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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (May 18)	Tues (May 19)	Wed (May 20)	Thurs (May 21)	Fri (May 22)
12:00 PM Environment Committee, Env. Services Facility 4222 Westmont Dr. 3:00 PM Budget Workshop, Room 267 5:00 PM Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	6:30 PM District 4 Town Hall, Oasis Shriners HQ 604 Doug Myers Pl.		12:30 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, May 18

- 12:00 PM Environment Committee, Charlotte Water Environmental Services Facility
4222 Westmont Drive
AGENDA: State regulatory reform; PCCC mitigation fee task force update;
Biosolids program
- 3:00 PM Budget Workshop, Room 267
- 5:30 PM Council Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14

Tuesday, May 19

- 6:30 PM District 4 Town Hall Meeting, Oasis Shriners Headquarters
604 Doug Mayes Place

Thursday, May 21

- 12:30 PM Economic Development & Global Competitiveness Committee, Room CH-14
AGENDA: Charlotte Business INclusion update; Eastland Mall redevelopment

May and June calendars are attached.



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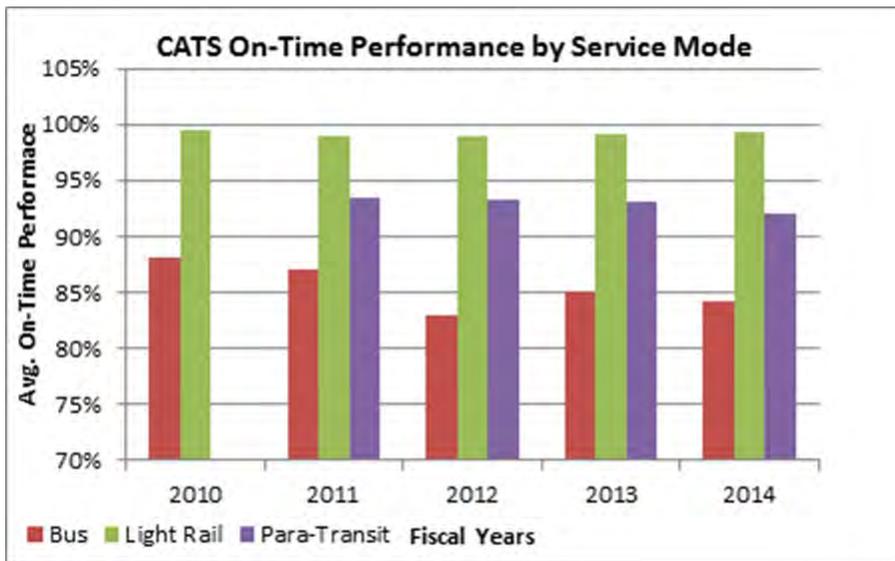
CATS Recognized by Federal Transit Administration Region 4 as SuperStar Agency

Staff Resource: John Muth, CATS, 704-336-3373, jmuth@charlottenc.gov

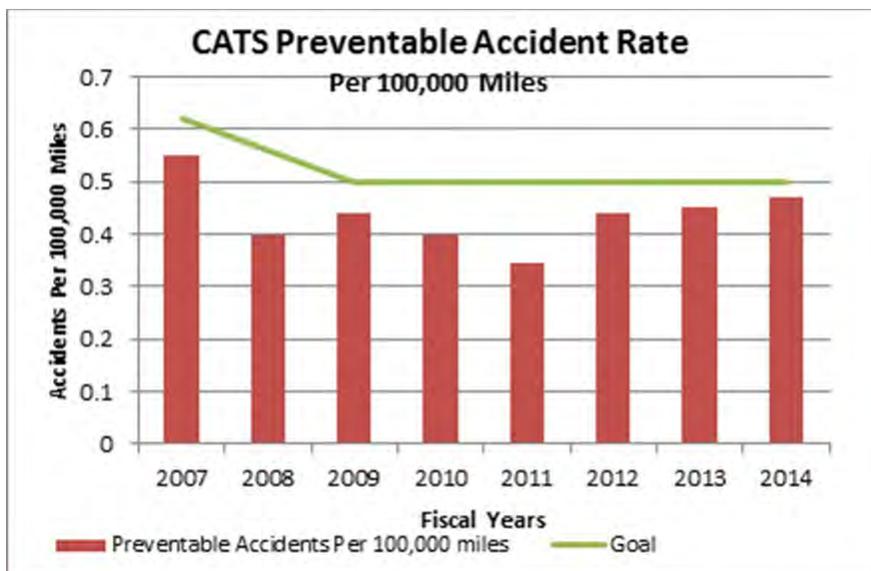
On May 14, 2015 CATS was recognized at the Federal Transit Administration Region 4's 2015 Southeastern Regional Transit Conference with the SuperStar Agency Award which recognizes a transit agency that has consistently demonstrated outstanding transit service. This recognition covers all aspects of the agency including: how the transit agency has consistently provided long term reliable transit service, its exemplary customer service, partnerships, financial stability of the agency, and its excellent safety records. Below is the information provided with the application that illustrates the hard work and dedication that CATS employees and its partners achieved over the past several years that made the award possible.

The Charlotte Area Transit System is built on a foundation of providing high quality, reliable, safe and customer friendly services. To achieve this objective, the organization has several key metrics measuring performance in these areas. These metrics allow employees and management to focus on and assess the day-to-day and month-to-month achievement of the agency's goals.

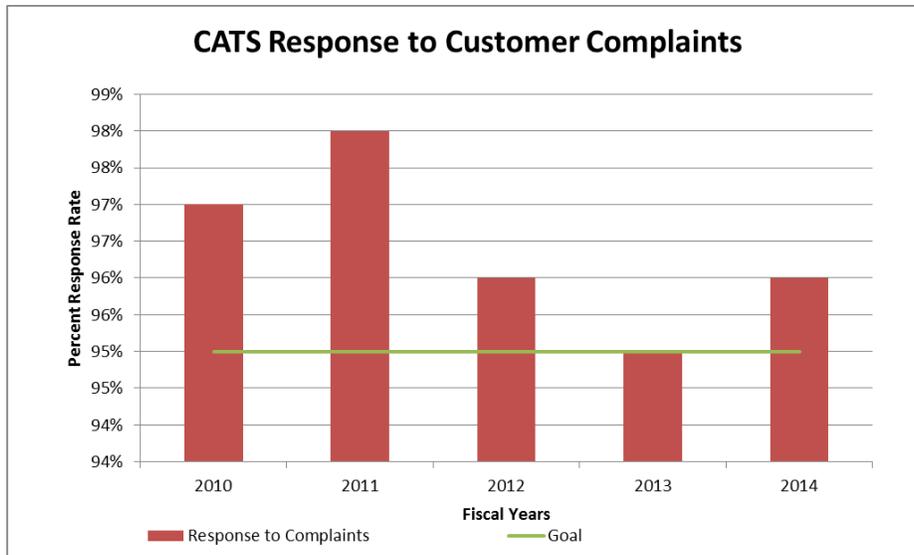
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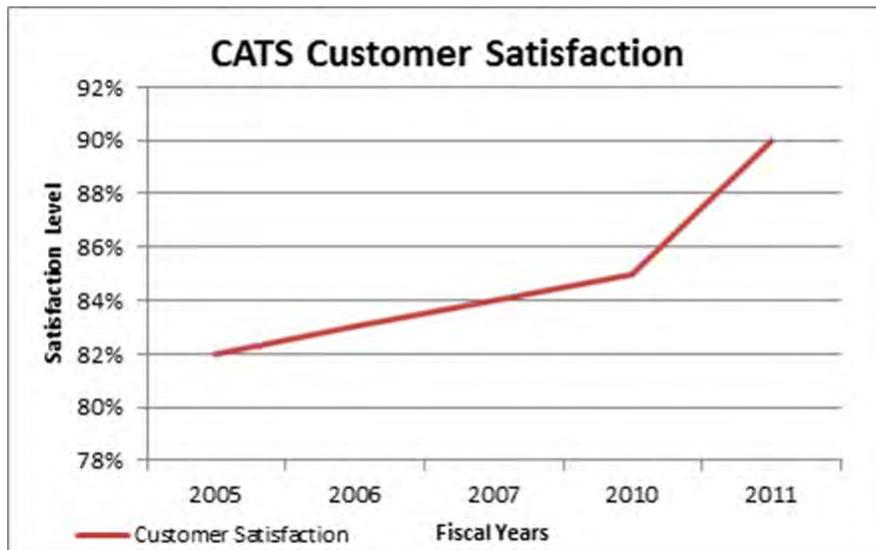
Accident Rate: CATS has had a goal of **.50** accidents per 100,000 miles across all of its service modes (bus, rail, para-transit). CATS consistently achieves or exceeds that goal year after year. This is due to the use of the Smith System of initial operator training, refresher training, and post-accident training for all operators.



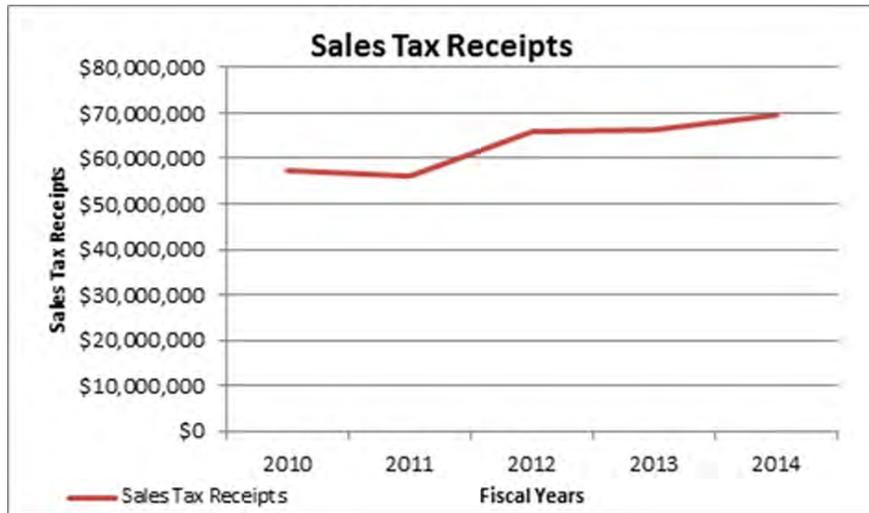
Response to Complaints: CATS has a metric that all customers with complaints must be contacted within 2 days and their complaints fully responded to within 5 business days. CATS' goal is to achieve that standard 95% of the time, but consistently exceeds that goal year in and year out.



Customer Satisfaction: CATS focuses its front line staff on customer service with initial and ongoing training. When a customer’s needs are not met, CATS acknowledges and works to provide correction action. This is one of the reasons year after year CATS’ customers rate the agency with a high degree of customer satisfaction.



Financial Stability: Like many transit systems across the country the past 5 years have been a balancing act with constrained revenues at the local, state and federal levels. During this time, CATS value engineered the Blue Line Extension removing \$200 million from the budget, reduced discretionary spending and implemented new advertising revenue sources. CATS has been able to maintain existing bus routes, start construction on the Blue Line Extension light rail project, prepare for operation of Phase 1 of the Streetcar project (CityLYNX Gold Line) in the summer of 2015, and maintain its ridership levels. CATS has started to see the local sales tax grow but has yet to reach the pre-Great Recession levels.



2015 State Legislative Report #14

Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager’s Office, 704-336-2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov

Attached is the latest State Legislative Report. The highlight of the week was the unveiling of some of the House budget proposals. The House will be considering its budget proposal next week with the goal of sending it over to the Senate by the close of business on Thursday, May 21.



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report.pdf

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report:



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- Status of Maintenance at Guard Rail Location
- Boards and Commissions: Attendance Requirements

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>				
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3	<p>3:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267</p> <p>7:00pm Budget Presentation, Meeting Chamber</p>	5	<p>11:00am Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting for NoDa Lofts, 3327 N. Davidson St.</p> <p>2:00pm Budget Workshop, Room 267</p>	7	8	9				
		Optional Council trip to Raleigh								
10	<p>3:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>5:00pm Council Dinner, Room 267</p> <p>5:30pm Council Business Meeting, Meeting Chamber</p>	11	12	<p>12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>2:00pm Budget Adjustments, Room 267</p>	13	<p>12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280</p>	14	15	16	
17	<p>12:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., ESF – 4222 Westmont Drive</p> <p>3:00pm Budget Workshop, Room 267</p> <p>5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14</p>	18	<p>6:30pm District 4 Town Hall Mtg., Oasis Shriners Headquarters – 604 Doug Mayes Place</p>	19	20	<p>12:30pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14</p>	21	22	23	
24	Memorial Day	<p>12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280</p> <p>3:00pm Budget Adjustments/Straw Votes, Room CH-14</p>	25	<p>5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267</p>	26	<p>12:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280</p>	27	28	29	30
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June

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14	15 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	16 6:30pm Mayor Pro Tem Barnes Town Hall Mtg., CFD HQ – 500 Dalton Ave.	17	18 12:30pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	<div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">US Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting San Francisco, CA</div>	
21	22 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm City Manager's Update Meeting, Room CH-14 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	23	24 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267 <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">Chamber Inter City Visit Nashville, TN</div>	25	26	27
28	29	30			<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 20px; text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">2015</div>	

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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE
M E M O R A N D U M**

May 15, 2015

TO: Ron Carlee, City Manager
Ron Kimble, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

SUBJECT: 2015 State Legislative Report #14

State Budget

The House introduced portions of the 2015-2017 state budget on Thursday. Information such as the overall size of the budget, use of FY 2015 forecasted surplus revenues, proposed economic development and tax credit provisions, pay raises for state employees and teachers and other details will not be available until Sunday or Monday. House Finance will consider the budget on Monday and House Appropriations will do the same on Tuesday. The budget will then be debated and voted on by the full House on Wednesday and Thursday. Then it will be sent to the Senate for their consideration. Transportation budget details were unveiled yesterday and include:

- Enhances current funding for public transportation programs by adding recurring funds of \$1 million for public transportation grants, and preserves funding for other public transportation purposes including the State share of funding for construction of the LYNX Blue Line Extension and State Maintenance Assistance Program.
- Raises net new revenues of approximately \$250 million per year by increasing fees charged by the Division of Motor Vehicles by 50%, raising the State motor fuels tax rate to 36 cents per gallon for diesel fuel, and lowering the motor fuels tax rate to 33 cents per gallon for all other motor fuels, with all being effective January 1, 2016. The formula indexing the motor fuels tax rates to the changes in population and the consumer price index – all urban consumers on an annual basis starting on January 1, 2017 that was enacted earlier this session through SB 20 would remain in place.
- Motor fuels tax rate changes would decrease Powell Bill funding to localities by nearly \$7.7 million starting in the second year of the biennium FY 2017, which would decrease the City of Charlotte allocation by approximately \$1 million in FY 2017.
- Appropriates additional \$302 million for the contract resurfacing program, which increases size of that program to \$1.125 billion for the biennium. An amendment to the subcommittee report includes a proviso that the additional \$302 million for contract

resurfacing be allocated equally to each county in the State even though NCDOT has data showing the wide variety of pavement conditions in each division.

- Amends the Strategic Transportation Investment formula (the way transportation construction projects are prioritized), which will likely skew points away from large cities/urban centers. The provision requires the Strategic Transportation Investment formula to use peak Average Daily Traffic counts rather than actual Average Daily Traffic counts. NCDOT has information illustrating that high volume roads do not see much if any peak in Average Daily Traffic counts throughout the year while low volume roads, particularly along the coast and in western counties, can have wide swings in Average Daily Traffic counts.

Sales Tax Redistribution

Sales Tax Fairness Act (SB 369 – Brown) and **Simple and Fair Formula for Sales Tax Distribution (SB 608 – Rucho)** propose to convert local sales tax revenues to a state source of revenue that will be shared with local governments through State General Fund appropriations. The bills target the 1% Article 39, ½% Article 40 and ½% Article 42 sales taxes totaling 2%.

SB 369 will reportedly be amended to correct the inadvertent repeal of current laws regarding the Article 44 Medicaid hold harmless and sharing of revenues between counties and cities. SB 369 phases in sales and use tax changes starting in FY 2016 with full implementation scheduled for FY 2019. SB 369 calls for distributing sales and use tax revenues to counties on a per capita basis. The adjustment factors in effect for each county would be phased out starting in FY 2016.

SB 608 sets a base allocation using FY 2014 sales and use tax collections and distributes the growth in sales tax revenues above the base on a per capita basis. Each county and city would be held harmless at FY 2014 sales and use tax levels. The adjustment factors are repealed and it allows counties to distribute the revenues within their respective counties using either of the existing ad valorem or per capita methods.

Economic Development

New Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HB 152 – Ross, Hardister, Lewis and Glazier / SB 287 – Hartsell) would implement the Governor’s recommendation for reforming the historic preservation tax credit program that was allowed to lapse at the end of 2014. HB 152 passed the House on a 98-15 vote and was referred to Senate Ways & Means.

NC Competes Act (HB 117 – S. Martin, Jeter, Collins and Steinburg) is the House Republican economic development incentives bill that proposes to continue the existing fuel sales tax cap for passenger air carriers by extending the sunset date from the end of 2015 to January 1, 2020, and make modifications to the Job Development Incentives Grant, One NC, and Site Infrastructure Fund programs. HB 117 passed the House and was referred to the Senate Finance Committee. The **Omnibus Economic Development Improvements (HB 920 – Saine, Hamilton, R. Moore and Jeter)** is a bi-partisan measure that would, among other things enact state level new market tax credits program, reenact historic rehabilitation tax credits, amend the film grant fund and low-income housing tax credit programs, and raise the cap on the Job

Development Investment Grant program. HB 920 has serial referrals to House Finance and Appropriations Committees.

Job Creation and Tax Relief Act ([SB 526 – Rucho, Rabon and Tillman](#)) continues 2013 tax reform efforts by reducing personal and corporate income and franchise taxes, phasing in single sales factor apportionment for computing corporate income tax liability, and targeting more of the Job Development Investment Grant program resources to lower income communities and transformative industries. According to the sponsors, SB 526 could result in State General Fund tax relief of approximately \$1 billion. Changes to the Job Development Investment Grant program limit the percentage of Job Development Investment Grant funds awarded for projects in a major market community (Durham, Mecklenburg and Wake counties) to no more than twice the county's share of population to the entire State. In the case of Mecklenburg County where the population is 10% of the State total, grants would be capped at 20% of all the grants that can be awarded statewide in any single calendar year. This proposal is in reaction to data showing that more than 80% of Job Development Investment Grant funds over the last two years were directed to projects in Durham, Mecklenburg and Wake Counties. New language has been added to allow the grant cap to be exceeded when a "high yield" project requires at least \$1 billion in private investment and creates 2,500 eligible positions (i.e. automotive or aerospace manufacturer) locating in a major market community. SB 526 was referred to Senate Finance. The **Economic Development / Tax Modifications ([SB 338 – Berger, Brown and Tillman](#))** includes the same amendments for the Job Development Investment Grant program as SB 526. SB 338 was introduced by Senate Republicans and would reduce corporate income taxes, in addition to making the aforementioned changes to the Job Development Investment Grant program. SB 338 was referred to Senate Commerce.

