

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
300 WEST CROWELL STREET
MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA 28112
JUNE 17, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.
AGENDA
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1. Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) I-77 South Toll Lane Project

- **Cell Phones/Pagers:** As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers while Meeting is in progress.
- **Rules Governing Public Comment Period and Rules of Decorum During City Council Regular Meetings** *Adopted: September 6, 2005 (R-2005-35); Amended: April 2, 2019 (R-2019-23); February 13, 2024; May 14, 2024; July 19, 2024; July 8, 2025; October 14, 2025; November 25, 2025; January 27, 2026)*
 1. A Public Comment Period shall be placed on the Agenda of the City Council Regular Meeting occurring on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Said agenda item shall occur on the Regular Meeting Agenda immediately following Public Hearings. When adopting the Agenda, City Council may move the Public Comment Period to another location on the Agenda solely at City Council’s discretion. Such change is effective only during that meeting.
 2. Each person desiring to speak during the Public Comment Period shall sign up to speak prior to the start of the meeting on the form provided by listing their name, City and County of their residence, and topic on which he or she will speak. An individual may only sign up for themselves and not sign up or place another individual’s name on the Signup Sheet. Any speaker that signs up and fails or refuses to give all the required information will not be called on to comment.
 3. A total time of sixty (60) minutes will be allotted for the Public Comment Period on the Regular Agenda. Any speaker that signs up to speak and does not get a chance to speak during the Public Comment Period due to the sixty-minute time limit will be given priority to speak during the next City Council Public Comment Period. City Council, in its discretion, may extend the sixty (60) minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period during any meeting.
 4. City of Monroe residents will be given the opportunity to speak first, followed by Union County residents, followed by residents of other areas. The Mayor, or presiding officer, shall determine the order in which speakers are called to comment.
 5. Each speaker shall be allotted up to two (2) minutes to speak which shall be strictly observed at all times. Speakers shall immediately cease speaking when their allotted time is over. Groups of persons speaking on the same topic are strongly encouraged to designate a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. As an incentive, a spokesperson making comments for two (2) to five (5) individuals that signed up to speak will be given up to

three (3) minutes, and for six (6) or more, a spokesperson will be given up to five (5) minutes to speak.

6. Speakers shall refrain from: obscene speech, defamation, communicating true threats of physical harm to anyone, incitement to imminent lawless action, or speaking fighting words. Speakers shall remain at the podium to make comments and not approach City Council or City staff. No one can accompany the speaker at the podium.
7. Members of the audience shall not willfully interrupt, disturb, or disrupt a City Council meeting. Audience members shall refrain from commenting, jeering, clapping, or cheering in response to comments. Audience members shall not engage in demonstrations or theatrics and shall remain seated at all times unless called on to be identified from their seat when designating a spokesperson and immediately be seated. Audience members shall never approach the podium or dais. Improper behavior as described in this section by a member of the audience will not be tolerated and may result in sanctions up to and including being asked to leave the meeting following the same procedures set out to sanction a speaker.
8. Members of the audience may hold signs no larger than 8 inches by 11½ inches in size but shall not raise them above their heads or so as to block the view of those behind them.
9. The Mayor, as the presiding officer, has the authority and responsibility to enforce and carry out these Rules. However, any member of City Council may identify improper conduct by raising a point of order during the meeting. Upon raising a point of order by a Council Member, the Mayor, or presiding officer, shall call for all public comments to cease immediately. The presiding officer shall then, at a minimum, warn the violator and demand the individual cease the violation first. If the violator continues to violate the rules, the presiding officer may impose appropriate sanctions including, but not limited to, loss of time, removal from the Council meeting, or other appropriate action needed to restore decorum. However, if a City Council member believes the warning or sanction imposed are insufficient based on the nature of the violation, any City Council Member may renew the point of order and call for additional sanctions up to and including removal of the offender from the meeting premises upon motion, second, and approval by a majority of City Council. The City Attorney, as Parliamentarian for the City, shall be the final arbiter of the procedural rules and take necessary action to see that proper parliamentary procedures are followed and maintained during City Council Meetings.
10. Anyone that willfully interrupts, disturbs, or disrupts a City Council Meeting may be asked to leave the meeting premises immediately by the Mayor or upon point of order by a City Council Member and approval by City Council. Upon failure to leave as directed, the individual may be cited for violating NC General Statute §143-318.17.
11. Speakers shall not speak on any topic which is the subject of a public hearing on the same Agenda.
12. City Council will refrain from engaging in a dialogue with speakers except to the extent necessary to clarify the speaker's position.
13. No formal action will be taken by City Council during the same meeting on any matter which was initially introduced during the Public Comment Period.
14. The City of Monroe shall not record, video, live stream, or post on the internet any video or audio recordings of public comments made during the Public Comment Period.
15. City Council shall not restrict the subject matter of any comment based on content in any way except as provided herein.



