



City of High Point

Municipal Office Building
211 S. Hamilton Street
High Point, NC 27260

Meeting Agenda

Prosperity and Livability Committee

Wesley Hudson, Mayor Pro Tem - Chair

Michael Holmes

Cyril Jefferson

Monica Peters

Jay Wagner, Mayor (Alternate)

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Wesley Hudson, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

[2023-515](#)

Presentation-North Carolina Rail Service

Staff will be giving a presentation regarding the North Carolina Rail Service.

Attachments: [Presentation-NC Rail](#)

ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: North Carolina Rail Service Presentation	
FROM: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager	MEETING DATE: November 8, 2023
PUBLIC HEARING: N/A	ADVERTISED DATE/BY: N/A
ATTACHMENTS: Presentation	

PURPOSE:

North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division Director, Mr. Jason Orthner, P.E., will provide a presentation on the NC rail system and service as well as information on the future of rail service in North Carolina.

RECOMENDATION /ACTION REQUESTED:

None





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Rail Update

Jason Orthner, P.E., CPM
Rail Division Director

November 8, 2023

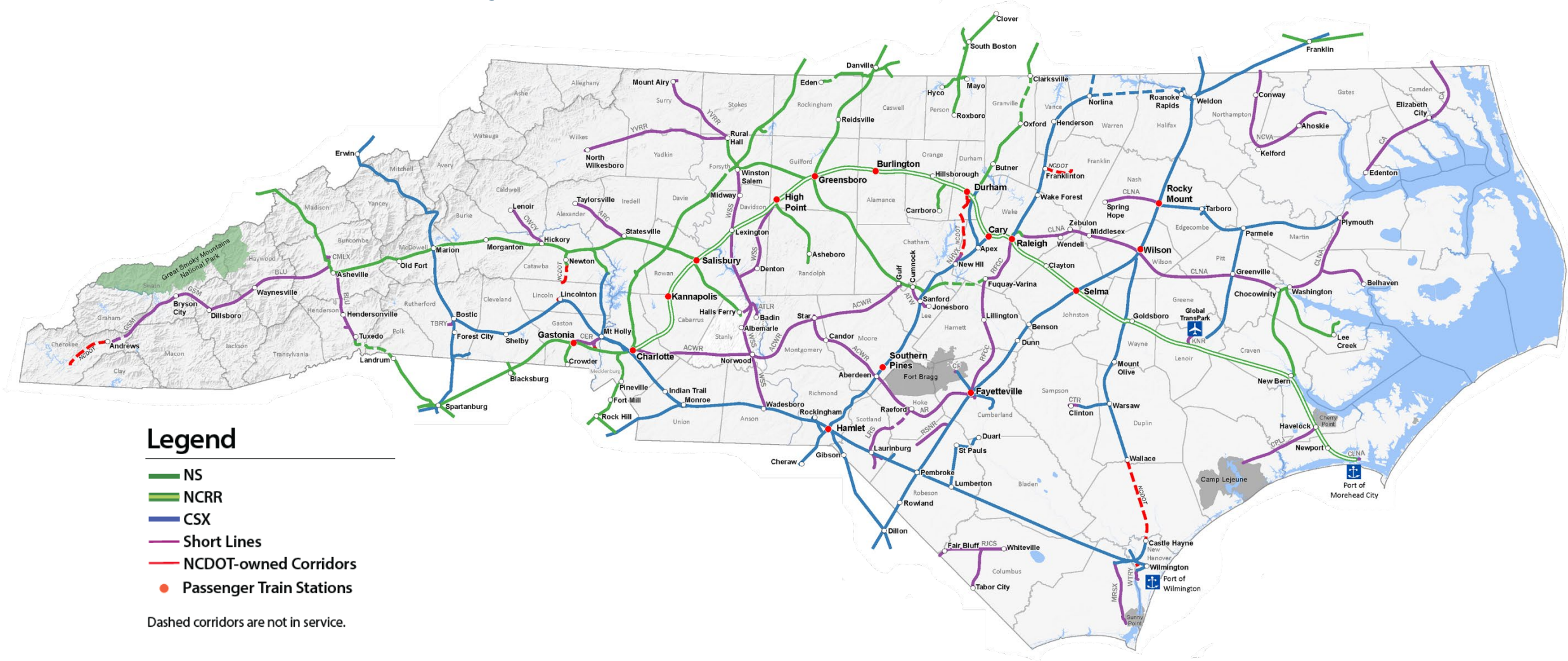
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NCDOT Rail Division Mission



The safe and efficient movement of people and goods on North Carolina's railroads through freight, passenger and safety programs, supporting job creation and economic growth.