Fiscal & Administrative

Exempt Builder's Inventory ([HB 168 – Hager, Millis, Brody and Collins](#) / [SB 321 – Brown, Tucker and Gunn](#)) excludes from property taxes any increase to the value of improvements made to real property held for sale by a builder for up to five years. The bills broaden the definition of a "builder" by removing the requirement that they be licensed as a general contractor under G.S. 87-1. Based upon updated guidance received from the Mecklenburg County Assessor, the bills will cause a 1.5% decline in tax value resulting in an estimate of revenue loss for the City in FY 2016 of \$5.8 million growing to \$6 million in FY 2017. HB 168 was referred to House Finance. SB 321 has serial referrals to Senate Commerce and Finance.

Repeal Business License Fees ([HB 739 – Brawley](#)) would remove the authority for cities to charge a regulatory user fee to businesses that are located in cities, which was intended by some cities as a replacement for the privilege license tax. HB 739 passed the House. Due to the concern that HB 739, if enacted, would repeal local authority to charge some regulatory user fees, Representative Brawley has agreed to work with the NC League of Municipalities and City of Charlotte on language that precludes that possibility.

Regulatory Reform Act of 2015 ([HB 760 – Millis, J. Bell and Riddell](#)) would make various regulatory changes including one that appears to preclude the Environmental Management Commission from approving local stormwater programs that do not meet the State model

stormwater management program. Representative Millis has agreed to form a stakeholder's group to address this issue while the bill is in the Senate. The City is working with the NC League of Municipalities and Mecklenburg County on this issue. HB 760 passed the House and was referred to Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources.

Environmental & Planning

Outdoor Advertising ([HB 304 – Hager, Collins, J. Bell and Hanes](#) / [SB 320 – Brown, Rabon and Tarte](#)) preempts local authority with statewide standards with respect to the location, height and size of relocated signs and conversion to changeable message signs. The legislation appears to open the door to relocating outdoor advertising from industrially zoned areas to commercially zoned areas, notwithstanding local ordinances to the contrary, and allowing such signs to be higher and larger than those allowed under existing local ordinance. HB 304 was referred to House Commerce and Job Development and SB 320 was referred to Senate Commerce.

Subdivision Ordinance / Land Development Changes ([HB 721 – Bryan, Stam, Bishop and Bradford](#)) would reform performance guarantee practices. HB 721 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules. Due to the concern that some of the language would restrict the ability of cities to use performance guarantees for repair work prior to final inspection approval, Representative Bryan is working with the City of Charlotte in considering amendments in the Senate.

Zoning Changes / Citizen Input ([HB 201 – Stam, Goodman, Jackson and Fraley](#)) repeals the protest petition provisions that trigger the requirement for a three-fourths vote of governing body members to approve a rezoning in the event of a qualified protest against a zoning map amendment and replaces it with a requirement for a simple majority vote for all zoning decisions. HB 201 also implements an affirmative requirement for written communications regarding all zoning cases to be submitted to governing body. HB 201 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules. A House floor amendment that would have maintained the protest petition by raising the threshold for a qualified petition to 66% of neighboring property owners, and lowering the required majority of governing body members to approve rezonings with qualified petitions to two-thirds of the governing body was considered by the House but did not generate enough support and failed on a 48-63 vote.

Zoning/Design and Aesthetic Controls ([SB 25 – Gunn, Apodaca and Tarte](#)) passed the Senate and was referred to House Committee on Regulatory Reform. SB 25 is identical to legislation from the 2013 session ([2013 HB 150 Edition 4](#)). SB 25 specifies when local governments can apply design and aesthetic controls to structures subject to regulation under the NC Residential Code for One- and Two-Family Dwellings by exempting structures located in local historic districts, or historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places, local, State or national historic landmarks, and requirements to meet life safety codes, manufactured housing regulations, and conditions of participation in the national flood insurance program.

Infrastructure

Reestablish North Carolina as the “Good Roads State” ([HB 927 – Torbett, Iler, Shepherd and Tine](#)) as introduced, would raise approximately \$500 million to \$600 million more per year starting in FY 2016 for road maintenance needs throughout the State. Revenues would be raised through across the board increases in fees, new tax on gross premiums tax on auto insurance policies, and phases out transfers of transportation revenues to the General Fund. HB 927 also reduces the motor fuels excise tax and indexes it to population growth and the consumer price index – all urban consumers, which causes a decrease in Powell Bill funding for local governments. However, another part of HB 927 appears to make up the lost funding by providing funding for municipal resurfacing projects. HB 927 received serial referrals to House Transportation, Finance and Appropriations Committees. HB 927 was discussed in House Transportation on Tuesday, May 5 where the sponsor stated that the proposed tax on gross auto insurance policies would be removed from the bill. Portions of HB 927 were embedded into the House Appropriations Transportation Subcommittee recommendations.

Public Safety

Rental Registration ([HB 530 – Brawley / SB 442 – Gunn, Ford and Wade](#)) prohibits mandatory registration of all rental properties in favor of registration of only those units that meet certain crime and disorder thresholds. City currently requires all owners to register their properties so that Police can inform them of when crime occurs on the property, regardless of whether any of their properties meet the crime or disorder thresholds enumerated in the legislation. Without a database of rental properties and owners, the City will not be able to comply with its own requirement that all owners or managers be notified of crimes that occur on their properties. Legislation also prohibits local governments from imposing criminal penalties for noncompliance. Violation of the local ordinance is classified as a misdemeanor, which is only charged as a last resort for flagrant violators. By charging a misdemeanor, it triggers the judiciary to adjudicate the end result and affords due process to both the City and the owner or manager of the property. HB 530 was reported out of House Local Government and has serial referrals to the House Regulatory Reform and Finance Committees. The NC League of Municipalities is working with Representative Brawley on compromise language.

Regulate Transportation Network Companies ([HB 680 – Brawley, Bradford, Saine and Hanes / SB 541 – Rabon](#)) provides for a Statewide regulatory regimen for transportation network companies and drivers administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles and addresses liability insurance requirements and background checks for drivers. HB 680 referred to House Commerce & Job Development and SB 541 to Senate Transportation. City staff is working with bill proponents on mutually agreeable language for Airports to contract with transportation network companies for the appropriate use of airport facilities.

City Requested Legislation

Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System ([HB 70 – Bishop, Bradford, Alexander, Bryan, Jeter and R. Moore](#)) amends the City's firefighters' retirement system legislation in accordance with the provisions of the Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008, Pension Protection Act of 2006, and Worker, Retiree, and Employer Recovery Act of 2008 in order to maintain conformance with the Internal Revenue Code. HB 70 passed the House and was referred to Senate Pensions & Retirement and Aging.

Stormwater Management ([HB 141 – Jeter, Cotham, Cunningham, Bradford, Bryan, Carney, Earle and R. Moore](#)) adds statutory authority for municipalities in Mecklenburg, Wake, Durham, Forsyth and Guilford Counties to utilize the statutory authority extended to Mecklenburg and Wake Counties in 2014 to implement flood reduction techniques that result in improvements to private property. HB 141 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules.

Civil Service Board ([HB 143 – Bishop, Cunningham, Cotham, Bradford, Alexander, Carney, Earle, Jeter and R. Moore](#)) amends the City Charter provisions for the Civil Service Board consistent with the City's legislative request. HB 143 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules.

Street Gang Nuisance Abatement ([Part XIII of 173 – Stam, Faircloth, Glazier and Turner / SB 391 – Tarte](#)) would make requested amendments to the NC Street Gang Nuisance Abatement Act to authorize the Courts to extend temporary injunctions for good cause shown against criminal street gang activity. Amendments are in Part XIII of HB 173, the Omnibus Crime Control Bill, and a standalone measure SB 391 sponsored by Senator Tarte. Both bills are supported by the City of Charlotte and NC League of Municipalities while the NC Metropolitan Police Chiefs Association is in the lead lobbying position. HB 173 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules. SB 391 passed the Senate and was referred to House Rules.

Metropolitan Transit Commission Requested Legislation

Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act ([SB 284 – Hartsell](#)) extends the sunset date of the Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act to July 1, 2020. SB 284 is supported by the Metropolitan Transit Commission and the Town of Apex. The Act allows counties and cities to form districts to finance the construction of public transportation, streets and sidewalks, parking facilities, stormwater facilities, renewable energy and many other types of infrastructure. SB 284 passed the Senate and received serial referrals to House Transportation and House Finance Committees.

**CHARLOTTE****2015-2016 BILL MONITORING LIST**

May 15, 2015

Bill #	Bill Description	Primary Sponsors
CITY LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS		
HB 70 SB 137	Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System	Bishop, Bradford, Alexander, Bryan, Jeter & R. Moore / Tarte, Ford, Jackson & Waddell
HB 141	Stormwater Management	Jeter, Cotham, Cunningham, Bradford, Bryan, Carney, Earle & R. Moore
HB 143	Civil Service Board	Bishop, Cunningham, Cotham, Bradford, Alexander, Carney, Earle, Jeter & R. Moore
HB 173 SB 391	Street Gang Nuisance Abatement (language in HB 173 is in Part XIII)	Stam, Faircloth, Glazier & Turner / Tarte
MTC LEGISLATIVE REQUEST		
SB 284	Special Assessments for Critical Infrastructure Needs Act	Hartsell
FISCAL & ADMINISTRATIVE		
Appropriations:		
HB 940 SB 713	2015 Governor's Budget	Dollar, L. Johnson, McGrady & Lambeth / Brown, Harrington & B. Jackson
Economic Development:		
HB 14	Startups Act / New Market Tax Credit	R. Brown & Bryan
HB 89	Omnibus Economic Development Improvements	Hamilton, R. Moore & Hanes
HB 117	NC Competes Act	S. Martin, Jeter, Collins & Steinburg
HB 152 SB 287	New Historic Preservation Tax Credit	Ross, Hardister, Lewis & Glazier / Hartsell
HB 171 SB 193	Modify Film Grant Fund	Davis, Lewis, Saine & Iler / Lee & Rabon
HB 454 SB 447	Energy Investment Act	Jeter, Saine, Setzer & Goodman / B. Jackson, Hartsell & Tarte

Bill #	Bill Description	Primary Sponsors
HB 575	Reenact Qualified Business Investment Credit	B. Brown, Saine, Jeter & S. Martin
HB 848	Modify Utility Account	Hanes, Jeter & R. Moore
HB 890	Attract National Headquarters to North Carolina	Hanes, Jeter & R. Moore
HB 907	Strengthen Military in North Carolina / Mitigate BRAC Risk	Whitmire
HB 920	Omnibus Economic Development Improvements	Saine, Hamilton, R. Moore & Jeter
SB 35	Jumpstart Business Startups / New Market Credits	Gunn & Hise
SB 187	Air Carrier Fuel Tax Exemption	Rabon
SB 202	Reenact Preservation Rehab Tax Credits	Lowe
SB 204	Reenact Film Credit	Lowe
SB 326	Increase JDIG Program Funding	Gunn, Meredith & Apodaca
SB 338	Economic Development / Tax Modifications	Berger, Brown & Tillman
SB 340	Economic Development / Job Catalyst Fund	Lowe
SB 342	Economic Development / JDIG Extension	Lowe
SB 372 SL 2015-11	Renewable Energy Safe Harbor	Rucho, Tillman & Rabon
SB 472	Local Incentives for Historic Rehabilitation	Rucho & Brock
Elections:		
HB 402	Study Municipal Elections in Even Years	Ford
HB 621	Public Financing of Municipal Campaigns	Insko & Fisher
SB 650	Elections Transparency	Rabin, Tarte & Sanderson
HB 710	Allow Special Elections in Odd-Numbered Years	G. Martin & Jackson
Eminent Domain:		
HB 3 SB 74	Eminent Domain	McGrady / B. Jackson
HB 127 SB 425	NC Department of Transportation Condemnation Changes	Stam, Jackson & Bryan / Wells, Krawiec & Daniel
HB 875	Restrict Municipal Eminent Domain (Now Local for Ashe and Watauga Counties)	Jordan, McGrady & Hunter
Employee Relations:		
HB 274	Retirement Technical Corrections Act of 2015	Gill, Bell, Elmore & Waddell
HB 277	Retirement Administrative Changes Act of 2015	Ross, Gill, Goodman & McNeil
HB 419	Protect Officers from Retaliation	Conrad, Avila, Dollar & Cotham
HB 443 SB 612	Nondiscrimination in Public Employment	Luebke, Cotham, Glazier & Willingham / Van Duyn & Smith-Ingram
HB 605	Reduce Unfair Barriers to Public Employment	R. Johnson
HB 612	Ban the Box	Pierce, G. Graham, Willingham & Floyd