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council
VIA: Mark Watson, City Manager
DATE: June 17, 2026
FROM: Robert Burns, Mayor
PREPARED BY: Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) I-77 South Toll Lane Project

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Discussion and consideration of rescinding the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) I-77 South Toll Lane Project vote taken at the May 20, 2026 meeting, appointing an Alternate Delegate and take action.

REVIEW

City Council is requested to hold a discussion and take action on reaffirming support of the I-77 South Toll Lane Project. In addition, City Council will discuss and take action to appoint an Alternate Delegate to serve on the CRTPO.

RECOMMENDATION

City Council is requested to consider adopting a Resolution that fully supports financing, constructing, and implementation of the I-77 South Toll Lane Project including calling on CRTPO to reconsider its May 20, 2026 action and also fully supports the project in every way possible; directing the City of Monroe’s CRTPO representative to oppose any action that would rescind or maintain the rescission of CRTPO support for the I-77 Project, and to advocate for the City’s continued support of the project; and, appointing an Alternate Delegate to serve on the CRTPO and exercise voting authority in the absence of the City’s primary Delegate.

Attachment: Resolution R-2026-43

**RESOLUTION OF MONROE CITY COUNCIL
REAFFIRMING SUPPORT OF I-77 PROJECT
R-2026-43**

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe is a voting member of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO); and,

WHEREAS, for many years, the CRTPO worked on and supported the I-77 South Toll Lane project to address congestion on I-77 in the Charlotte area with City of Monroe support for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, during its January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting, the Monroe City Council unanimously took action and voted to affirm and support the CRTPO strategy for the I-77 project; and

WHEREAS, by CRTPO Board action taken during its May 20, 2026 meeting, CRTPO voted to rescind its support of the funding agreement for the I-77 South Toll Lane Project; and

WHEREAS, Monroe's CRTPO delegate voted with the majority to revoke its support for the project, although this was not in alignment with City Council's position established in 2016 nor in 2026, but due to the lack of notice of the item being placed on the agenda and timing of the motion, Monroe's delegate was not able to seek nor obtain direction on this matter from fellow members of the Monroe City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe Council believes rescinding support for the I-77 project is not in the best interest of the State of North Carolina as I-77 is a major north-south transportation corridor extending through five states. The corridor serves interstate commerce, freight movement, tourism, business travel, and economic development across multiple states. As such, the City of Monroe views I-77 as a corridor of statewide and interstate significance whose continued improvement is important to North Carolina's long-term transportation and economic competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, CRTPO rescinding support may have substantial negative financial and transportation impacts for those CRTPO members supporting rescission, including the City of Monroe for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe City Council believes it is in the best interest of the residents of Monroe to publicly reconfirm its support for the I-77 project and direct its delegate to take action during the next CRTPO meeting to seek reconsideration of the May 20, 2026 CRTPO vote to suspend support for the project; and

WHEREAS, regardless of CRTPO action, the Monroe City Council fully supports and encourages the completion of the I-77 South Toll Lane project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Monroe City Council fully supports financing, constructing, and implementation of the I-77 South Toll Lane Project including calling on CRTPO to reconsider its May 20, 2026 action and also fully supports the project in every way possible; directing the City of Monroe’s CRTPO representative to oppose any action that would rescind or maintain the rescission of CRTPO support for the I-77 Project, and to advocate for the City’s continued support of the project.

Adopted this 17th day of June, 2026.

Attest:

Robert A. Burns, Mayor

Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk