Rezoning Petition 2017-098 Pre-Hearing Staff Analysis

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REQUEST	Current Zoning: O-2 (office) Proposed Zoning: TOD-M (transit oriented development – mixed-use)
LOCATION	Approximately 0.16 acres located on the southern corner at the intersection of South Boulevard and East Carson Boulevard. (Council District 1 - Kinsey)
SUMMARY OF PETITION	The petition proposes to allow all transit supportive uses per conventional TOD-M (transit oriented development – mixed use) zoning for an existing office building on a 0.16-acre site that is located within a quarter mile walk of the Carson Boulevard Transit Station on the LYNX Blue Line. Uses allowed in the TOD-M (transit oriented development – mixed use) district include office, residential, retail, and civic uses.
PROPERTY OWNER PETITIONER AGENT/REPRESENTATIVE	Urban Investors, LLC Urban Investors, LLC Argos Real Estate Advisors
COMMUNITY MEETING	Meeting not required.
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	 Staff recommends approval of this petition. <u>Plan Consistency</u> The petition is consistent with the <i>South End Transit Station Area Plan</i> recommendation for mixed use transit supportive development. <u>Rationale for Recommendation</u> The subject site is within a quarter mile walk of the Carson Boulevard Transit Station on the LYNX Blue Line. The proposal allows a site previously used for office to convert to transit supportive land uses. Use of conventional TOD-M (transit oriented development – mixed-use) zoning applies standards and regulations to create the desired form and intensity of transit supportive development, and a conditional rezoning is not necessary. TOD (transit oriented development) standards include requirements for appropriate streetscape treatment, building setbacks, street-facing building walls, entrances, and screening.

PLANNING STAFF REVIEW

Proposed Request Details

- This is a conventional rezoning petition, which applies all the standards, regulations and uses in the TOD-M (transit oriented development – mixed-use) zoning district. Uses allowed in the TOD-M district include office, residential, retail, and civic uses.
- Existing Zoning and Land Use
 - The subject property is currently developed with an office building and is zoned O-2 (office).
 - The property to the east is zoned MUDD-O (mixed use development, optional) and developed with an institutional use (Dowd YMCA).
 - The property to the south and west is zoned O-2 (office) and developed with a religious institutional facility (Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church).
 - The property to the north across South Boulevard is zoned TOD-M (transit oriented development mixed-use) and developed with a multi-family residential structure.
 - See "Rezoning Map" for existing zoning in the area.

Rezoning History in Area

Since the construction of the LYNX Blue Line and the Carson Boulevard Light Rail Station, there
have been a number of rezonings to conventional TOD-M (transit oriented development –
mixed-use) and TOD-MO (transit oriented development - mixed-use, optional) in the area where

this site is located. These rezonings have supported the transition of the area from a primarily office\retail\industrial district to a walkable transit supportive district.

- Public Plans and Policies
 - The *South End Transit Station Area Plan* (2005) recommends transit supportive uses for the subject site.
- TRANSPORTATION CONSIDERATIONS
 - The site is located at the signalized intersection of a minor thoroughfare and local street. During permitting, CDOT will work with the petitioner to develop appropriate driveway and streetscape conditions to support the goals of the *South End Transit Station Area Plan*.
 - Vehicle Trip Generation: Current Zoning: Existing Use: 360 trips per day (based on 18,180 square feet of office use). Entitlement: 360 trips per day (based on 18,180 square feet of office use).
 Proposed Zoning: Allows for a wide variety of uses.

DEPARTMENT COMMENTS (see full department reports online)

- Charlotte Area Transit System: No issues.
- Charlotte Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services: No issues.
- Charlotte Fire Department: No issues.
- **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools:** The conventional district allows a variety of uses; therefore, the impact on local schools cannot be determined.
- **Charlotte Water:** The site has water system availability for the rezoning boundary via an existing six-inch water main located along Lexington Avenue and sewer via an existing eight-inch gravity sewer main located along South Boulevard and Lexington Avenue.
- Engineering and Property Management:
 - Arborist: No issues.
 - Erosion Control: No issues.
 - Land Development: No issues.
 - Storm Water Services: No issues.
 - Urban Forestry: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency: No issues.
- Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department: No issues.

Attachments Online at www.rezoning.org

- Application
- Locator Map
- Department Comments
 - Charlotte Area Transit System Review
 - Charlotte Department of Housing and Neighborhood Services Review
 - Charlotte Fire Department Review
 - Charlotte Water Review
 - Engineering and Property Management Review
 - City Arborist Review
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 - Land Development
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 - Mecklenburg County Land Use and Environmental Services Agency Review
 - Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Review
 - Transportation Review

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