

HIGH POINT PROSPERITY, LIVABILITY & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 2025 - 9:00 AM

Municipal Office Building

211 S. Hamilton Street

High Point, NC 27260

Prosperity and Livability Committee - Council Member Monica Peters, Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Monica Peters called the Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee to order at 9:00. She stated all members were present except for Council Member Vickie McKiver.

Present: Chair Monica Peters, Council Member Tyrone Johnson, Council Member Dr. Patrick Harman

Absent: Council Member Vickie McKiver

PRESENTATION OF ITEMS

2025-457 **Presentation of the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Staff will provide a presentation on the High Point 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Transportation Director Greg Venable explained the structure and purpose of the High Point Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a federally mandated transportation planning agency required for urbanized areas with populations exceeding 50,000. He noted that the High Point MPO is one of twenty in North Carolina and is guided by the Transportation Advisory Committee composed of elected officials and a Technical Coordinating Committee consisting of staff representatives. He reviewed the MPO boundary, its funding structure, and the member jurisdictions, which include High Point, Jamestown, Archdale, Trinity, Lexington, Thomasville, Denton, and portions of Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, and Forsyth Counties.

He provided an overview of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which includes eight major sections covering background information, goals, public involvement, all transportation modes, project development, financial analysis, and performance measures. He emphasized that the MTP is a federally required long-range transportation plan updated every five years and guided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Mr. Venable reviewed the ten federally established planning factors and described how the MPO evaluates demographics, employment, housing, transportation networks, transit, greenways, and environmental conditions as part of the planning process.

Mr. Venable summarized the public input process, which included stakeholder interviews, online surveys, and committee feedback. Survey results indicated strong public interest in investments in greenways, sidewalks, transit, and roadway

maintenance. He reviewed the various transportation modes evaluated in the plan, including roadway improvements, intersections, transit, freight, aviation, and passenger rail.

He outlined how roadway projects are identified, including through prior MTPs, the State Transportation Improvement Program, the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and MPO prioritization processes. He also explained the financial constraint requirements of the MTP and reviewed horizon-year project lists extending through 2050, including several significant High Point projects.

Mr. Venable discussed performance measures related to highway safety, pavement and bridge condition, system performance, and transit asset management. He noted that the MPO adopts the State's safety performance measures due to the high level of data analysis required.

Committee members asked several questions. Council Member Harman asked about whether MPO plans require adoption by local elected bodies. Mr. Venable stated that the MPO's Transportation Advisory Committee, composed of elected officials from member jurisdictions, adopts the plan; however, informational presentations to councils are possible. Chair Peters inquired about the Eastchester Drive widening project, and Mr. Venable reviewed the limits of the project, its modification due to rising costs, its general design, and estimated timing for right-of-way and construction. He added that all projects remain subject to potential adjustments due to funding constraints.

Council Member Johnson asked whether the project limits could be reduced again due to inflation; Mr. Venable noted that such changes are possible but that current limits are expected to remain as planned.

Chair Peters also requested updates regarding Main Street, noting recent concerns about potholes and conditions along South Main. Mr. Venable explained that the City has an ongoing project between Russell Avenue and Grimes Avenue involving water and sewer line replacement, undergrounding of electric utilities, sidewalk safety enhancements, and pedestrian improvements. He stated that Main Street will be fully closed through this section beginning Monday, November 10, until the spring furniture market, and that NCDOT will resurface the corridor after the City's project concludes, with completion anticipated in early October 2026. He further noted that the posted speed limit on portions of Main Street may increase north of town and that staff would verify the limits on the south corridor.

Chair Peters asked that he also share the recent Division Seven safety discussions regarding pedestrian safety enhancements and restriping. Mr. Venable explained that NCDOT selected Main Street as one of several corridors across the state for pedestrian safety improvements, which will include upgraded crosswalks, pedestrian signals, ADA ramps, and other safety features once resurfacing is completed. He added that future lane-configuration changes could be considered during the restriping process, subject to approval by both the City and NCDOT. Chair Peters referenced positive community

feedback during recent Main Street design charrettes regarding potential lane reductions and pedestrian-friendly improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Prosperity, Livability & Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Peters, Chair

Attest:

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk