

Centers, Corridors and Wedges

Advisory Group Meeting #6



March 3, 2009

Presentation Overview

- Advisory Group Process - Status
- Feedback from Meetings #1-5
- Additional Information on Previous Corridor Comments



Advisory Group and Adoption Process - Revised

Meeting #1 – Dec. 9

- Introduction
- Issue Verification

Meeting #2 – Dec. 16

- Vision/Guiding Principles

Meeting #3 – Jan. 13

- Centers, Corridors

Meeting #4 – Jan. 27

- Centers Feedback
- Corridors Discussion

Meeting #5 – Feb. 10

- Corridors Feedback
- Corridors Discussion

Meeting #6 – March 3

- Wedges Discussion
- Revised Vision and Principles

Meeting #7 – March 31- Wrap Up

Meeting #8 – TBD - Wrap Up

Document Update – Jan./March 2009

- Document Revisions Based on
Advisory Group/Staff Consensus
- Summarize Outstanding Issues
from Advisory Group Process

Planning Commission Review and Recommendation – March/April 2009 -Public Input

City Council Review and Adoption – April/June 2009 -Public Input

Feedback from Meetings 1 through 5

Status of Staff Work Based on Advisory Group Meetings: General

- Re-establish web survey – *complete, including neighborhood leader e-mail blast*
- At end of Advisory Process, determine additional input needed – *future*
- Develop a glossary for document – *underway*
- Revise wording for Vision – *for discussion tonight*
- Advisory Group to provide suggested language for Vision – *complete*
- Revise wording of Guiding Principles and provide explanatory text for each Principle - *for discussion tonight*

Status of Staff Work Based on Advisory Group Meetings: General (cont.)

- Develop Executive Summary of document to be placed in front of document – *underway*
- Replace existing maps in document with more general “bubble” maps – *underway*
- Remove “numbers” from body of document and place in glossary – *underway*

Status of Staff Work Based on Advisory Group Meetings: Centers

- Update CCW and GDP's to address similarities and differences between "centers" in each document – *underway*
- Revise text to indicate that mixed use and multi-use represent the desired character of Mixed Use Centers and Center City, not the prevalent building type – *underway*
- Revise text to strengthen this concept that the Center City is the heart of the City and Region – *underway*
- Revise text for Mixed Use Centers to make types of office (national/regional) more similar to Center City - *underway*
- Clarify park recommendations for Centers - *underway*

Status of Staff Work Based on Advisory Group Meetings: Corridors

- Redefine Corridors to reflect positive characteristics – *complete, except for minor revisions*
 - Revise Corridor pictures to be less vehicle focused – *underway*
 - Further refine Corridor text to indicate that Corridors link land uses together, instead of dividing them - *underway*
- Add fourth subarea, Established Neighborhoods, to Corridors – *complete, except for minor revisions*
 - Provide additional information on transitions between established neighborhood and adjacent high intensity uses – *underway*

Status of Staff Work Based on Advisory Group Meetings: Corridors

- Revise document to indicate Corridor Station Areas function as “Centers” around a rapid transit station - *complete*
- Revise document to indicate Corridors can have areas with character of Mixed-Use Centers and smaller centers may be located in Wedges and Corridors – *Corridors complete; Wedges underway*

Status of Staff Work Based on Advisory Group Meetings: All Area Types

- Address areas with unique or historic qualities in design section of each area type - *underway*
- Revise document to refer to mixed use and multi-use in Centers, Corridors and Wedges, where appropriate – *underway*
- Develop summary of framework that highlights major common elements and differences between Centers, Corridors and Wedges - *underway*

Additional Information on Previous Corridor Comments

Corridor Comments

- Dense development in one area of a Corridor may adversely affect traffic in another area planned for pedestrian activity.
- No discussion of the traditional use of corridors for moving vehicular traffic – will there be an attempt to maintain them at existing widths and intensities?
- Remember:
 - Areas of dense development and areas planned for pedestrian activity are often the same areas.
 - “Growth Corridors” encompass more than a “traditional” corridor might.

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- No discussion of the traditional use of corridors for moving vehicular traffic – will there be an attempt to maintain them at existing widths and intensities?
- How will we handle “traffic” when planning and designing streets in Corridors?

