

# Transportation

## Introduction

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The Transportation group's goal is to provide safe and efficient traffic flow and provide convenient and accessible public transportation for the NorthSide community. The objectives of the theme rely on partnerships among the City, Wilmington Transit Authority, the NC Department of Transportation and the community. Providing input at upcoming Neighborhood Traffic Study meetings is crucial to the Transportation goal of providing safe and efficient traffic flow. Increasing the convenience of public transportation will require support from the Wilmington Transit Authority. Additional objectives of the Transportation Theme include reconnecting the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge to improve traffic flow in the community and to provide another access into the Love Grove neighborhood.

Note: The Wilmington Transit Authority (WTA) is currently transitioning to Wave Transit.

## Goal

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To provide safe and efficient traffic flow and public transportation for the NorthSide community.

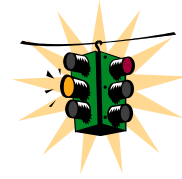


## Objective 1.0 – Traffic-Calming

Slow traffic on neighborhood streets.

### Action Steps:

- 1.1. Provide input to Neighborhood Traffic Studies on areas in need of traffic-calming devices to slow traffic (especially between N. 8<sup>th</sup> and N. 11<sup>th</sup> Streets). Also consider installing pedestrian safety amenities.
- 1.2. Support staff recommendations resulting from Neighborhood Traffic Studies at City Council public meetings.
- 1.3. Increase enforcement for speed limits in the community to decrease speed violation frequency (track number of speeding citations as measure of decrease).
- 1.4. Install traffic recorder tubes for data collection to measure speed reduction on N. 8th, 10th, 11th, and McCrae Streets between Rankin / Red Cross Streets and Nixon Streets.
- 1.5. Eliminate the "blind spot" at N. 10th and Campbell Streets by cutting back foliage.



### Action Step: 1.1

**Lead:** City of Wilmington-Transportation Division

**Funding:** City of Wilmington

**Timeline:** Two Years

### Action Step: 1.2

**Lead:** NSNA

**Funding:** N/A

**Timeline:** Two Years

### Action Step: 1.3

**Lead:** City of Wilmington Police Department

**Funding:** City of Wilmington

**Timeline:** One Year

### Action Step: 1.4

**Lead:** City of Wilmington Traffic Division

**Funding:** City of Wilmington

**Timeline:** One Year

### Action Step: 1.5

**Lead:** City of Wilmington Streets Division

**Funding:** City of Wilmington

**Timeline:** One Year





**Action Step: 2.1**

**Lead:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Funding:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Timeline:** One Year

**Action Step: 2.2**

**Lead:** NSNA

**Funding:**

**Timeline:** Ongoing

**Action Step: 2.3**

**Lead:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Funding:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Timeline:** One Year

**Action Step: 2.4**

**Lead:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Funding:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Timeline:** One Year

**Action Step: 2.5**

**Lead:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Funding:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Timeline:** One Year

**Action Step: 2.6**

**Lead:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Funding:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Timeline:** Two Years

**Action Step: 2.7**

**Lead:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Funding:** Wilmington Transit Authority

**Timeline:** One Year

**Objective 2.0 – Enhanced Transit Service**

Increase convenience of public transportation by adding bus stops in strategic locations and extending bus and trolley service to and from strategic locations.

**Action Steps:**

- 2.1. Add a bus stop that is more convenient to the Love Grove area. (1 stop/day).
- 2.2. Maintain NorthSide resident on Wilmington Transit Authority Board to represent community interest regarding bus services.
- 2.3. Add a more convenient bus stop for the Harris Teeter grocery store on Oleander Drive or other nearby grocery stores.
- 2.4. Provide a bus route to strategic shopping areas, specifically, the Monkey Junction area.
- 2.5. Provide bus shelter at the existing stop at the corner of Harnett and N. 8th Streets or at Bladen and McCrae Streets.
- 2.6. Add the N. 4th Street area to the free trolley service route (specifically around the New Hanover Health Center).
- 2.7. Repair existing benches at bus stops where needed on a regular basis.

## **Objective 3.0 – N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge**

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Reconnect N. 5th Avenue with a bridge.

### ***Action Steps:***

- 3.1.** Rally support from property owners in vicinity of bridge by informing them that the N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge is important for emergency access as well as for convenience of travel.



### ***Action Step: 3.1***

***Lead:*** NSNA

***Funding:*** Volunteer efforts

***Timeline:*** Two Years



**Action Step: 4.1**

**Lead:** NSNA

**Funding:** Volunteer efforts

**Timeline:** Ongoing

**Action Step: 4.2**

**Lead:** NSNA

**Funding:** Volunteer efforts

**Timeline:** Ongoing

**Objective 4.0 - Rail Corridor Maintenance**

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Provide ongoing maintenance of railroad corridor in addition to North Carolina Department of Transportation maintenance.

**Action Steps:**

- 4.1. Participate and encourage others to participate in upcoming "Make a Difference Day" sponsored by City Office of Neighborhoods.
  
- 4.2. Monitor trash dumping and report to City Code Enforcement.

## **Objective 5.0 - Sidewalks**

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Provide sidewalks in identified priority areas.

### ***Action Steps:***

**5.1.** Install sidewalks as needed.



### ***Action Step: 5.1***

***Lead:*** City of Wilmington  
Streets Division

***Funding:*** City of Wilmington

***Timeline:*** Two Years



**Action Step: 6.1**

**Lead:** NCDOT, City of  
Wilmington

**Funding:** State, City, Private

**Timeline:** Twenty Years

**Objective 6.0 – Love Grove Access**

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Provide a second access to the Love Grove neighborhood. The current access crosses railroad tracks and the train could block emergency vehicles.

**Action Steps:**

- 6.1. Coordinate with State and Local officials, landowners and potential developers to construct a new entrance/exit preferring that the railroad tracks do not interfere.