

Charlotte Department of Transportation

Memorandum

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

From:

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Subject: Rezoning Petition 14-119: Approximately 20.3 acres located on the south side of East Independence Boulevard and generally surrounded by Briar Creek Road, Television Place, Chipley Avenue, and Arena Boulevard.

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

This site could generate approximately 3,300 trips per day as currently zoned. Under the proposed zoning the site could generate approximately 4,000 trips per day. Although this site does not trigger a traditional traffic impact study, the reconfiguration of the property will have an impact on the operation of the existing facilities during large events. The City is engaged with a traffic consultant to develop a traffic management plan for these events.

CDOT requests the following changes to the rezoning plan:

1) CDOT does not support the abandonment of the Washburn Avenue right-of-way as proposed on the plan.

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 private street/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 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.

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3. The proposed driveway connections to the public streets will require a driveway permit(s) 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 driveway(s) shown on the site plan are subject to change in order to align with driveway(s) 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.

cc: S. Correll
Rezoning File