



Charlotte Department of Transportation

Memorandum

Date: September 2, 2009

To: Tom Drake & Tammie Keplinger
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

From: Michael A. Davis, PE *Mike Davis*
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Subject: Rezoning Petition 09-048: Located between East 7th street and
Weddington Avenue
(revised August 21, 2009)

CDOT previously commented on this petition on May 22, 2009

7th Street is presently a state-maintained facility, which will require that access be approved by NCDOT. It is CDOT's understanding that NCDOT will support preserving the curblines in their existing locations along 7th Street only if Bascom Street is extended to 7th Street, as currently depicted on the plan, and if Ranier Avenue is closed to vehicular traffic at 7th Street. CDOT supports this position, which allow for further evaluation of 7th Street as part of a more comprehensive study. If the petitioner also supports this option, we recommend the following changes to the plan and conditional notes:

- a. Dedicate right-of-way for and construct the Bascom Street connection as indicated on current site plan;
- b. Close Ranier Avenue between 7th Street and Weddington Avenue to vehicular traffic, including the removal of existing pavement, installation of new curb and gutter along 7th Street, and replace the street connection with a 10' shared use path to Weddington Avenue, and landscaping.

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

1. Construct an 8' planting strip, 6' sidewalk, and possible retaining wall in existing right-of-way on the east side of 7th Street between Ranier Avenue and where an existing planting strip begins north of Ranier Avenue (approximate 175' in length).
2. CDOT request that the "mid-block" Pedestrian Connector/Access between 7th Street and Weddington Avenue, as referenced in Development Note 2C, be placed in a public easement. The conditional note should be changed to reflect this.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

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