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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

<b>Mon (Nov 9)</b>	<b>Tues (Nov 10)</b>	<b>Wed (Nov 11)</b>	<b>Thurs (Nov 12)</b>	<b>Fri (Nov 13)</b>	<b>Sat (Nov 14)</b>
2:00 PM City Manager's Quarterly Update Meeting, Room CH-14	9:30 AM New Council Zoning Orientation, 8 <sup>th</sup> Fl. Conf. Room	12:00 PM Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280			9:00 AM Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1705 Rosa Parks Place
3:00 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280	6:00 PM Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1601 W. Trade St.	2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280			
5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267					

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### Monday, November 9

- 2:00 PM City Manager's Quarterly Update Meeting, Room CH-14
- 3:00 PM Transportation & Planning Committee Meeting, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** High occupancy toll lanes part III
- 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267

### Tuesday, November 10

- 9:30 AM New Council Zoning Orientation, CMGC Eighth floor conference room.
- 6:00 PM Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1601 W. Trade St.

### Wednesday, November 11

- 12:00 PM Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** Habitat for Humanity contract; Proposed Neighborhood Matching Grants program review
- 2:00 PM Environment Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** Post construction stormwater ordinance update; Water quality testing; Sustainable facilities policy; Sugar Creek wastewater plant upgrade

### Saturday, November 14

- 9:00 AM Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1705 Rosa Parks Place

November and December calendars are attached.



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## INFORMATION:

### Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Listening Tours

Staff Resources: Tom Warshauer, NBS, 704-336-4522, [twarshauer@charlottenc.gov](mailto:twarshauer@charlottenc.gov)  
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Over the next several months, Neighborhood & Business Services (NBS) staff will be attending community meetings throughout the city to share the enhanced neighborhood revitalization strategy with neighborhood leaders and residents. The enhanced strategy is designed to create successful neighborhoods where people of diverse backgrounds and incomes can build successful lives.

The strategy was presented to the Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee on September 9, 2015, and included in the September 25, 2015 Council-Manager Memo. These community meetings will provide an opportunity for NBS staff to share the City’s strategy for developing and revitalizing neighborhoods and neighborhood business districts, as well as hear directly from residents about their community’s unique needs. The meetings will also reinforce the important role of the NBS Community Engagement service area teams.

While initial outreach will be focused on community consortium groups, any neighborhood interested in learning more about the strategy can request that staff attend their next community meeting through the [Need A Speaker](#) website or by contacting their Community Engagement service area team liaisons.

Currently, staff plans to attend the following community meetings:

<b>District</b>	<b>Community Organization</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>
1	Hampshire Hills Neighborhood Association Greater Providence Baptist Church, 2000 Milton Road	Monday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> ; 6:30 PM
2	Five Points Collaborative & Historic West End Partners Mosaic Village, 1601 West Trade Street	Tuesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> ; 6:00 PM
2	Historic West End Neighborhood Association Fighting Back Bldg., 1705 Rosa Parks Place	Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup> ; 9:00 AM
2	Northwest Communities Association Metro CMPD Station, 1118 Beatties Ford Road	Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> ; 6:00 PM
3	South West Area Neighborhood Coalition Silver Mount Baptist Church, 501 W. Arrowood Road	Tuesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup> ; 7:00 PM
3	Reid Park Neighborhood Association Amay James Rec. Center, 2415 Lester Street	Tuesday, December 8 <sup>th</sup> ; 6:00 PM
3	Monroe Road Advocates (a/k/a Monroe Road Community Association) East Mecklenburg High School, 6800 Monroe Road	Tuesday, January 19 <sup>th</sup> ; 6:00 PM

If City Council members know of neighborhood or other community groups that should be contacted for outreach purposes, please contact Tom Warshauer at [twarshauer@charlottenc.gov](mailto:twarshauer@charlottenc.gov).

