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Submit Thoughts on Municipal Goals

Gathering Your Ideas Until Nov. 4

Ever wonder about how the League determines its legislative goals? Want to take part in making those decisions? **This is your chance.** Share your thoughts on what you think the League's 2023-2024 legislative policy goals should be! Ideas may be [submitted in writing via our online form](#) or can be submitted during one of our live events (more information below).

When brainstorming appropriate goals, consider ideas that will affect municipalities broadly and have statewide impact. Ideas should also be "actionable," meaning there is a reasonable path for action in the state legislative or regulatory process.

[Submit Ideas](#)

Transportation Planning Update Comes With State and Local Collaboration

News reports are emerging about the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) making public the latest plan for transportation projects across our state – known as the Strategic Transportation Improvement Plan, or STIP. North Carolina's STIP is a national model for using a data-driven process that measures transportation projects' impact on a variety of criteria and scores each project as a critical factor in which projects are funded or not. Local

governments enjoy input in the process at two of the three levels of projects considered -- those having "regional impact" and those associated with "local/division needs" -- through Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs).

The state law that created this best-in-the-nation priority setting STIP process also requires NCDOT to convene a special work group in advance of every new STIP to review how the data measures of projects and scoring are developed. This workgroup, known as the SPOT Workgroup (Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation), brings both state and local government transportation experts together to review and recommend any updates or changes to the methods and measures used to score transportation projects. The SPOT Workgroup is required by law to include a number of local government representatives -- including MPO and RPO staff experts, as well as a representative from the League of Municipalities, the N.C. Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, and the N.C. Association of County Commissioners. This SPOT Workgroup meets every two weeks for 8 months to recommend any changes needed to the scoring process.

This workgroup is already focused on the next STIP that will begin in 2024. Also, NCDOT regional offices have announced times when they will accept public input. You can find out more about the transportation funding plan and opportunities for input in [this article](#) from the Raleigh News & Observer.

The American Rescue Plan Expert Tour: Final Stop Ahead



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Have a question concerning the American Rescue Plan? Want to sit down with an expert to discuss reporting, spending compliance or strategy? **Then this event is for you.**

Just one final date remains on NCLM's American Rescue Plan Expert Tour. This is a traveling one-stop ARP shop. With representatives from state, local and academic organizations all in the same room, we are ready to provide information, share case studies, and answer any ARP questions you have.

Your questions – no matter how specific or unique to your town – will be addressed.

Registration is required. This event is free, and lunch will be provided.

Location

- Oct. 26, Wallace - [Register Here](#)

[More Information](#)

(You can view a gallery of photos from the tour's recent stop in Rocky Mount [here](#).)



Please Complete: NCLM Municipal Legislative Liaison Survey

The N.C. League is looking identify individuals in municipalities who are tasked with

handling intergovernmental responsibilities, including liaisons and others who monitor and advocate on state or federal policies.

Our goal is to build on the great work many are already doing in this area and help these individuals share information and connect with their colleagues across the state.

If your position is responsible for any of the functions mentioned above, [please complete our survey](#), and the League's Government Affairs team will reach out with information.

CNN's Gupta Impressed by Durham Initiative

A City of Durham initiative for improved response to mental health crises drew the presence last week of CNN reporter Sanjay Gupta, who praised the work. The program is called HEART -- Holistic Empathetic Assistance Response Teams -- and functions to "reduce potentially dangerous conflicts with police and to link residents with resources that will help them recover," as [reported in the News & Observer](#). CNN's coverage of the program is viewable [here](#).



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