

**TOWN OF HUNTERSVILLE
RESOLUTION URGING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSION
TO REJECT THE CURRENT CHARLOTTE AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 AND FISCAL YEAR 2019**

Whereas, the citizens of North Mecklenburg supported the passage of a ½ cent sales tax to enhance mass transit throughout Mecklenburg County; and

Whereas, the citizens of North Mecklenburg have been paying an additional ½ cent sales tax on many goods and services for the past 19 years; and

Whereas, for the overwhelming majority of those years, the citizens of North Mecklenburg have contributed considerably more to the overall transit system than they received in mass transit improvements; and

Whereas, the three northern towns of Davidson, Cornelius and Huntersville have been planning and zoning for development surrounding the current Red Line for the past 19 years; and

Whereas, the Metropolitan Transit Commission last year endorsed a plan to no longer study fixed rail and implement improved bus transit for North Mecklenburg including improving the bus experience, bus stops, the purchase of right-of-way for future park and rides; and

Whereas, the money designated to study the Red Line corridor for the next five years was to be used to fund bus transit improvements in North Mecklenburg to also take advantage of the I-77 toll lanes; and

Whereas, traffic and congestion continue to be a major hindrance to the quality of life in the area.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Town of Huntersville:

1. urges the Metropolitan Transit Commission to reject the current proposed Charlotte Area Transit System budget for fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019;
2. urges the Metropolitan Transit Commission to reallocate the funds designated to study a fixed rail alternative to the previously planned for Red Line towards improved bus transit services including the purchase of right-of-way for future park and rides, interconnections for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, bus shelters and other uses stated in House Bill 148 Article 43;
3. urges the Metropolitan Transit Commission to authorize the funds budgeted for the study of a fixed rail line alternative in North Mecklenburg be spent on a pro-rata basis based on population in the towns of Davidson, Cornelius and Huntersville.

Adopted this the 20th day of March 2017.

John Aneralla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janet Pierson, Town Clerk