

VP Kamala Harris, Rep. Adams, Secretary Buttigieg Visit Charlotte



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ICYMI: Vice President Harris, Rep. Adams and Sec. Buttigieg Laid Out How The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Will Benefit North Carolinians

CHARLOTTE - Yesterday, **Vice President Kamala Harris** traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina to discuss how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will benefit North Carolinians. This visit was a part of her continued efforts to advocate for the Administration's policies that invest in our nation's infrastructure, take climate action, and advance environmental justice. Vice President Harris was joined by **Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg** and **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)**.

[**Ahead of the visit, the Office of Congresswoman Alma S. Adams, Ph.D. released an infographic explaining how the**](#)

[bipartisan infrastructure law will benefit NC.](#)

"This is a critical moment for transportation and mobility in our growing region. That's the reason Vice President Harris and Secretary Buttigieg visited Charlotte: mobility," said Congresswoman Adams "Not only in terms of roads, bridges, buses, and rail; but also in terms of social and economic mobility. A strong network of roads, rail, and pedestrian options can help move people not only to jobs, church, school, and the doctor but also into new opportunities and eventually the middle class."

"That's why the Biden Harris Administration's *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* is so important. I was proud to vote for this bipartisan legislation because this law will keep Charlotte and Mecklenburg County moving. Now, I'm continuing to work with President Biden and Vice President Harris to create 2 million new jobs by supporting these critical investments and passing the *Build Back Better Act*."

[Click here for pictures from the visit. Photos are available for media use by crediting the Office of Congresswoman Alma Adams.](#)

Congresswoman Adams, NC Governor Roy Cooper, and Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles greeted the Vice President and Secretary Buttigieg on the tarmac at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport. While in Charlotte, the Vice President received a tour of the public transit facility at the Charlotte Area Transit System's Bus Garage, met with transit workers, and delivered remarks about how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will [upgrade](#) North Carolina's infrastructure.

Congresswoman Adams delivered remarks at the infrastructure event, available as prepared for delivery below:

Welcome! I'm Congresswoman Alma Adams, and I am proud to represent the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County in Congress; and I am absolutely honored to welcome my Sister, my Soror, my fellow HBCU grad, Vice President Kamala Harris to Charlotte, North Carolina.

I'm proud to be joined by my State and City partners Mayor Lyles and Governor Cooper, and I am so happy we're joined today by Secretary Pete Buttigieg today. We're going to need your help to get Mecklenburg Moving!

That's the reason we're here today: mobility. Not only our mobility network, but also social and economic mobility.

As we've been talking about for some time now in Charlotte, we were shocked when the Chetty study showed that we came in dead last – 50th out of 50 – in economic mobility. But good public

transportation and connections to opportunity can help move people not only to jobs, and church, and the doctor but also into the middle class. That's why the Biden Harris Administration's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is so important.

The funding in this law will keep Charlotte and Mecklenburg County moving. North Carolina will receive approximately nine hundred million dollars over five years under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to improve public transportation options across the state. That's money we can use to build projects like the Silver Line Light Rail.

There's billions of dollars for highway construction, so highways like I-77 and I-85 will be well-lit and well-paved! And there's millions more for finalizing needed construction projects like our multimodal transportation station, our new Amtrak terminal, and for purchasing new, zero-emission buses.

This law will also help make sure that our entire County isn't under a "Boil Water" advisory because another aging water main bursts. That's why I was proud to vote for this bill to help Charlotte and Mecklenburg County build back better.

There's an old saying: communities only grow great when old men and old women plant trees whose shade they will never sit under. With the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the leadership of President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Secretary Buttigieg, we are growing not only great jobs and a great transportation system, we are also growing a great community where social and economic mobility are core values.

Thank you and God Bless!

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