

CITY OF HIGH POINT

AGENDA ITEM



TITLE: Resolution Supporting Shared Alignment of Guilford County Transportation Stakeholders in the Promotion and Development of Transportation Services	
FROM: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager	MEETING DATE: May 20, 2024
PUBLIC HEARING: N/A	ADVERTISED DATE/BY: N/A
ATTACHMENTS: Resolution	

PURPOSE: Adoption of a resolution supporting shared alignment of Guilford County, High Point, Greensboro, and PART in the promotion and development of transportation services in a more unified manner.

BACKGROUND: Under the American Rescue Plan Act, Guilford County began a series of assessments and engagement efforts to survey our community's transportation needs. Priorities were identified which include access to healthcare, access to education, and support for local businesses and the economy. Within the community feedback was the re-occurring theme that transportation remained an ongoing barrier to success for many.

Elected officials and staff have reviewed existing services and gaps through a series of informational sessions over the last 12 months to assess improvement opportunities and to gain consensus on a shared vision for the current and future state of our communities' transportation needs and goals. All have agreed to work together to investigate opportunities to improve efficiencies at and between jurisdictional boundaries, to examine gaps in service and barriers to access, to explore opportunities to align service offerings, and seek to find collaborative solutions.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION/ACTION REQUESTED: Staff recommends that City Council adopt the resolution of support and authorize the appropriate city staff or officials to execute all necessary documents.



**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SHARED ALIGNMENT OF GUILFORD COUNTY,
THE CITY OF GREENSBORO, THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, AND REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION STAKEHOLDERS IN THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN A MORE UNIFIED MANNER**

WHEREAS, under the American Rescue Plan Act Guilford County began a series of assessments and engagement efforts to survey our community's needs. This exploration resulted in identifying top priorities which include access to healthcare, access to education, and support for local businesses and the economy. Within the community feedback was the re-occurring theme that transportation remained an ongoing barrier to success for many; and

WHEREAS, Guilford County, City of Greensboro, City of High Point, and the Piedmont Area Regional Transportation Authority (PART) officials believe that having strong interconnected transportation networks are vital to the progress and success of societal activities, economic development, the environment, and the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, when access to transportation is restricted or unavailable for marginalized community groups, their social and financial equity is put at risk—especially for families with limited incomes, the elderly and students; and

WHEREAS, leaders from Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, the City of High Point and PART along with our regional transportation stakeholders have reviewed existing services and gaps through a series of informational sessions over the last 12 months to assess improvement opportunities and to gain consensus on a shared vision for the current and future state of our communities' transportation needs and goals; and

WHEREAS, the County's Transportation stakeholders have found helpful synergy around seeking improvements in our existing systems through increased communication between the local governments regarding transportation development and a closer working relationship between transportation partners; and

WHEREAS, by signing on to this resolution, Guilford County, High Point, Greensboro, PART and regional transportation stakeholders share their commitment to work in a more coordinated and unified fashion on all transportation development matters impacting the county and the region; and

WHEREAS, through a commitment to a united vision, partners agree to work together to investigate opportunities to improve efficiencies at and between jurisdictional boundaries, to examine gaps in service and barriers to access, to explore opportunities to align service offerings; and seek to find collaborative solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Guilford County, the City of Greensboro, the City of High Point, and regional transportation stakeholders agree to a shared vision of a unified, accessible, and affordable transportation system across the county; that, seamlessly connects people to jobs, education, and services through an integrated network of reliable, safe and multi-modal options; and

HEREBY, FURTHER RESOLVES, that this system will be built through a shared commitment across entities to equitably serve all communities, rethink policies, invest in improvements that connect people across municipal borders and explore opportunities for shared resources, collaboration to maximize efficiency and improve access and experiences for residents in and around Guilford County.

Adopted this the 20th day of May, 2024.

GUILFORD COUNTY

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the ____ day of _____.

, Chairman

Guilford County Board of Commissioners

CITY OF GREENSBORO

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of Greensboro to be affixed, this the ____ day of _____.

, Mayor

Greensboro City Council

CITY OF HIGH POINT

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the City of High Point to be affixed, this the ____ day of _____.

Cyril Jefferson, Mayor

Attest:

Sandra Keeney, City Clerk

High Point City Council

**PIEDMONT AREA REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of PART Authority to be affixed, this the ____ day of _____.