



Charlotte Department of Transportation

Memorandum

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To: Tammie Keplinger
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

From: Michael A. Davis, PE *Mike Davis*
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Subject: Rezoning Petition 13-043: Approximately 1.34 acres located at the intersection of Queens Road and East 4th Street and generally bounded by Queens Road, East 4th Street, East 3rd Street, and South Caswell Road.

CDOT has completed a review of the subject petition in order to ensure consistency with the Transportation Action Plan (TAP). The TAP seeks to ensure that Charlotte's transportation network supports current and future land uses and includes streets that provide safe and comfortable mobility for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. Based on our review of the petition, we offer the following comments.

Vehicle Trip Generation

We understand the purpose of this Site Plan Amendment is to allow for an interim development scenario that includes surface parking lots in the general location where future medical office buildings will be constructed. As such we do not anticipate a change in trip generation based on this zoning request.

In addition to the comments above, CDOT requests the following changes to the rezoning plan:

1. We request the petitioner install the proposed street scape (8' planting strip and 6' sidewalks required under the 2007-076 rezoning petition. This would require implementing the subject improvements along all public streets where the site has frontage.

The following are requirements of the developer that must be satisfied prior to driveway permit approval. We recommend that the petitioner reflect these on the rezoning plan as-appropriate.

1. According to the City of Charlotte's Driveway Regulations, CDOT has the authority to regulate/approve all driveway and public street connections to the right-of-way of a street under the regulatory jurisdiction of the City of Charlotte.
2. Adequate sight triangles must be reserved at the existing/proposed street entrances. Two 35' x 35' and two 10' x 70' sight triangles are required for the entrance(s) to meet requirements. All proposed trees, berms, walls, fences, and/or identification signs must not interfere with sight distance at the entrance(s). Such items should be identified on the site plan.

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3. The proposed driveway connection(s) to Third Street, Queens Road and East Fourth Street will require driveway permits to be submitted to CDOT and the North Carolina Department of Transportation for review and approval. The exact driveway locations and type/width of the driveways will be determined by CDOT during the driveway permit process. The locations of the driveways shown on the site plan are subject to change in order to align with driveways on the opposite side of the street and comply with City Driveway Regulations and the City Tree Ordinance.
4. All proposed commercial driveway connections to a future public street will require a driveway permit to be submitted to CDOT for review and approval.
5. Any fence or wall constructed along or adjacent to any sidewalk or street right-of-way requires a certificate issued by CDOT.
6. A Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement is required for the installation of any non-standard item(s) (irrigation systems, decorative concrete pavement, brick pavers, etc.) within a proposed/existing City maintained street right-of-way by a private individual, group, business, or homeowner's/business association. An encroachment agreement must be approved by CDOT prior to the construction/installation of the non-standard item(s). Contact CDOT for additional information concerning cost, submittal, and liability insurance coverage requirements.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

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Rezoning File