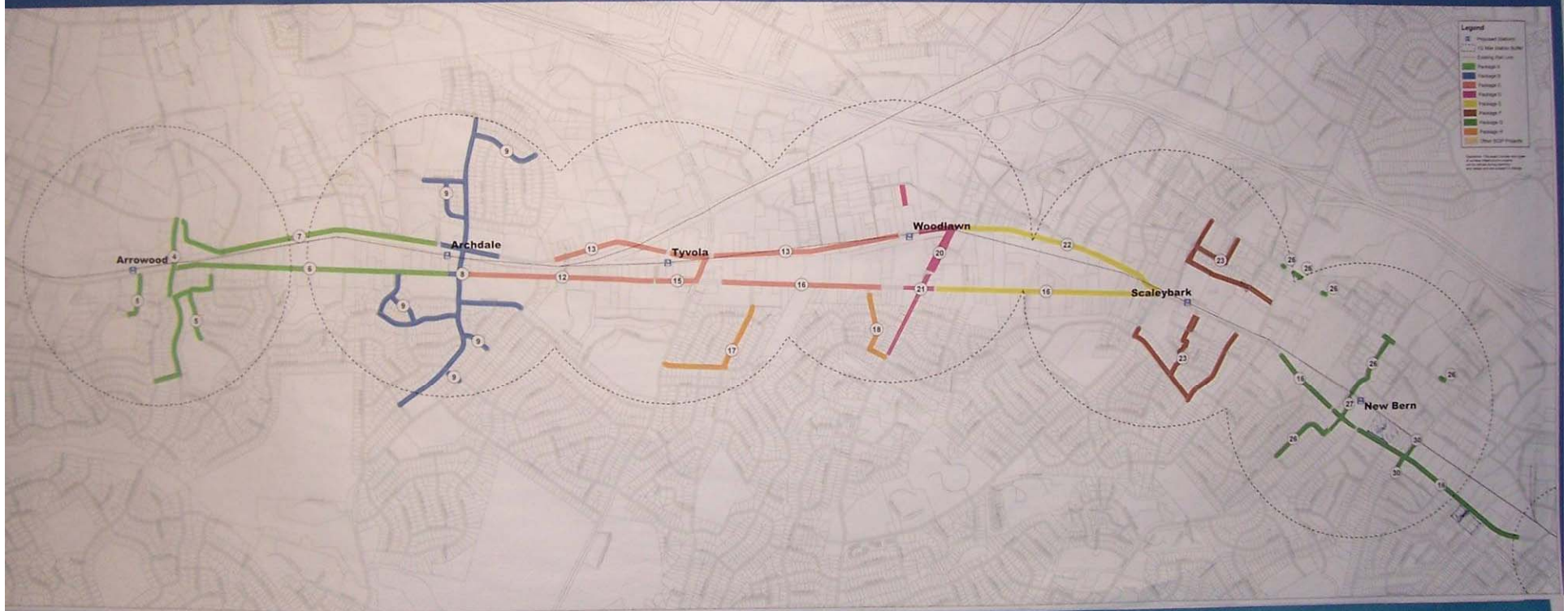
- **Answer – We will use the same approaches in all areas of the City, including:**
 - **Creating streets that support and reflect their contexts**
 - **looking for a variety of ways to create capacity, access, and mobility**
 - **encouraging more travel by transit (particularly in Corridors), walking, and cycling**

South Corridor Infrastructure Program

PROPOSED SURFACE PROJECTS - CORRIDOR WIDE
South Corridor Infrastructure Program

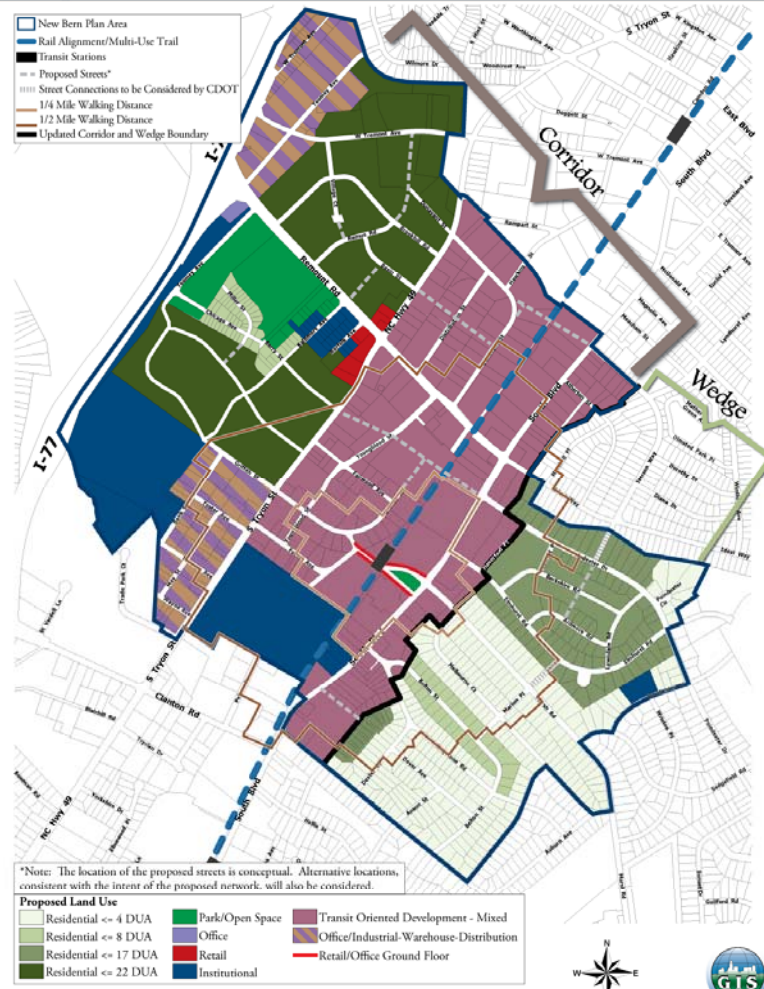
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New Bern Transit Station Area Plan