Bill #	Bill Description	Primary Sponsors
HB 616	Local Government Employees Retirement Cost of Living Adjustment	McNeill
HB 646	Insurance Coverage for Autism Treatment	McGrady, Hager, Jeter & Jackson
HB 759	Retirement System Cost of Living Allowances	L. Bell
HB 862 SB 3	State Employees / No Payroll Deductions	Lewis / Hise
SB 99	Definition of Firefighter	Meredith, Daniel & Newton
SB 676	Autism Health Insurance Coverage	Apodaca & Krawiec
Ethics:		
HB 252	Conflict of Interests / Certain Relationships	Glazier, Faircloth, G. Martin & Daughtry
HB 617	Lobbyist Expenditure Reports – Transparency	Cotham & Lewis
HB 677	State Ethics Commission Revisions	Glazier, Faircloth, Daughtry & Carney
HB 749	Voters’ Right to Know	Cotham
SB 664	Study / Local Government Contract Lobbyists	Apodaca
Finance:		
HB 41 SL 2015-6 / SB 19	Revenue Laws Technical Changes	Howard, Brawley, Lewis & Setzer / Rabon, Rucho & Tillman
HB 128	Referendum for Certain Local Debt	Speciale
HB 168 SB 321	Exempt Builders’ Inventory	Hager, Millis, Brody & Collins / Brown, Tucker & Gunn
HB 362	Cities / Business Registration	Faircloth & Brockman
HB 518	County Sales Tax Flexibility	Hunter, Saine, Hanes & Setzer
HB 739	Repeal Business License Fees	Brawley
HB 903	County Tax Flexibility / Municipal Revenue Options	Saine
HB 911	Various Changes to the Revenues Laws	Brawley & Saine
HB 922	Video Sweepstakes Regulation & Taxation	Malone, Fraley, Baskerville & Jeter
HB 929	Taxpayers’ Bill of Rights	Blust, Riddell, Jones & Holloway
HB 934	Tax Relief Act of 2015	Saine, Brawley & Szoka
HB 938	Comprehensive Gaming Reform	Warren, Waddell, Hardister & Lambeth
SB 20 SL 2015-2	Internal Revenue Code Update / Motor Fuels Tax Changes	Rabon, Rucho & Tillman
SB 246	Increase Options for Local Option Sales Tax	Smith
SB 369	Sales Tax Fairness Act	Brown
SB 526	Job Creation and Tax Relief Act	Rucho, Rabon & Tillman
SB 566	Disposition of Minimal Tax Refunds	Tarte

Bill #	Bill Description	Primary Sponsors
SB 608	Simple and Fair Formula for Sales Tax Distribution	Rucho
SB 700	Limit Sales Tax Refunds to Nonprofits	Wells & Rucho
Legal:		
HB 156 SB 129	Legal Notices / Require Internet Publication	Avila, Malone, Davis & Harrison / Sanderson, Apodaca & Hise
HB 348 SB 550	NC Religious Freedom Restoration Act	Schaffer & Bishop / Daniel, Newton & Soucek
HB 405 SB 433	Property Protection Act	Szoka, Whitmire, Jordan & R. Moore / Rucho, Tucker & B. Jackson
HB 483	Land Use Regulatory Changes	Jordan
HB 702 SB 394	Preemption Affirmation Act	Speciale / Tarte
Procurement:		
HB 783	Define Locally Sourced / Public Contracts	L. Hall
SB 397	Open & Fair Competition / Water & Wastewater	Sanderson & Rabin
Public Records:		
HB 477 SB 516	Law Enforcement Officer Privacy Protection	Malone, Saine, Faircloth & McNeill / Tucker
HB 508	Alarm Registration Information Not a Public Record	S. Martin & Farmer-Butterfield
HB 797	Alarm Registration Information Not a Public Record	S. Martin, Farmer-Butterfield, Stam & Jones
SB 441	Public Records – E-Mail Disclosure	Clark
SB 485	Law Enforcement Privacy Public Web Sites	Woodard & McKissick
SB 553	Public Records / Access for NC Residents Only	Daniel
SB 633	State & Local Government Transparency Act	Brock
SB 699	Protect Law Enforcement Officer Home Address & Other Information	McKissick
Regulatory Reform:		
HB 760	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015	Millis, J. Bell & Riddell
HB 763	Task Force on Regulatory Reform	Millis, J. Bell & Riddell
HB 836	Local Government Regulatory Reform	Robinson, Bishop & Fraley
SB 453	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015	Wade, Brock & B. Jackson
SB 617	Local Government Regulatory Reform	Wade, Brock & B. Jackson
Risk Management:		
HB 482	Employee Fair Classification Act	Pendleton, Blust, Szoka & Bishop
HB 666	Worker's Compensation / Firefighters' Presumptive Cancer	Saine, Hardister, Boles & Faircloth

