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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

Mon (May 21)	Tues (May 22)	Wed (May 23)	Thurs (May 24)	Fri (May 25)
	Chamber Inter-City Visit London, England	5:30 pm Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267		

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### Wednesday, May 23

5:30 pm Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267

**AGENDA:** Market research; Advertising policy update

**May and June calendars are attached.**

[See City Council Calendar](#)

## INFORMATION:

### CONNECT Consortium

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Last summer the City Council endorsed the Centralina Council of Governments' (CCOG) application to the federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) for a Sustainable Communities Initiative Regional Planning Grant. Council also authorized the City Manager to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CCOG to support the planning initiative through the City's membership in the regional CONNECT Consortium.

HUD awarded a \$4.7 million grant to CCOG late last fall and implementation is now underway. The City Manager signed the MOU on behalf of the City last week. Charlotte is one of over 50 jurisdictions in the 14 county, bi-state region participating. A unique aspect of this planning effort is the inclusion of representation from the private and non-profit sectors across the same geography, bringing the total to an estimated 100 partners.

With grant support, the Consortium will develop the "CONNECT Our Future" Regional Strategic Framework incorporating regional and local plans to support vital communities, economic growth, improved quality of life and environment, and efficient public investments. The adopted CONNECT Core Values will be advanced through this process: a strong, diverse economy; sustainable, well-managed growth; a safe and healthy environment; high quality educational opportunities; enhanced social equity; and increased collaboration among jurisdictions.

The Consortium's Policy Forum, composed of elected officials and CEOs, will provide policy direction, while the Program Forum, composed of senior management staff, will provide policy support. The Mayor has been asked to make the appointments of Charlotte's representatives to these bodies over the next few weeks.

Staff from the City Manager's Office, CDOT, Engineering and Property Management, Neighborhood and Business Services, and Planning will provide planning and transportation

data and analysis as a leveraged match valued at an estimated \$273,344; no cash match is required.

The Mayor and Council will be invited to attend the formal launch of the initiative with elected officials and other participants from throughout the region sometime in July.

**May 24, 2012 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Crowns of Enterprise Awards**

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In celebration of Small Business Month the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have joined forces to celebrate the Small and Minority Owned businesses with which the City does business. On Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, please join the City and the County for the inaugural 2012 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Crowns of Enterprise Awards. The awards ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Palmer Building located at 2601 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

More than 40 Small Business Enterprise and Minority Business Enterprises were nominated. A panel of judges comprised of community leaders selected the winners who will be recognized during the event in the following categories:

- Small Business Enterprise of the Year;
- Minority Business Enterprise of the Year; and
- Woman Business Enterprise of the Year.

Participants of the City of Charlotte Mentor-Protégé Program will also be recognized throughout the evening.

Event invitation is included in packet.

**MUMPO Votes to Amend TIP for Two Projects in Charlotte**

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On May 16, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) voted unanimously to amend the FY 2012-FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Two locations in Charlotte will be affected by this action.

First, NCDOT requested a delay from FY 2012 to FY 2013 to start construction of the widening of Independence Blvd. (US-74) from Albemarle Road to Idlewild Road. This is actually a six-month delay which CDOT staff negotiated with NCDOT staff in order to implement the recommendations of last year's Urban Land Institute (ULI) study. The ULI panel recommended that CATS relinquish the use of the US 74 median for the future SE corridor rapid transit alignment, and this recommendation was endorsed by the MTC in October 2011. After that decision, CDOT staff requested that NCDOT modify the drainage plan for this upcoming construction project (TIP Project # U-209B). This change will create the flexibility to use the roadway's cross-section for the transportation modes recommended by the ULI panel.

Second, funding previously allocated by MUMPO to add a westbound lane on I-277 over I-77 at the Belk Freeway interchange (TIP Project # U-3850) will be re-allocated. NCDOT and CDOT staff concurred that the \$3.65 million originally designated for the project would not provide a long-term solution to the westbound weaving problem occurring at this interchange. For that reason, these funds will be reprogrammed to other projects in MUMPO's planning area. Furthermore, the I-277 Loop Study now underway will define the appropriate long-term and mid-term projects for the freeways around Uptown.