Map 3: Recommended Future Land Use - Revised

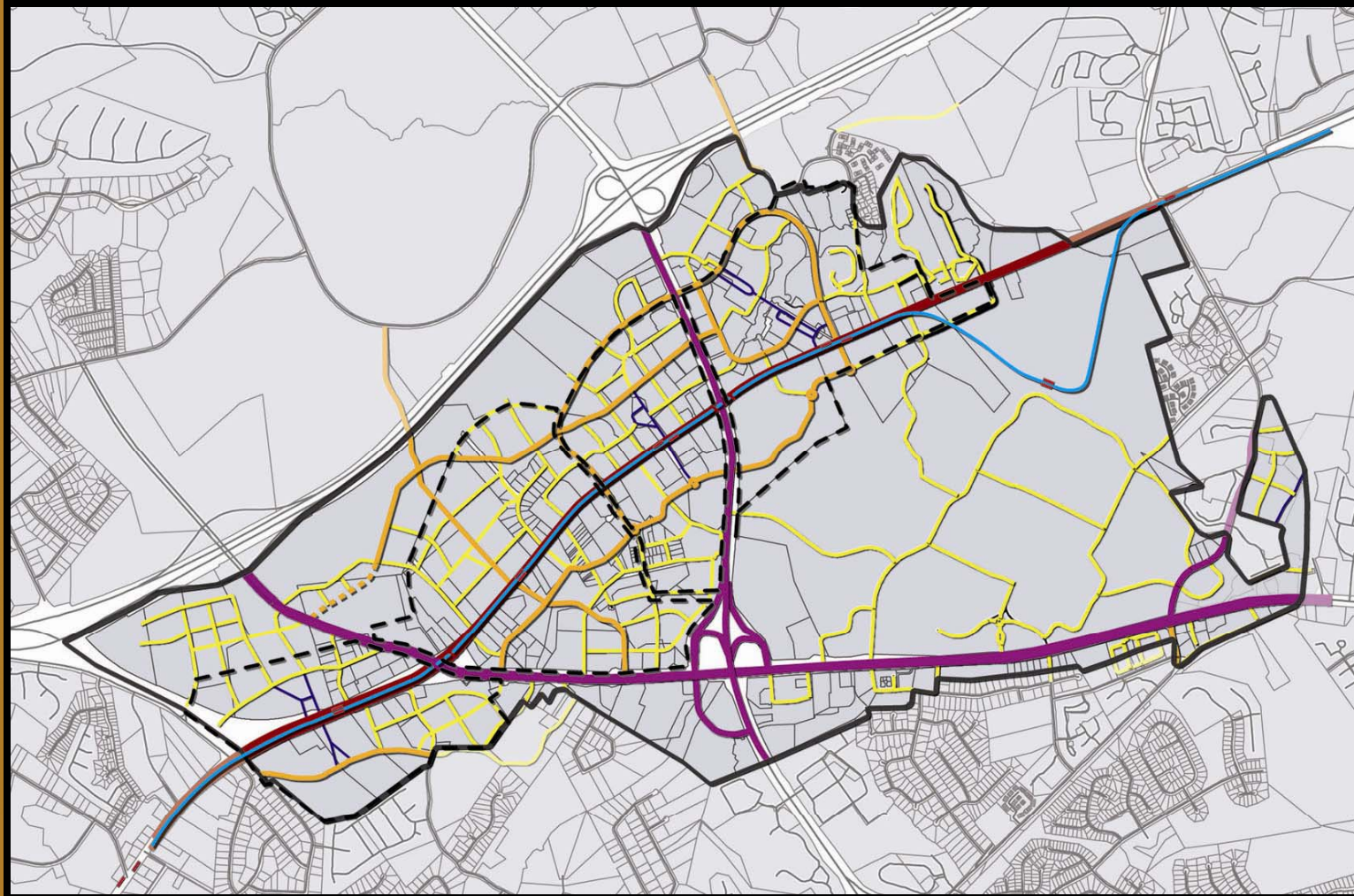


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- Proposed revisions to the document include common approaches for Centers, Corridors, and Wedges:
 - Creating streets that support and reflect their contexts by applying USDG processes and design approaches throughout Charlotte
 - Creating better streets
 - Creating more streets, so that we can create better streets
 - Creating the types of streets that support Charlotteans' ability to safely and comfortably walk, cycle, use transit, and drive

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