

# Charlotte Department of Transportation

## Memorandum

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**Date:** July 20, 2009

**To:** Tom Drake & Tammie Keplinger  
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**Subject:** Rezoning Petition 09-063: Located on the east side of Northpointe  
Industrial Boulevard

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**Consistency with Transportation Action Plan (TAP):** The two goals of the TAP that most directly affected the staff's review of this petition define the integration of land use and transportation, and the provision of transportation choices.

- Goal 1 of the TAP relies on implementation of the Centers, Corridors and Wedges land use strategy. This project site is located in an Industrial Center. Such areas should be oriented to vehicular access and circulation. Specific comments are provided below to link proposed changes in land use with improved transportation network.
- Goal 2 of the TAP describes various connectivity and design features that are important for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Specific comments are provided below to bring the petition into compliance with best practices for multimodal transportation.

### Vehicle Trip Generation

With the array of uses allowed in I-2 zoning categories, a wide range of trip generation is possible for either the existing or proposed zoning scenarios. Given the size of the site and the intended land-use (trucking distribution terminal), there should only be minor impacts to the transportation system resulting from this rezoning petition.

### CDOT requests the following changes to the rezoning plan:

1. We request the plan be modified to include 5-foot sidewalks behind 8-foot planting strips behind the existing curb along Northpointe Industrial Boulevard.

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. Adequate sight triangles must be reserved at the existing/proposed street entrance(s). 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.

2. All proposed commercial driveway connections to a future public street will require a driveway permit to be submitted to CDOT for review and approval.
3. Any fence or wall constructed along or adjacent to any sidewalk or street right-of-way requires a certificate issued by CDOT.
4. 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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