

THE GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DRAFT 2050 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN & COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Available For Public Comment

What is the MTP?

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan, or MTP, is a plan that documents the region’s vision for the future and establishes goals, objectives, and transportation priorities over the next 20+ years to help achieve that vision. This plan considers all surface transportation modes (driving, bicycling, walking, riding transit, freight movement) while also thinking about impacts to the environment, the economy, public health, and overall quality of life. It also identifies ways to fund needed projects, prioritizes how funding is spent, and establishes metrics to measure if we are moving in the right direction.

What is the CTP?

The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is a long-range, multi-modal transportation plan which identifies long-term goals and needs. It provides the foundation for what will become the transportation priorities over the next 50+ years. Unlike the MTP, the CTP is not fiscally constrained.

DRAFT CHAPTERS OF THE MTP

Highway Projects	Public Transportation	Freight	Health Equity	Aviation
Congestion Management Process	Environmental Justice Pt. I & II	Financial Plan	Performance Measures	Resilience
Safety & Security	Title VI	Public Involvement	Bike & Pedestrian	Goals & Policies
Existing & Projected Conditions	Traffic Analysis Zone Appendix	Safety & Security Appendix	Title VI Appendix	CTP Project Descriptions

Come check out the plan! *Public Meeting Times & Locations:*

Caldwell County Resource Center

120 Hospital Ave., Lenoir, NC 28645
May 30, 2023, from 4PM-6PM

Morganton City Hall

305 E Union St # A100, Morganton, NC 28655
June 6, 2023, from 4PM-6PM

Alexander Complex of the Catawba Valley Community College

230 Industrial Blvd. Taylorsville, NC 28681
June 1, 2023, from 4PM-6PM

Ridgeview Branch Library

706 1st St SW, Hickory NC 28602
June 7, 2023, from 4PM-6PM

Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Public Hearing and Meeting at 1880 2nd Avenue NW, Hickory, NC 28601 | June 13, 2023 from 4PM-6PM (a virtual option can be accessed at GHMPO’s website on the QR code to the right)

- Open comment period for the MTP will begin May 15, 2023, until 10AM on June 28, 2023. Please submit inquiries or input to averi.ritchie@wpcog.org or 828-485-4248.
- Scan the QR Code or visit : <https://www.wpcog.org/metropolitan-trans-plan-mtp> to view draft chapters of the Plan!

