

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 16, 2020

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**City of Gastonia Public Notice to Construct FUSE Transfer Station for Gastonia Transit at the intersection of Airline Avenue and Trenton Street  
Monday, December 28, 2020 from 4:00pm-6:00pm**

Written public comments will be received from  
**December 28, 2020– January 28, 2021.**

Due to the State Executive Orders declaring a State of Emergency to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19, the public will not be able to attend the public hearing in person. Individuals who desire to participate in the Public Hearing virtually from a computer or smartphone access the link <https://zoom.us>, click “join a meeting” tab and enter Meeting ID: 850 8785 1231 and passcode: 844054. In order to join the Public Hearing via conference call, please dial 1-(646)-558-8656 and enter the following Meeting ID, 850 8785 1231 and passcode: 844054. The public hearing will provide an opportunity for residents to comment on the proposed action. Should you have questions or concerns with regard to joining the conference call, please contact Vincent C. Wong at (704) 866-6756 for further assistance.

The City of Gastonia and Gastonia Transit is proposing a FUSE Transfer Station with Park and ride at the intersection of Airline Avenue and Trenton Street. Current plans for this facility include up to three bus bays for secure passenger boarding and alighting and parking stalls. The intent is to create a facility that is capable of being used for both regular fixed-route service, while also including future flexibility to serve game days and special events at the FUSE sports and entertainment complex. The FUSE Transit Station would serve commuters, residents, students, visitors, and recreational users who desire an alternative way to travel to and from the city.

The purpose of the FUSE Transit Station is to expand connectivity within the City of Gastonia by providing improved, high-quality, and cost-effective transit services that will address mobility needs for an expanding population and employment base west of downtown. Developing the FUSE Transit Station also helps to address existing and anticipated transportation challenges.

Multi-modal transportation services will be enhanced by:

- Improving transit connectivity and ease-of-use in and around downtown Gastonia.
- Designing a functional, attractive, cost-effective facility that can meet near- and long-term projected service needs and be implemented in an expedient manner.
- Delivering a transit facility that is readily accessible to all transit users including individuals with disabilities and those whom are transit dependent.

- Providing a secure, safe, and inviting public space, and establishing convenient and clear pedestrian connections to surrounding land uses.
- Supporting local workforce development, job creation, retention, and community cohesion by enhancing multi-modal options in the City of Gastonia.

The City of Gastonia is planning for the development of the Franklin Urban Sports and Entertainment (FUSE) district. FUSE is an economic development and revitalization project designed to attract new commercial and residential development to the heart of the city. The hub of the project is a \$21.5 million, 5,000 seat capacity, multi-use sports and entertainment facility that will host year-round events and activities. The facility is adjoined and surrounded by private development parcels that will be home to restaurants, offices, apartments, condos, and entertainment venues.

**In order for federal funding through Gastonia Transit's 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Grant to be used for this project, the project must be advertised for public comment.**

Additional information can be obtained by visiting the City's website at [www.cityofgastonia.com](http://www.cityofgastonia.com).

Written comments may also be sent by mail, email, or fax to the following address:

City of Gastonia  
Attn: Vincent C. Wong, Director of Community Services  
PO Box 1748  
Gastonia, NC 28053  
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FAX: 704-866.6067

**All written comments must be received by January 28, 2021.**

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*The City of Gastonia hereby gives public notice of its policy to uphold and assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all related acts and statutes. Title VI and related statutes prohibiting discrimination in Federally assisted programs require that no person in the United States of America shall, on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal assistance.*

*Any person who believes they have been aggrieved by an unlawful discriminatory practice regarding the **City of Gastonia** has a right to file a formal complaint with the City of Gastonia, within one hundred and eighty (180) days following the date of the alleged discrimination occurrence. For instructions on how to file a complaint, or additional information regarding City of Gastonia's nondiscrimination obligations, please contact Vincent C. Wong at 704-866-6756 or [vincentw@cityofgastonia.com](mailto:vincentw@cityofgastonia.com).*

*Individuals requiring special accommodations when attending this public meeting and/or if this information is needed in an alternative format because of a disability, should contact the City of Gastonia Human Resources Department, located in City Hall at 181 S. South Street, telephone (704-866-6786), fax (704-836-0022) or by email: [judys@cityofgastonia.com](mailto:judys@cityofgastonia.com). The Human Resources Department requests at least 72 hours' notice prior to the meeting to make the appropriate arrangements.*

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# FUSE Transfer Station

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December 28, 2020



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# FUSE Transfer Station

- **Regular Fixed-Route Service**
- **Serving Game Days and Special Events at the FUSE Sports and Entertainment Complex**
- **Multi-modal transportation services will be enhanced by:**
  - Improving transit connectivity and ease-of-use in and around downtown Gastonia.
  - Designing a functional, attractive, cost-effective facility that can meet near- and long-term projected service needs and be implemented in an expedient manner.
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# FUSE – Franklin Urban Sports and Entertainment District



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