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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Oct 5)	Tues (Oct 6)	Wed (Oct 7)	Thurs (Oct 8)	Fri (Oct 9)
5:00 PM Council Workshop, Room 267			12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room 280	
7:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Room 267				

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Monday, October 5

- 5:00 PM Council Workshop, Room 267
AGENDA: Community Investment Plan update
- 7:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Room 267

Thursday, October 8

- 12:00 PM Community Safety Committee, Room 280
AGENDA: Public safety corridors; Public safety zones

October and November calendars are **attached**.



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INFORMATION:

Impending Storm and Tree Canopy Impacts

Staff Resource: Tim Porter, E&PM, 704-336-5753, tporter@charlottenc.gov

With severe weather in the forecast, City staff is preparing for potential impacts to the tree canopy, with focus on street trees.

Landscape Management Storm Preparation

City tree crews will be on 24-hour call and have already begun preparing equipment for response to any tree-related emergency scenario caused by the storm. Interim City Arborist Tim Porter and Tree Maintenance Supervisor Steve Ketner participated in an emergency management drill and training event in March. The event was organized by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management and the NC National Guard.

Wind, Rain and Trees

Wind is the main concern. It's rare for trees to fail just due to over-saturated soil, but combined wind and saturated soil may contribute to tree failure. Trees generally fail due to a combination of wind and some defect (trunk decay, root rot, poor root space) that leads to loss of structural stability. Healthy, stable trees usually tolerate periods of saturated soil with no problems.

Citizens should monitor the health of their trees and look for signs of trouble that could lead to stability issues during storm events:

- Mushrooms/fungus growing on tree trunks, roots or on the ground directly adjacent to trees.

- Cavities and hollows in tree trunks and large limbs.
- Trees with obvious dieback/dead limbs or that have had frequent limb drop or recently dropped large limbs.
- Trees with minimal foliage during seasons when leaves should be on trees.
- Signs of uprooting at the base of trees.
- Obvious dead trees.

Citizens should continue to monitor trees after the storm. Sometimes trees are weakened during an event and may fail a short time afterwards. If citizens see trouble signs with a private tree they should consult an ISA Certified Arborist. For City trees citizens should contact Landscape Management at 311 for an inspection. Call 911 if a tree falls on a house, in the road, or injures somebody.

Tree Canopy Management

To minimize the risk from falling trees, Engineering and Property Management inspects all trees in street right-of-way. Approximately 158,000 of the City’s estimated 180,000 street trees have been inspected by a certified arborist using the industry standard visual method to assess whether a tree is healthy or unsafe. Tree inspection records are incorporated into Landscape Management’s street tree inventory, which serves as the guide for tree maintenance activities.

Landscape Management has started a project to reassess the condition of all large trees in older neighborhoods using an enhanced tree risk assessment method. This will provide more details of a tree’s condition and risk potential. The initial project phase will assess approximately 3,600 trees this fall.

CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 Project – Modern Streetcar Vehicle Procurement

Staff Resources: John Lewis, CATS, 704-336-3855, john.lewis@charlottenc.gov

David McDonald, CATS, 704-336-6900, dmcdonald@charlottenc.gov

This update is to inform Council that staff will submit a request to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for a “Letter of No-Prejudice” to begin the procurement process for the modern streetcar vehicles for the CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 project. The Phase 2 project is a 2.5 mile extension of the 1.5 mile CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 1 project that opened in July 2015. The Phase 2 project will replace the Gomaco replica trolley vehicles with modern streetcar vehicles, potentially with hybrid technology capable of operating off-wire over a segment of the alignment. The Phase 2 project is seeking a federal small starts grant for 50% of the project funding with the remaining 50% coming from local funds appropriated by City Council in September 2014.

Phase 2 has been evaluated and rated by FTA as a “Medium-High” project (the same rating as the LYNX Blue Line Extension project) and recommended for funding in the President’s FY2016 budget for \$74,999,999. That represents a 50% federal share of the total \$150 million project cost.

Staff has continued to work with the FTA to complete the comprehensive checklist required to submit the final grant application. Staff is currently on schedule to make the final application as soon as the FTA grant system is open in mid-late October 2015. The final grant should then be awarded in the first quarter of 2016, pending Congressional appropriation.

