



**NEWS from the Shelby County Mayor's Office**

***Lee Harris, Mayor***

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**MAYOR LEE HARRIS, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND MOMS CLEAN AIR FORCE  
TO PRESENT ENVIRONMENTAL CASE FOR TRANSIT TO SHELBY COUNTY  
COMMISSION**

Memphis, TN –Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris, the Health Department, and Heather McTeer Toney of the national organization Moms Clean Air Force will be making a presentation to the Shelby County Commission on November 13, 2019. This presentation will focus on making the case for a significant investment in transit from Shelby County Government through an environmental lens.

This presentation is part of a series of presentations Mayor Harris continues to make to the Shelby County Commission in an effort to secure investment in transit. Mayor Harris' focus on transit centers on the preserving our shared environment, building our economy, and advancing equity in Shelby County.

“It is time for Shelby County to have a serious conversation about our shared environment. While we are concerned about those trying to make it to the end of the week, we are also concerned about the end of the planet. We hope to educate Commissioners about how public

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transit helps to preserve our shared environment and public health,” says Shelby County Mayor Lee Harris.

“Expansion of public transit is critical to promoting the health and wellbeing of Shelby County residents. We are hopeful about expanding transit - as this is one of the ways we can improve our air quality and public health,” says Health Department Director Alisa Haushalter.

Director Haushalter and other representatives from the Health Department will be presenting general health issues in Shelby County related to the absence of public transit.

“I am one of 1 million parents nationwide tackling air pollution and climate change. Pollution touches every part of our lives—where we live, work, and play. We are excited to work with Mayor Harris to improve the quality of life for Shelby County’s children, residents, and families,” says National Field Director for Moms Clean Air Force Heather McTeer Toney.

Heather McTeer Toney served as the first African-American, first female and youngest mayor of Greenville, Mississippi, and was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as Regional Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Southeast Region.

The presentation from Mayor Harris, the Health Department, and Heather McTeer Toney of Moms Clean Air Force will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. They will present to the Shelby County Commission in Committee at 160 N. Main, Memphis, Tennessee, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor that starts at 8:30am.

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