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HB 674 SB 576	Fair Competition and Employee Classification Act	Glazier, G. Martin, Harrison & L. Hall / Tucker & Stein
HB 688	Workers Compensation / Limit Benefits of High Earners	Brawley & Hager
HB 854	Workers Compensation / Amend "Employment" and "Employer" Definitions	Wray
SB 15	Unemployment Insurance Law Changes	Rucho
SB 16	Unemployment Insurance Law Changes	Rucho
SB 694	Employee Misclassification Reform	Newton, Lee & Daniel
SB 697	Industrial Commission / Establish Prescription Drug Fee Schedule	Hise & Pate
ENVIRONMENTAL & PLANNING		
Annexation / Extraterritorial Jurisdiction:		
HB 51	Justice for Rural Citizens Act	Pittman, Speciale & Ford
HB 491	Charlotte / Annexations	Jeter
Building Codes:		
HB 255 SB 324	Building Code Regulatory Reform	Brody, Riddell, Cotham & Watford / Brock, McInnis & Clark
HB 635	Property – List Subterranean Pipes / Plat & As-Built	Adams
Environmental:		
HB 44 SB 53	Cities/Overgrown Vegetation Notice	Conrad / Krawiec
HB 61	Land Application of Biosolids	Pittman, Ford & Speciale
HB 157 SL 2015-1	Amend Environmental Laws	McElraft & Catlin
HB 304 SB 320	Revisions to Outdoor Advertising Laws	Hager, Collins, J. Bell & Hanes / Brown, Rabon & Tarte
HB 440 SB 363	Expand Outdoor Food Service at Public Events	Setzer / Hartsell
HB 576	Amend Environmental Laws – 1	McElraft
HB 593	Amend Environmental Laws – 2	McElraft
HB 613	Clarify Political Sign Ordinance Authority	Brawley
HB 634	Stormwater / Built Upon Area Clarification	Torbett
HB 638	Capitalize on Wetland Mitigation	Millis, J. Bell & Pendleton
HB 639	Risk Based Remediation Amendments	Millis & Adams
HB 656	Amend Coal Ash Management Act of 2014	Harrison, Reives, Ager & Meyer
HB 708	Preservation of Historic / Heritage Trees	Hamilton & Torbett
HB 732	No Recovery for Coal Ash Costs	Ager
HB 765	Environmental Technical Corrections	McElraft
HB 795	State Environment Policy Act Reform	Torbett, Hager & Millis

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SB 14 SL 2015-7	Academic Standards / Rules Review / Coal Ash / Funds	Brown, Harrington & B. Jackson
SB 66	Amend Environmental Laws	Brock, Cook & Wade
SB 552	Sedimentation Control / Civil Penalty Reforms	Daniel
Planning & Zoning:		
HB 36 SB 25	Zoning / Design & Aesthetic Controls	Dollar, Brawley, Jordan & Glazier / Gunn, Apodaca & Tarte
HB 201	Zoning Changes / Citizen Input	Stam, Goodman, Jackson & Fraley
HB 548	Zoning / Modernize & Reorganize	Bishop, Stam, Bryan & Hamilton
HB 721	Subdivision Ordinance / Land Development Changes	Bryan, Stam, Bishop & Bradford
HB 799	Zoning / Changes to Historic Preservation Procedures	Brody & Ager
SB 285	Zoning / Protest Petition Changes	Woodard, Foushee & McKissick
SB 300	Zoning Changes / Majority Rule	Wells, Lee & Smith
INFRASTRUCTURE		
General:		
HB 268	Amend Transportation Laws	Iler, Torbett, Shepard & Tine
HB 551	DOT Sales of Unused Property	Brawley, Iler, Adams & Bishop
Finance:		
HB 203	Phaseout of Fuel Tax	Jeter, Dobson, B. Brown & Szoka
HB 874	Cities / Availability Charge / Improved Property	Jordan, Ross, Setzer & Watford
HB 927	Reestablish North Carolina as the "Good Roads" State	Torbett, Iler, Shepherd & Tine
SB 188	Adjust Cap on Turnpike Projects	Rabon, Meredith & Ford
SB 500	NC Infrastructure Development Act	Stein
SB 639	Transportation Funding Bill	Tarte
Planning:		
HB 74	Study Metropolitan Planning Organization and Rural Planning Organization Oversight	Floyd
HB 183	Repeal Map Act	R. Brown, Conrad, Lambeth & Watford
HB 232	Study / Update Bicycle Safety Laws	Whitmire, Shepard & Jeter
HB 645	Study / No Emission Testing for Hybrid Vehicles	Floyd, C. Graham, G. Graham & R. Johnson
HB 672	Strategic Transportation Investments and Ferry Tolling Revisions	Tine, Shepard, Mills & Torbett
HB 718	DENR Study of Interbasin Transfer Laws	Bradford

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SB 364	Map Act Revisions	Rabon, Meredith & Ford
SB 373	Repeal Map Act	Krawiec, Daniel & Wells
SB 383	Study / Fund Improvements to Interstate Highways	Rabon, Meredith & Clark
SB 396	Limit Number of Studies by Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Planning Organizations	Tarte
SB 581	Study / Subdivision Street Maintenance	Pate
SB 654	Map Act Clarifications	Lee
SB 689	Public Infrastructure Oversight Commission	Hartsell
PUBLIC SAFETY		
General:		
HB 6	Autocycle Definition and Regulation	Torbett
HB 148	Insurance Required for Mopeds	Shepherd, R. Brown, Waddell & Adams
HB 193 SB 613	Prohibit Discriminatory Profiling	R. Moore, Brockman, Farmer-Butterfield & Meyer / McKissick & Bryant
HB 318	Protect NC Workers Act	Cleveland, Millis, Whitmire & Conrad
HB 328	Highway Safety / Citizens Protection Act	Warren, B. Brown, Collins & Jordan
HB 530 SB 442	Local Government / Inspections of Buildings and Structures (aka Rental Registration)	Brawley / Gunn, Ford & Wade
HB 595	Military Experience / Law Enforcement Officer Certification Requirements	Whitmire, McNeill, Cleveland & G. Martin
HB 664	Safer Communities	Brawley, McNeill & Saine
HB 827	Alcohol Consumption & Overcrowding / Clubs	Faircloth, Blust, Brockman & R. Johnson
Animal Control:		
HB 159	Regulate Commercial Dog Breeders	Saine, McGrady, Catlin, & Harrison
HB 271	Amend Dangerous Dog Law	R. Moore, Alexander, Lucas & Tine
HB 460	Reporting of Animal Incidents	Warren
HB 553	Ordinances Regulating Animals	McGrady, Whitmire, Langdon & Dixon
HB 554	Protect Public from Dangerous Wild Animals	McGrady, Hurley, Hardister & Saine
HB 751	No Breed Specific Dog Laws	Wray
SB 314	Reform Abandoned Livestock Procedures	Woodard & McKissick
Criminal Law:		
HB 449	Strengthen Law Enforcement Access/Domestic Violence Crimes	R. Moore, Fisher & Alexander
HB 479	Auto Salvage Dealer Protection Act	Pittman, Speciale, Ford & Saine