One of the major next steps in the project is the procurement of the modern streetcar vehicles. This procurement is a long lead item and needs to continue now in order to maintain the project schedule and to provide sufficient time to evaluate and select the best vehicle for the community.

The first step in the procurement process is to issue a Request for Proposals to the vehicle manufacturers. This initial process will take up to eight months before a final vehicle and vehicle manufacturer is selected. The negotiations following a selection will result in a final vehicle cost. At that time, the award of the final manufacturing contract would be brought forward to City Council for consideration and final approval.

In order to ensure that the vehicle procurement process is fully eligible for reimbursement once a Small Starts Grant Agreement is awarded, FTA has informed staff that Charlotte must seek a "Letter of No-Prejudice" prior to initiating the vehicle procurement process. Staff will prepare and submit this request letter to the FTA. No official action is needed by Council or the MTC at this time.

The "Letter of No-Prejudice" is a formal authorization for pre-award authority on the item in question. CATS anticipates that a Small Starts Grant Agreement will be approved in early 2016 in advance of the final vehicle manufacturer contract award. However to advance the RFP process prior to the Small Starts Grant Agreement, staff will be requesting a formal "Letter of No-Prejudice" for the full CityLYNX Gold Line Vehicle Procurement process within the next week. No additional funding is needed as the expenses associated with the RFP process are covered under contracts previously awarded by City Council.

2015 State Legislative Report #33

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

The final weekly report of the session is attached. A final session report is being prepared and should be ready for distribution in mid to late October.



Transfer of Surplus Property to Carolinas Care Partnership

Staff Resource: Pamela J. Wideman, NBS, 704-336-3488, pwideman@charlottenc.gov

The City's Housing Policy supports the transfer of public properties to non-profit partners for use as affordable housing. Properties are approved for transfer by the Planning Commission

through the mandatory referral process. The following properties were approved to be transferred to Carolinas Care Partnership:

Address	Council District	Zoning	Tax Value
9917 Woody Ridge	3	R-4	\$ 75,700
1337 Bells Knox Rd	2	R-4	\$61,800
		Total	\$137,500.00

Carolinas Care Partnership is a sub-recipient of the City’s federal allocation of Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) funds. Carolinas Care Partnership will renovate and use the properties to house client families, serving households earning 60% and below (\$40,320) the Area Median Income.

This transaction is consistent with the three basic goals of the City’s Housing Policies which are to 1) preserve the existing housing stock, 2) expand the supply of affordable housing, 3) and support family self-sufficiency initiatives.

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report



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- Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Update
- Commercial Traffic on Residential Streets

October

<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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4	5 5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	6	7	8 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	9	10
11	NCLM Conference Winston-Salem, NC		14 2:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	15 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	16	17
18	19 3:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	20	21 2:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280	22 12:00pm Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280	23	24
25	26 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Budget Committee Mtg., Room CH-14 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Meeting, Room 267	27	28 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	29	30	31

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November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	6	7
			NLC Congress of Cities and Exposition Nashville, TN			
8	9 2:00pm City Manager's Update Meeting, Room CH-14 3:00pm Transportation Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Council Business Meeting, Room 267	10	11 12:00pm Housing & Neighborhood Dev. Committee Mtg., Room 280 2:00pm Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280	12 12:00pm Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room 280	13	14
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29	30					

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

October 2, 2015

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

FROM: Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

SUBJECT: **2015 State Legislative Report #33**

General Assembly adjourned in the early morning hours of Wednesday, September 30. Pursuant to the adjournment resolution ([SR 721 – Apodaca](#)), the 2016 short session will convene on Monday, April 25, 2016. The General Assembly will return before April 25 only in the event of a gubernatorial veto or a special session.

