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Governor Stein Endorses Mecklenburg County's 1-percent Transportation Referendum

Charlotte, NC — Governor Josh Stein today announced his endorsement of the One Percent Sales Tax Referendum, a once-in-a-generation opportunity to transform Mecklenburg County's transportation system and secure the region's economic future.

He noted the urgency of investing in Mecklenburg County's mobility future, saying:

"With so many people settling in Mecklenburg County, now is the time to make the critical infrastructure investments to keep the county a great place to live, work, and raise a family. This referendum will enhance safety, reduce congestion, and keep the region moving and thriving."

The referendum, which will appear on the ballot this November, would generate over \$25 billion in local and regional investment for roads, rail, bus service, sidewalks, synchronized greenlights, and micro-transit. Many essential goods—such as groceries, gas, and medicine—are excluded, making the investment a penny on the dollar with enormous returns for the community.

"This referendum is about connecting communities, creating opportunities, and preparing North Carolina's largest county for the future," said David Howard, CEO of DLH Consulting and former Deputy Secretary, NC Department of Transportation. "The people of Mecklenburg deserve a safe system, better roads, reduced congestion, and public transportation that works for everyone. Voting FOR this referendum is a vote for stronger communities and a stronger economy."

The Governor's endorsement follows growing support from civic leaders, business organizations, faith leaders, and community advocates across the county. The investments funded by the referendum would:

- Fund long-overdue road and congestion relief projects countywide.
- Expand public transportation options with new bus routes, light rail extensions, and 19 new micro-transit zones.
- Make dollars available for increased safety and amenities
- Generate thousands of new jobs and ensure opportunities for local businesses.

"This endorsement reinforces the urgency of this moment," said Robert McCutcheon, spokesperson for the Yes for Meck Campaign and CEO of the Charlotte Regional Business Alliance. "With the Governor's support, we are sending a clear message: this referendum is essential for the future of Mecklenburg County, and now is the time to act."

Early voting begins October 16, 2025, and Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Voters will decide whether to approve a 1-percent sales tax to fund transportation investments for the next several decades.

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