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SB 520	Amend Indecent Exposure Law	B. Jackson
HB 552	Graffiti Vandalism	McGrady, Glazier, B. Brown & J. Bell
HB 565	Threaten Law Enforcement Officer or Correctional Officer	Faircloth, McNeill, Hurley & G. Graham
SB 310	Domestic Violence / Bail & Aggravating Factor	Daniel & Stein
SB 391	Enjoin Street Gang / Expires in Three Years	Tarte
SB 432	Electronic Pawn and Metals Database	Randleman
Firearms:		
HB 562	Amend Firearms Laws	Schaffer, Burr, Cleveland & Faircloth
HB 563	Strengthen Firearms Background Checks	Schaffer, Faircloth, Burr & Cleveland
HB 699	Gun Rights & Privacy Act	Pittman & Speciale
HB 725	Gun Safety Act	Luebke, Harrison, Insko & R. Moore
HB 798	Concealed Handgun Permit / Other Weapons	Cleveland, Whitmire & Faircloth
HB 886	Second Amendment Preservation Act	Setzer & Adams
HB 891	Handgun Permit Standardization	Adams, Cleveland, Szoka & Pendleton
SB 78 SL 2015-5	Off-Duty Correctional Officers / Concealed and Carry	Randleman, Daniel & Newton
SB 212	Handgun Standards for Retired Sworn Law Enforcement Officers	Tillman
SB 708	Homeland Security Patriot Act	Tarte & Rabin
Technology:		
HB 4	Clarify Unmanned Aircraft System Law	Torbett
HB 395	Body and Dashboard Cameras / Law Enforcement	Alexander, Brockman, Floyd & Hanes
HB 506	911 Fund Distribution	Boles
HB 512	Amend/Clarify Back-up PSAP Requirements	S. Martin, Steinburg, Saine & B. Brown
HB 537	Protect Law Enforcement and Community Relationships	Hanes, Alexander, Jeter & Saine
HB 680 SB 541	Regulate Transportation Network Companies	Brawley, Bradford, Saine & Hanes / Rabon
HB 713	Body and Dash Cam Recordings / Public Access	Faircloth, Daughtry, Boles & Hurley
HB 730	County Provided 911 Services	Saine
HB 804	Kelsey Smith Act	Hurley, Glazier, Schaffer & Lambeth
HB 811	Study / Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera	Floyd, Faircloth, Brockman & McNeill

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HB 829	Automatic License Plate Readers	B. Turner, Speciale, Hardister & Glazier
HB 876	Cell Phone Location Tracking	Jordan, Glazier, Jeter & Brockman
SB 182	Automatic License Plate Readers	McKissick, Barefoot & Daniel
SB 414	Regulate Transportation Network Services	McKissick, Meredith & Rabon
SB 567	Regulate Transportation Network Companies	Tarte
SB 571	Expand Uses of 911 Fee	Bryant, J. Davis & Foushee
SB 622	Unmanned Aircraft Systems / No Law Enforcement Officer Surveillance of Private Property	Krawiec



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City Council Follow-Up Report

May 15, 2015

May 4, 2015 – City Council Workshop

Status of Maintenance at Guard Rail Locations

Staff Resource: Tamara Blue, Transportation, 704-336-3894, tblue@charlottenc.gov

During the Citizens' Forum, Vincent Frisina shared his concerns regarding the condition of the guardrail located at Veterans Park on Central Avenue, stating that it had not been maintained by neither the City nor Mecklenburg County. The City Council has requested a report that includes the status of maintenance for the guard rail location Mr. Frisina referenced.

In response to Mr. Frisina's concerns about the state of the guardrail at Veterans Park, the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) visited the site and took the attached photos this past week. (Transportation staff rode Central Avenue one half-mile past Veterans Park to see if there were other locations of concern, but found nothing.)



Central Ave. at
Veterans Park.pdf

- **Photo A** shows a clean guardrail.
- **Photo B** shows the only cut tree as lying behind the guardrail, out of the right of way.
- **Photo C** shows the cracked sidewalk segment:

Street Maintenance inspected the sidewalk some time ago and again the week of May 11th. There appears to be a drainage pipe issue, and the City's Storm Water Services division has been informed.

Storm Water Services will be issuing a work order to the Street Maintenance Division to make temporary repairs to eliminate the sink hole and repair the sidewalk in the near future. Work is anticipated to be completed within two months.

The Storm Water Capital Improvement Program (CIP), currently in the design phase, will ultimately include replacement of the pipe located under Central Avenue as well as replacing any curb and sidewalk that is disturbed as part of the work. Staff will ensure that Mr. Frisina receives a copy of this write up and will continue to update Mr. Frisina on the progress of the repairs.

May 11, 2015 – City Council Business Meeting

Boards and Commissions: Attendance Requirements

Staff Resource: Emily Kunze, City Clerk's Office, 704-336-4516, ekunze@charlottenc.gov

During the meeting, Chris Hudson voiced his concern that Dr. Belinda Corbus, a candidate for reappointment to the Historic District Commission (HDC), had not fulfilled the attendance requirement. Council has requested staff provide a report that includes verification of Dr. Corbus' attendance and an update on how the HDC is currently working.

The Council adopted an attendance policy for boards and commissions which requires members to attend 65% of all regular, special, and assigned subcommittee meetings from the time a term begins until the end of the calendar year and each subsequent calendar year thereafter. The City Clerk's office has confirmed that Dr. Corbus attended 66.7% of all meetings in 2014, exceeding the 65% annual minimum attendance requirement.

Council also has a reappointment policy that requires members to have attended at least 75% of all regular, special, and assigned subcommittee meetings over the course of the entire term to be eligible for reappointment. Based on information submitted by the staff representative to the HDC, the City Clerk's office has also confirmed that Dr. Corbus attended 79% of meetings during her three-year term (23 of 29 meetings), exceeding the 75% minimum reappointment attendance requirement.

It is common practice for the City Clerk's office to always verify the attendance of board members prior to submitting names and applications to the City Council for consideration.

Historic District Commission staff will provide an update on their work and process improvements made to date at the June or July Zoning Dinner meeting. Written updates are also provided in the Area Planning and Text Amendment report that is reviewed by the Planning Director at the Zoning Hearing dinner meetings.