**Charlotte Selected to Participate in NLC Summer Learning Leadership Academy**

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Charlotte has been selected to participate in the National League of Cities’ Institute for Youth, Education, and Families Leadership Academy that will occur December 8-10, 2015 in Washington, DC. The title of the training is Building Citywide Systems of Summer Learning.

Neighborhood & Business Services staff will gain knowledge and skills to develop an action plan for creating a collaborative citywide system for summer learning.

Encouraged by NLC to include a community partner in this training, NBS has invited Munro Richardson, Executive Director of Read Charlotte, to participate in this opportunity. This collaboration will strengthen the partnership between the City's Out of School Time program and broader community initiatives like Read Charlotte to help ensure that Charlotte's children and youth are well positioned for the future.

### **Mayor's Mentoring Alliance Awards Nominations Due November 22**

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The Mayor's Mentoring Alliance (MMA), in partnership with United Way of Central Carolinas, will celebrate National Mentoring Month with the "Can You Imagine" Alliance Awards on January 29, 2016 at ImaginOn's McColl Family Theater. This new partnership with United Way enables broad promotion of mentoring to United Way's 55,000 donors. This year the award categories include: Mentor of the Year, Mentee of the Year, Group Mentors of the Year, Business Partner of the Year, Alliance Best Practice Large Agency. There are also three new categories: Alliance Best Practice Small Agency, Educational Leadership in Mentoring, and People's Choice.

The Mayor and City Council are invited to nominate deserving individuals, groups, and programs that have made a difference in the lives of local children and youth through their commitment to mentoring. Nominations can be submitted online at [mayorsmentoringalliance.org](http://mayorsmentoringalliance.org) through November 22, 2015.

### **Charlotte Recognized by eRepublic**

*Staff Resource: Twyla McDermott, I&T, 704-451-1760, [tmcdermott@charlottenc.gov](mailto:tmcdermott@charlottenc.gov)*

Charlotte was recently recognized by eRepublic's Center for Digital Government for its work applying technology to improve services and boost efficiencies. The recognition was part of eRepublic's 2015 Digital Cities Survey, where municipalities identify their use of technology for citizen engagement, policy, operations, and data.

Charlotte placed ninth in the large cities category. Council member David Howard received the City's recognition at the National League of Cities meeting in Nashville on Friday.

### **October 28 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary**

*Staff Resource: John Lewis, CATS, 704-336-3855, [John.Lewis@charlottenc.gov](mailto:John.Lewis@charlottenc.gov)*

MTC considered three action items and heard two information items at the meeting:

#### *Time Change for November 18, 2015 MTC Meeting*

Due to room conflicts for the November meeting, MTC members unanimously approved

changing the start time for the November 18, 2015 MTC meeting to 5 p.m.

#### *Cancel December 2015 MTC Meeting*

Since there are no agenda items on the December MTC meeting calendar, MTC members unanimously approved cancelling the December MTC meeting.

#### *MTC Representative to the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO)*

Federal law requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) include a voting representative for providers of public transportation within the MPO. CRTPO rules require that MTC be represented by a voting MTC member, an amendment of CRTPO's original rules that required an elected official as MTC's representative. The current MTC alternate is retiring from public service; the current representative requested that the process be reviewed since the overlap of membership between MTC and CRTPO creates the potential for conflicts of interest. MTC members unanimously approved sending a request to CRTPO to amend its bylaws to allow the Chief Transit Officer or designee to represent MTC or to act as alternate.

#### *State and Federal Legislative Update*

The State extended the Special Assessments Act for five years. The Transit Finance Working Group recommended the Act's extension as a potential transit funding mechanism. CATS should see additional sales tax revenue from the sales tax base expansion, which will be partially offset by a new exemption for aviation fuel. The State budget included appropriations for LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) funding and continuation of State Maintenance Assistance Program funds. A budget provision capped light rail funding at \$500,000 per project. Other state issues including stabilization of the motor fuel excise tax, a new requirement to give 15 days' notice to adjoining property owners prior to the start of a new public construction project and a proposed constitutional amendment on eminent domain for economic development. The latter will not affect the City of Charlotte because the City is not authorized to use eminent domain for economic development. Proposed changes to the "quick take" condemnation procedures used by the City and many other towns which would have led to more litigation and more costs to taxpayers were defeated.