**West Tyvola Road update**

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Public meetings will be scheduled this summer for the West Tyvola Road sidewalk project. The project will install approximately 0.34 miles of new sidewalk on a section of West Tyvola Road from Old Steele Creek Road to West Blvd. The project will include new sidewalk and provide connectivity from existing sidewalk at West Blvd to tie to existing sidewalk on Old Steele Creek Road. Post cards will be mailed to residents in the vicinity and the public's input will be appreciated.

Meanwhile, resurfacing work has begun on this street with repaving scheduled to start Monday, May 21, 2012.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

See Legislative Update

# May

5/18/2012

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00a Small Business Month Kick-Off Breakfast, CMGC Lobby  11:30a Intermodal Facility Groundbreaking  12:00p Community Safety Committee	<b>3</b> 12:00p Economic Development Committee, Room 280	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 3:00p Governmental Affairs Committee, Room 280	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11:00a City Manager's Recommended Budget Presentation, Meeting Chamber	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2:30p Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280  4:00p Joint Council Zoning and Business Meeting	<b>15</b> 12:00p Housing and Neighborhood Development Committee, Room CH-14	<b>16</b> 3:00p Budget Adjustments	<b>17</b> 3:00p Economic Development Committee, Room 280	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Charlotte Chamber 2012 Inter-City Visit London, England</div>
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<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Memorial Day Holiday	<b>29</b> 11:45a Council-Manager Relations Committee Room 280 12:00p Community Safety Committee, Rm. CH-14 2:30p Environment Committee, Rm 280 4:00p Council Business Meeting, Rm. 267 6:30p Citizens' Forum 7:00p Budget Public Hearing	<b>30</b> 12:00p Straw Votes Room 267	<b>31</b>		

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# June

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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
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May 17, 2012

**TO:** Curt Walton, City Manager  
Ron Kimble, Deputy City Manager

**FROM:** Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

**SUBJECT:** **State Legislative Update**

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**HOT TOPIC**

Senate will be voting on two pieces of annexation legislation on Monday, May 22 that are in response to the March 27 court ruling that the protest petition method to contest pending annexations is unconstitutional. [H925, Annexation Reform 2](#), requires that in lieu of a protest petition that proposed involuntary annexations be put to a vote of the registered voters in the to be annexed area. If more than 50% of those voting reject the annexation, then the municipality may not proceed with the annexation ordinance or begin a new involuntary annexation in that area for a period of three years. With such a requirement in place, very few, if any, involuntary annexations will pass. Accordingly, the City is working on amendment with Senator Clodfelter to exempt Mecklenburg County municipalities from this requirement.

[H5, Local Deannexations](#), targets the eight localities that filed suit against the State by deannexing portions of those localities that were subject to the protest petition method. The localities are Cities of Kinston, Lexington, Rocky Mount, Wilmington, Asheville, Southport, Goldsboro and Fayetteville, and village of Marvin. Several times during debate in committee and on the floor, proponents of the measure described H5 as “punishment” to the localities that brought the suit.

**DEVELOPING ISSUES**

[State Budget \(H950\)](#) – House Appropriations Committee is expected to recommend amendments to the 2012-2013 budget late in the week of May 22, while various subcommittees firm up their recommendations; Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation will be meeting on Tuesday to make their recommendations which may include capping the state gas tax at 37.5 cents and

reductions to Powell Bill and Public Transportation; proposed Committee Chair reduction to State Maintenance Assistance Program funds received by CATS annually would be in excess of \$1 million; no known impact upon State funding for Blue Line Extension

## **BILL FILING DEADLINES**

Study commission bills must be filed by May 23

Bills affecting 2012-2013 Budget must be filed by May 29

Local bills and bills affecting State or Local Pension or Retirement Systems must be filed in the house or Senate by May 30

All deadlines may be accessed at:

<http://www.ncleg.net/documentsites/legislativepublications/2012%20Bill%20Drafting%20and%20Filing%20Deadlines.pdf>