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NEWS & INFORMATION FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

City Budget Adoption Update

Charlotte City Council has changed its adoption schedule for the FY2006 and FY2007 budget. The Council will hold Straw Votes on Monday, June 6 at 5 pm and formally adopt the budget on Monday, June 13 at 7 pm. All meetings will take place in the Council Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government, 600 East 4th Street and will be televised live on the Government Channel-Cable 16.

Get Involved!

The **Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS)** is hosting meetings to receive public input and present the refined rapid transit alignment alternatives slated for further study on the **Southeast and West Transit Corridors**.

Southeast

Wednesday, June 15, 7—9 p.m.
Matthews Community Center
100 McDowell Street E., Matthews, NC

Thursday, June 16, 7—9 p.m.
Charlotte Merchandise Mart
2500 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, NC

West

Tuesday, June 14, 7—9 p.m.
Christ Presbyterian Church
2461 Arty Ave., Charlotte, NC

For more information or for special assistance, please call **704-336-RIDE** or visit www.ridetransit.org.

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Surviving Renovation and Redevelopment

If you have ever remodeled your house while you were still living in it – and lived to tell the tale – then you will relate to the challenge ahead as construction begins on light rail and 25 other infrastructure projects along the South Corridor.

When the work is complete, the area will boast the City's first light rail line, new facilities for pedestrians and bicycles, plus a range of other improvements. While the work is taking place, however, the unprecedented construction activity (like living through a home renovation) will cause some headaches. That's why the different City departments engaged in various aspects of this work are teaming up to coordinate construction and communications activities to help motorists, businesses and residents navigate the changes ahead.



Work along the South Corridor will include construction of sidewalks and other transportation projects.

CATS recently broke ground on the 9.6 mile light rail system and vehicle maintenance facility. The South Corridor Light Rail Line is expected to open in Spring 2007, carrying approximately 16,200 riders daily. Later this summer, the City will begin construction on 4 of the 25 transportation projects that will provide pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular connections to light rail stations in the South Corridor and infrastructure that encourages transit supportive development. The corridor also will receive upgraded water and sewer utilities.

If you drive South Boulevard or live in the vicinity, you've probably noticed that construction has already started. Current construction activities include the Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance Facility, sidewalk construction along South Boulevard and work on the light rail roadbed. Beginning in June, construction of the bridge structures for Woodlawn and Tyvola Roads will begin.

For more information, visit www.charlottefuture.com.

At Your Service

Q: The children in my neighborhood often roll their basketball goals into the street to shoot a few hoops. This poses a serious danger for the kids and often impedes traffic. I've addressed the situation with the players' parents and the neighborhood association, but nothing seems to get done.

A: While we all appreciate the outdoor recreation basketball goals provide for youth and adults alike, they present a very serious hazard to those who play in the street. Section 19-10 of the Charlotte City Code prohibits the playing of games in city streets. City Code section 19-241 prohibits unnecessary obstructions of any kind within the street right-of-way. For safety and liability reasons, the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) requests that basketball goals be removed from the City's right-of-way and placed in an area free of vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian traffic. When a basketball goal is discovered in the city right-of-way, CDOT will notify the owner who then has two weeks to remove the goal. If the hazard remains after that time, CDOT will remove it without further notice.



To request removal of a basketball goal from the street right-of-way, call **704-336-3893** or submit a request online at: <http://www.charmeck.org/Departments/Transportation/Forms/Basketball+Goal+Removal+Request+Form.htm>.



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