On the Federal Legislative Agenda, securing federal funding of the 2030 Transit System Plan is high on the priority list, as is the Surface Transportation Act's reauthorization. A budget agreement was reached in Congress, providing a budget framework. An omnibus spending package is expected before the continuing resolution for the Federal FY 2016 budget expires in December. Hopefully, CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 funding will be included in the budget.

Federal objectives for 2016 include funding for the 2030 Transit System Plan and Surface Transportation Act reauthorization. State objectives include eliminating the new light rail funding cap. Transit driver safety is an issue that has been percolating at the Federal level and throughout several states this year.

#### *Coordinated Human Service Plan*

The Coordinated Human Service Plan will provide a unified strategy to define transportation

needs and provide a framework for prioritizing projects. FTA's Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) Act retained the Section 5310 program to improve mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Projects funded through Section 5310 program are intended to exceed ADA requirements so agencies can extend their reach to the senior and disabled community, and require a study to determine needed adjustments and improvements. Staff will work with community stakeholders through meetings and surveys to provide guidance and focus for coordinating services and developing recommendations for service improvements and capital projects such as Section 5310 grant projects.

#### *CATS CEO Report*

Under the CEO's report, Mr. Lewis discussed:

**a. Ridership Report:**

Ridership figures were about 5.4 percent lower in September than last year. Multiple factors are contributing to the decline; some may be service-related. However, staff believes that a large portion is due to technology. The fare collection system is very old, with increasing reports of malfunctioning fare boxes; riders may not be counted accurately or at all, or may be riding without paying a fare. If ridership numbers were actually declining, it would follow that fare revenue would also decline. However, fare revenue is meeting or exceeding last year's revenue levels. Since grant money and federal funds depend on ridership numbers, staff will work to determine the discrepancy and will bring a proposal to MTC to accelerate replacement of the fare box system.

**b. Financial Update:**

Sales tax receipts continue to track ahead of budget estimates for FY2016. New sales tax sources will result in about \$1.3 million annual in additional revenue.

**c. Upcoming Announcement:**

Staff advised MTC members that a major transportation funding announcement would be made at the Charlotte Amtrak Station on October 29, 2015.

#### *Other Business*

The November meeting will include a ceremony recognizing the contributions of retiring original MTC members Ralph Messera (Matthews) and Leamon Brice (Davidson).

The next MTC meeting will be November 18, 2015 at 5 p.m.

# November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30am Bojangles' Coliseum reopening press conference	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition Nashville, TN</b>						
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 2:00pm City Manager's Update Meeting, Room CH-14  3:00pm Transportation Committee Mtg., Room 280  5:00pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267	<b>10</b> 9:30am-11:30 New Council Zoning Orientation, 8th Floor Conf. Room  6:00pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1601 W. Trade St.	<b>11</b> 12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280  2:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1705 Rosa Parks Place
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 12:00pm Budget Committee Mtg., Room 280  5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 501 W. Arrowood Rd.	<b>18</b> 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280  1:00pm – 6:00pm New Council Orientation and Reception to meet Dept. Heads  5:00pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	<b>19</b> 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14  6:00pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 1601 1118 Beatties Ford Rd.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280  5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Day	<b>27</b> Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

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# December

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<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00pm Organizational Meeting (Swearing-In Ceremony), Meeting Chamber	<b>8</b> 6:00pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 2415 Lester St.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 12:00pm Agenda Review (optional), 15 <sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conf. Room  4:00pm Combined Zoning & Business Meeting, Room CH-14  6:30pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 2000 Milton Rd.	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	<b>17</b> 4:00pm Continued Zoning Mtg., Meeting Chamber	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Christmas Holiday	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		