

Charlotte Department of Transportation

Memorandum

Date: May 31, 2006

To: Keith MacVean
Planning Commission

From: Scott L. Putnam
Development Services Division

Subject: Rezoning Petition 06-066: Located north of Williams Road and west of East W.T. Harris Boulevard (revised 5/23/06)

We previously commented on this petition in our May 5 and March 22, 2006, memoranda to you. This site could generate up to 350 trips per day as currently zoned. Under the proposed zoning the site could generate approximately 270 trips per day. This will have a minor impact on the surrounding thoroughfare system.

We have the following specific comments that are critical to CDOT's support of the rezoning petition:

1. A 6-foot sidewalk and an 8-foot planting strip need to be constructed on W.T. Harris Boulevard. The sidewalk needs to be separated from the back of curb by the planting strip and not merely widened as shown. (*previous review comment*)
2. The proposed 4-foot asphalt path between parked cars cannot be effectively used by pedestrians because of vehicle overhang. The path needs to be widened and/or the parking needs to be reconfigured so that there is room for vehicles to overhang the wheelstop while maintaining at least a 4-foot effective width. Additionally, this sidewalk/path needs to connect out to Williams Road. (*previous review comment*)
3. The one-way parking aisle closest to W.T. Harris Boulevard needs to be oriented in the opposite direction to allow for better site circulation. As currently drawn, drivers who cannot find a parking space in either one-way aisle must exit the site to Williams Road, turn onto W.T. Harris Boulevard, and make two U-turns to return to the site.

We have the following specific comments that are important to CDOT's support of the rezoning petition. We would like the petitioner to give serious consideration to these comments/requests. These may require coordination with related CMPC issues.

1. The sidewalks along Williams Road and the driveway to WT Harris Boulevard cannot be located at the back-of-curb.
2. The sight (not "site") triangles are not shown correctly on the site plan. The longest sides of the sight triangles need to be measured along the right-of-way line and not the back of the sidewalk.

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If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

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