North Carolina Rail System



Types of Passenger Rail Service

Intercity Passenger Rail (Typically FRA supported)

- Connecting the centers of cities and towns
- Longer distances between stations
- Longer trip durations
- Baggage and food service typical

Commuter Rail (Typically FTA supported)

- Connecting outlying areas and urban centers
- Peak hour service is historically typical
- Closer station spacing
- Shorter trip durations

Light Rail (Typically FTA supported)

- Urban area
- Separate rail system (not part of national rail network)





Intercity Passenger Rail Coordination Opportunities

- Coordination for special event stops
- Joint marketing for special events
- Planning for future service and schedule adjustments
- NC By Train system expansion through the FRA Corridor Identification and Development (CID) program



NC Corridor ID (CID) Program Opportunities

12 Corridors Submitted:

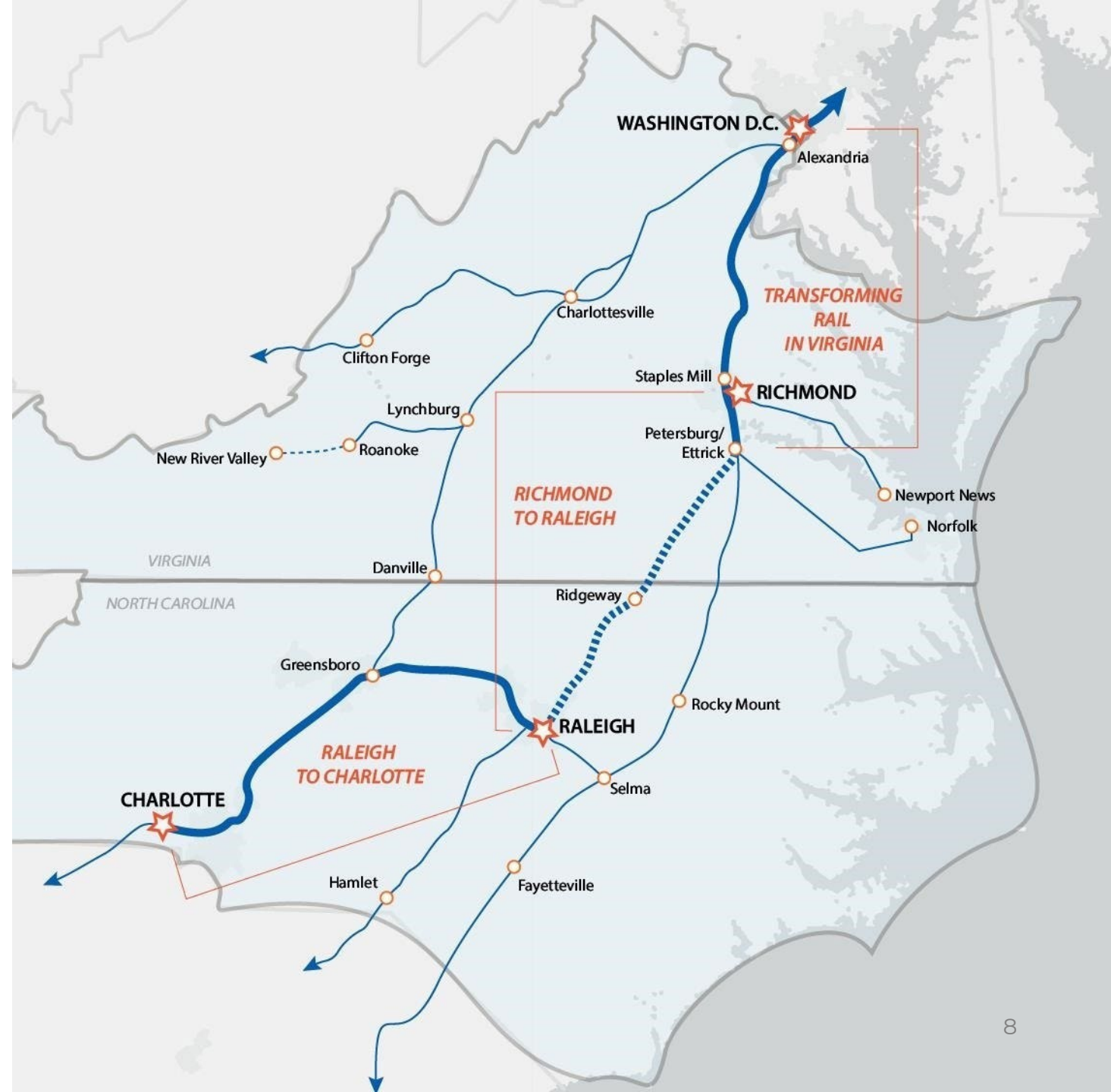
- Salisbury to Asheville
- Charlotte to Washington, DC
- Wilmington to Raleigh
- Charlotte to Kings Mountain
- Greenville to Raleigh
- Winston-Salem to Raleigh
- Hamlet to Raleigh
- Morehead City to Raleigh
- Fayetteville to Raleigh
- Winston-Salem to Charlotte
- Weldon to Raleigh
- Atlanta, GA to Charlotte



DC to Charlotte Intercity Passenger Rail Corridor

Three Segments

- **DC to Richmond**
(Transforming Rail in Virginia)
 - Virginia leading
- **Richmond to Raleigh (S-line)**
 - Connects VA, NC systems
 - Partnership with Virginia
 - NC leading
- **Raleigh to Charlotte**
 - NC completed Piedmont Improvement Program
 - Additional incremental improvements



New Train Equipment is Coming

Siemens Mobility plant being built in Lexington, NC

- High-tech factory to build the current Amtrak order of intercity passenger trains of the future
- \$220M manufacturing and rail services east coast facility will add >500 jobs
- Increased manufacturing capacity will help to deliver sustainable rail in the U.S.



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