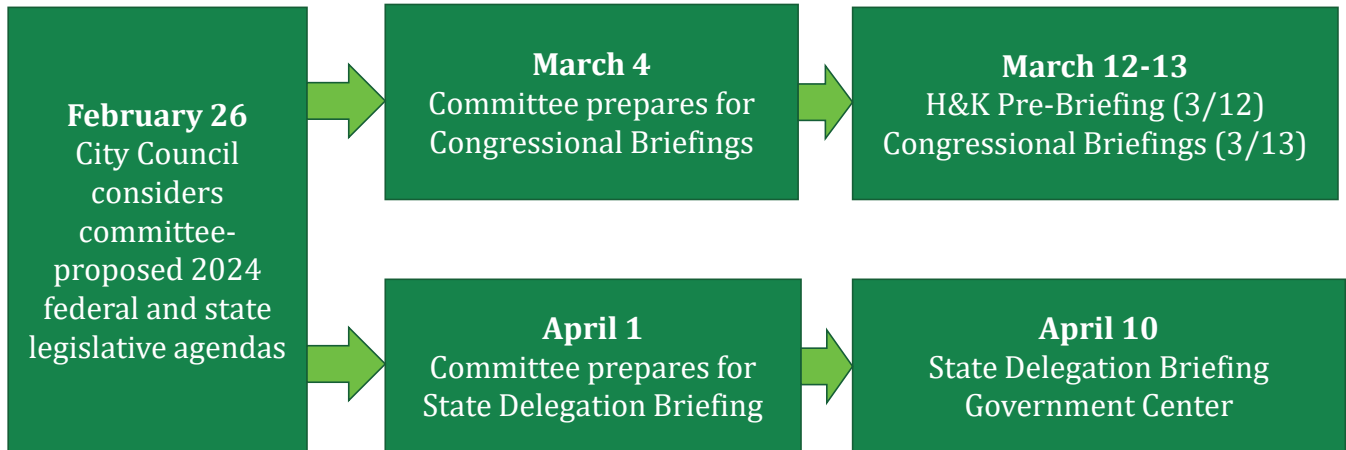
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Budget, Governance, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee



Next Steps



2024 Legislative Agendas

► Goals are based upon City Council's strategic priorities

- Achievable in the time frames available
 - *Congressional calendar will be populated with more frequent District and State work periods*
 - *NC General Assembly session will last only two months*
- Achievable in the current economic and political climates
- Actionable through legislation, budgets, grant requests in 2024
- Do no harm

► New position addresses Upward Mobility

► Shows linkages between federal and state agendas

2024 Legislative Agendas

► Collaboration Opportunities

- Federal and State Delegations
- Federal and State Administrations and Agencies
- Mecklenburg City, County and Town Officials
- Countywide Elected Officials
- Local and Regional groups such as Charlotte Regional Business Alliance, Greater Charlotte Hospitality & Tourism Association, and other groups
- North Carolina groups such as League of Municipalities, Metro Mayors Association, Association of County Commissioners, Association of Chiefs of Police, and other groups
- National groups such as US Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, Mayors & CEOs for US Housing Investment, and other groups
- City Manager, department heads, and key department managers

2024 Legislative Issues



Infrastructure

- Mobility



Economic Development

- Aviation
- Upward Mobility
- Digital Inclusion
- Immigration (Federal only)



Community

- Public Safety
- Environment
- Housing

Mobility

Advance solutions to mobility needs, including the implementation of smart policies that advance next generation personal and commercial mobility systems, in conjunction with stakeholders, legislators, and state and federal agencies

Federal Focus

- ▶ Support federal resources for build-out of the Strategic Mobility Plan
- ▶ Support federal resources for freight and passenger rail initiatives

State Focus

- ▶ State authority to enable build-out of the Strategic Mobility Plan

Aviation

Strengthen the foundation of Charlotte Douglas International Airport for future success

Federal Focus

- ▶ Secure letter of intent for fourth parallel runway (\$450 million request)
- ▶ Support federal resources for aviation

State Focus

- ▶ Support the NC Airport Improvement Program

Upward Mobility

Support the economic development, workforce development, and other programs that grow the economy, attract talent, reduce unemployment and poverty rates, and enable people to generate long-term wealth

Federal Focus

- ▶ Support federal resources for Corridors of Opportunity projects
- ▶ Support federal resources in support of local and regional economic and workforce development initiatives

State Focus

- ▶ Support state economic development programs
- ▶ Access pass-through workforce development funding administered by the State

Digital Inclusion

Support policies and funding that advance digital inclusion so that all members of the community can access digital opportunities for commerce, workforce readiness, and education

Federal Focus

- ▶ Support federal resources to appropriately fund the federal Affordable Connectivity Program

State Focus

- ▶ Access pass-through federal digital inclusion funding administered by the State
- ▶ Support extension of broadband to rural areas

Immigration

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

Federal Focus

- ▶ Improve the H-1B Visa process
- ▶ Establish pathways to citizenship
- ▶ Increase resources for refugee resettlement

Public Safety

Support policies and funding that further initiatives to lower crime, increase community safety, and redeploy resources to areas of highest and best use, all of which serve to strengthen public confidence in the public safety and judicial systems

Federal Focus

- ▶ Support federal resources for fire and police services

State Focus

- ▶ Access pass-through federal public safety funding administered by the State
- ▶ Monitor 2023 legislation eligible to be considered in 2024

Environment

Support policies and funding for initiatives that advance clean water, drinking water, and sustainability and resilience

Federal Focus

- ▶ Support federal resources for environmental programs
- ▶ Support additional funding for PFAS, Lead-Service Line Replacement, Low-Income Household Water Assistance programs
- ▶ Support environmental justice initiatives

State Focus

- ▶ Access pass-through environmental funding administered by the State
- ▶ PFAS regulation consistency between federal and state governments
- ▶ Monitor 2023 legislation eligible to be considered in 2024

Housing

Support policies and funding that enable families to live in safe, affordable housing, provide opportunities that align with creating thriving neighborhoods, and mitigate the impacts of displacement and gentrification

Federal Focus

- ▶ Support federal resources for housing programs
- ▶ Improve federal housing voucher programs to encourage greater private sector participation

State Focus

- ▶ Access pass-through housing tax credits administered by the State
- ▶ Monitor 2023 legislation eligible to be considered in 2024

Legislative Calendar

Date / Projected Date	Event
February 26	Council consideration of the 2024 state and federal legislative agendas
March 6	NCLM Regional Town & State Dinner (Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, NC)
March 12 – 13	Congressional Delegation Briefings (National League of Cities Congressional City Conference, Washington, DC)
April 10	State Delegation Briefing (Charlotte – Mecklenburg Government Center)
April 24	2024 NC General Assembly short session convenes
May 7	Charlotte Regional Business Alliance’s Raleigh Reception
By July 4	NC General Assembly expected adjournment
By end of 2024	US Congress Adjournment

Questions and Answers