

# Organizations unite to sponsor networking event for Minority and Women-owned Businesses

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More than 150 people turned out July 16 for The Mixer, a networking opportunity designed to connect Minority and Women Business Enterprises (M/WBE) with companies and city departments that can use their services.

The Mixer, held at Forsyth Tech@Innovation Quarter, was organized by the city's Minority/Women Business Enterprise Division in collaboration with the Winston-Salem Black Chamber, the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Center of Forsyth Technical Community College.

Evon Smith, the city's M/WBE director, said attendees had the opportunity to interact with representatives of 11 city departments and 20 general contractors and other construction-related businesses. For more information about the city's M/WBE program, go to [MWBE.CityofWS.org](http://MWBE.CityofWS.org).



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Three groups, including the city of Winston-Salem, united to sponsor an event called The Mixer, a networking opportunity, on July 16.

# Comments sought on Transportation Plan

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Winston-Salem Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation and the Winston-Salem Transit Authority are seeking public review and comment on the Draft 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP is a federally mandated long-term plan that covers all facets of transportation, including highways and streets, mass transit, bike lanes, greenways, commercial transport, rail and air. It takes into account projected transportation needs for the next 25 years and shows the projects that'll meet those needs in a financially constrained way. All of Forsyth County and parts of Stokes, Davy and Davidson counties are covered by the plan.

Input is also being sought on two related documents: the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Report, and the Draft Fiscal Years 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). The air quality report shows emissions projections to make sure the MTP meets standards mandated by the North Carolina Division of Air Quality. MTIP is a long-term transportation plan that involves state transportation projects by the N.C. Department of Transportation that MTP takes into account.

Drafts are available online at [www.DOT.CityofWS.org](http://www.DOT.CityofWS.org), and copies are available through Aug. 20 at all town halls and public libraries in the urban area; at the N.C. Department of Transportation office at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem; and at Suite 307 in the Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem.

The Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, which prepares the MTP, is holding drop-in meetings on the plan on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Honeybee Festival, 702 West Mountain St., Kernerville from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Forsyth County Health Department, 799 North Highland Ave., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Residents can submit written comments. Comments can be submitted by email to [fredrickh@cityofws.org](mailto:fredrickh@cityofws.org); they can be faxed to 336-748-3370; or they can be mailed to Fred Haith, Winston-Salem Dept. of Transportation, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102. Comments must be received by Aug. 20.

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# Councilman James Taylor presents check to Boys and Girls Club

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On Aug. 6 at the Ken Carlson Boys and Girls Club, City Councilman James Taylor presented a donation from Herbalife in the amount of \$20,000 to The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs.

"We are grateful to Councilman Taylor and to Herbalife for this generous donation," said Maj. James Allison. "These funds will help The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs continue to provide a safe environment for children to enjoy learning and recreational opportunities."

Herbalife challenged Taylor to lose weight, promising to donate \$1,000 for each pound he lost to the charity of his choice. He lost 20 pounds and chose The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs as benefactor. Taylor was a Club member as a youth, has worked for the Club in the past, and, more recently, has served as a member of the Club Advisory Council.

"The Fitness Challenge was issued to me by Rich Goudis, chief operating officer of Herbalife, to motivate me to adopt a healthy lifestyle and to better serve the citizens of the city of Winston-Salem," said Taylor. "I lost 20 pounds in 30 days by using Herbalife products, and by running and bike riding regularly."

"The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club has been such a positive influence in my life, that I had to seize this opportunity to give back. I am thankful to the Goudis Family Charitable Trust for motivating me to once again adopt a healthy lifestyle, while giving me the opportunity to give back the community and the organization that has given so much more to me."



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Shown are (L-R) Michael Locke, vice president of manufacturing at Herbalife; Major James Allison; Council Member James Taylor Jr.; Pappi Conrad, unit director of The Ken Carlson Boys and Girls Club; and Annie Tyson Jett, human resources manager of Herbalife.



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