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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Sept 12)	Tues (Sept 13)	Wed (Sept 14)	Thurs (Sept 15)	Friday (Sept 16)
12:00 pm Governmental Affairs Committee, Room 280 3:30 pm Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280 5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267		12:00 pm Economic Development Committee, Room 280	7:00 am NLC/Siemens Sustainable Infrastructure Tour, Ritz Carlton 201 East Trade Street	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, September 12

12:00 pm Governmental Affairs Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Review proposed 2012 state and federal legislative calendars; Federal legislative update; Federal legislative issues

3:30 pm Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Committee of 21; Elizabeth Area Plan; Bike Share Program; 2010 Census Update

5:00 pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267

Wednesday, September 14

12:00 pm Economic Development Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Public/Private Ballantyne Area Infrastructure Project
(Formal agendas will be distributed electronically on Monday, September 12)

Thursday, September 15

7:00 am NLC/Siemens Sustainable Infrastructure Tour, Ritz Carlton 201 East Trade Street

September and October calendars are attached (see "SeptOct2011Calendar.pdf")

AGENDA NOTES:

Agenda Item #11 – Center City 2020 Vision Plan
Staff Resource: Debra Campbell, Planning, 704-336-2671, dcampbell@charlottenc.gov

The Charlotte Center City Vision Plan is on the September 12 agenda for City Council action. The Plan was unanimously recommended for City Council approval by the Transportation and Planning Committee on August 22. Since the Committee meeting, there have been some minor revisions and suggested changes raised to be added to the document.

ATTACHED (see "2020 Vision Plan TAP.pdf") is a memo from Committee Chair Howard that outlines the proposed changes and a request that Council consider including these changes as part of their official action on the Plan.

INFORMATION:

Sept. 15 – Incentive-Based Inclusionary Housing Initiative Public Meeting
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On June 27, 2011, City Council approved the Housing & Neighborhood Development Committee's recommended Incentive-Based Inclusionary Housing Policies Action Plan. The Action Plan outlines both regulatory and financial strategies to encourage the development of affordable housing by the private sector.

On September 15, 2011, The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning and Neighborhood & Business Services Departments will convene an initial public meeting to provide an overview of Council's adopted action plan that encourages the private sector to voluntarily include affordable housing in their developments. At that meeting, citizens will also be invited to participate in a Citizen's Advisory Group that will be tasked with developing and reviewing several regulatory strategies including text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, waiver of certain fees, and expediting the permitting process. The meeting will be held at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center in Room 267 at 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 15 – Public Meetings for Improvements to I-485 in South Charlotte
Staff Resources: Tim Gibbs, CDOT, 704-336-3917, tgibbs@charlottenc.gov
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The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Pre-Hearing Open House and a Design Public Hearing to discuss improvements to I-485 between I-77 (Exit 67) and Johnston Rd. (US 521) (Exit 61) on Thursday, September 15, 2011 in the Hixon Building – 2nd floor, located at 13850 Ballantyne Corporate Place. NCDOT representatives will be available at the Pre-Hearing Open House between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments about the project. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above hours.

A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed location, design, the state-federal relationship, and right-of-way and relocation requirements and procedures. Citizens will have the opportunity to comment or ask questions. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a transcript will be prepared.

NCDOT proposes to improve I-485 by adding additional travel lanes for approximately seven miles within the existing median between U.S. 521 (Johnston Road) interchange and the I-77 interchange. The project will include construction of a flyover structure at the U.S. 521 (Johnston Road) interchange to carry traffic from northbound U.S. 521 to westbound I-485. In addition, the project calls for the construction of an auxiliary lane from N.C. 51 to U.S. 521 (Johnston Road). The project's purpose is to increase system capacity and improve efficiency on I-485 for local and regional traffic.

A map displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the environmental document (Categorical Exclusion) are available for public review at the offices of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization, 600 E. Fourth St., 8th Floor, and at

the NCDOT Resident Engineer's Office located at 12033-C East Independence Blvd. The map may also be viewed by searching for project number R-4902 at: http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps_by_county/county/Mecklenburg.html.

Sept. 22-26 – South Boulevard Road Closure
Staff Resource: Gary Stansbury, E&PM, 704-336-2667, gstansbury@charlottenc.gov

South Boulevard will be closed from 8 p.m. Thursday, September 22 until 6 a.m. Monday, September 26 to install storm drainage pipes and sanitary sewer lines at the intersection of Briabend Drive. This is part of the Conway/Briabend Storm Drainage Improvement Project, which is being coordinated with the adjacent Scaleybark Transit Development Streetscape Project to minimize traffic disruptions.

South Boulevard traffic will be diverted around the closed section via Old Pineville and Woodlawn Roads. A map illustrating the detour is **ATTACHED (see "Detour Map.pdf")**.

City staff has notified CMPD, CFD, NCDOT and 311 of the closure. Public notices have been sent via local media, GovDelivery, and email blasts. Notice of the closure has also been posted on CDOT's website.

Local traffic will have access to businesses within the closure area. If adverse weather prohibits work from being performed during the closure period, citizens and businesses will be notified of any new closure dates.

This project will repair existing culverts, storm drainage and channel systems to reduce house and street flooding within the area bounded by Scaleybark Road, South Boulevard and Woodlawn Road.

Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Group Announces Stage 1 Drought
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The Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) announced on Thursday that recent dry weather has moved the Catawba-Wateree Basin back into Stage 1 drought of the Low Inflow Protocol (LIP).

Stage 1 is the second of five drought stages outlined in the LIP and recommends voluntary water conservation by all water users. CMUD has seen lower water use this summer than previous years by customers, indicating that conservation is becoming more ingrained within the community.

Lake storage has declined slowly through the summer due to the seasonal increase in lake surface evaporation, declining groundwater levels and below-average rainfall. Stream flows in the basin and the U.S. Drought Monitor for the southeast region have also deteriorated steadily,

and recent rains from Tropical Storm Lee didn't improve the drought indicators.

Long range forecasts are mixed, but generally call for conditions that are drier than normal. If more consistent and significant rainfall doesn't occur through the rest of September, CW-DMAG may move the basin into Stage 2 drought status in early October. Stage 2 requires water customers to reduce outdoor water usage to two days per week.

The LIP is the regional drought management plan that major water users in the Catawba-Wateree Basin use to share responsibility and set priorities to conserve the limited water supply during periods of low inflow. CW-DMAG members receive regular updates and meet at least monthly on conditions in the basin.

To learn more about the Catawba-Wateree Basin, local restrictions, and water saving tips, go to www.saveyourwater.org, a website provided by the Catawba-Wateree Water Management Group. For more information about the CW-DMAG and the LIP, visit www.duke-energy.com/lakes/cwdmag.asp.

ATTACHMENTS:

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