NC Competes Act ([HB 117 – Martin](#))

- Governor announced HB 117 signed into law
- HB 117 continues Job Development Investment Grant and One NC economic development programs
- HB 117 fully exempts aviation fuel from sales taxes beginning January 1, 2016, which impacts General Fund to the tune of \$950,000 annually and the Transit Fund \$750,000 annually

Connect NC Bond Act of 2015 ([HB 943 – Rules](#))

- Sent to Governor for consideration
- \$2 billion general obligation bond issue for UNC System (\$980 million), NC Community Colleges (\$350 million), Local Parks & Infrastructure (\$312.5 million), National Guard (\$70 million), Agriculture (\$179 million), State Parks & Attractions (\$100 million), and public safety (\$8.5 million) projects
- Referendum to take place on March 15, 2016, the same day as the presidential primary

2016 Presidential Primary ([HB 373 - Riddell](#))

- Governor announced HB 373 signed into law
- Presidential primary scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016
- Moves up all other primaries normally scheduled for early May to the presidential primary date to preclude counties from having to spend estimated \$6-\$8 million on a second primary

Medicaid Reform Act of 2015 ([HB 372 – Dollar](#))

- Governor announced HB 372 signed into law

Regulatory Reform Act of 2015 ([HB 765 – McElraft](#))

- House and Senate passed conference report and sent to Governor for consideration

Protect NC Workers Act ([HB 318 – Cleveland](#))

- House and Senate passed HB 318 and sent to Governor for consideration
- Section 15 prohibits cities and counties from adopting so-called sanctuary city policies, which is in reaction to events in San Francisco; Charlotte was identified on the floor of the Senate by Senator Jerry Tillman (R-Randolph) as one of several sanctuary cities in the State
- Section 11 (b) prohibits local governments from issuing local identification cards, unless authorized by General Assembly
- Section 11 (a) prohibits local governments from accepting for use in determining a person's identity or residency (1) a matricula consular or other similar document, other than a valid passport, issued by a consulate or embassy of another country and (2) an identity document issued or created by a person, organizations, county, city or other local authority, except where expressly authorized to be used by the General Assembly
- Section 36.3 of SB 119 adds subsection (c) to Section 11: "(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, documents described in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section may be used by a law enforcement officer to assist in determining the identity or residency of a person when they are the only documents providing an indication of identity or residency available to the law enforcement officer at the time."

Amend Qualifications / Practice of Counseling ([SB 279 – Barefoot](#))

- SB 279 was legislation where the conference report included sections that would have prevented local governments from enacting and enforcing local ordinances addressing discrimination in public accommodations and ordinances that establish minimum standards for habitable housing
- Local governments quickly raised opposition to these sections, which had not been vetted publicly before appearing in the conference report
- General Assembly stripped these sections from SB 279
- Stripped down version of SB 279 was passed and sent to Governor for consideration
- Letter sent by Mayor, on behalf of the City, to the Delegation is attached

Various Changes to the Revenue Laws ([SB 605 – Rucho](#))

- SB 605 successfully amended on the House floor to rescind the \$500,000 cap on State funding for light rail projects
- SB 605 was sent back to the Senate and promptly re-referred to the Senate Rules Committee, where it currently resides
- Light rail cap remains in place except that it does not apply to the LYNX Blue Line Extension as the State signed a contract with the City to fund that project in 2012
- SB 605 is eligible to be considered in 2016

Outdoor Advertising ([HB 304 – Hager, Collins, J. Bell and Hanes](#) / [SB 320 – Brown, Rabon and Tarte](#))

- Preempts local authority with respect to the location, height and size of relocated signs and conversion to changeable message signs and replaces these with statewide standards
- Legislation appears to open the door for the State to relocate outdoor advertising from industrially zoned areas to commercially zoned areas and allow such signs to be higher and larger than those allowed under existing local ordinance
- Neither House nor Senate bill were considered in 2015 but both bills are eligible to be considered in 2016

Stormwater Management ([HB 141 – Jeter, Cotham, Cunningham, Bradford, Bryan, Carney, Earle and R. Moore](#))

- Authorizes municipalities in Mecklenburg, Wake, Durham, Forsyth and Guilford Counties to utilize the same statutory authority extended to Mecklenburg and Wake Counties in 2014 to implement flood damage reduction techniques that result in improvements to private property
- HB 141 passed the House and was referred to Senate Rules
- HB 141 eligible for consideration in 2016

Attached is the list of bills either enacted into law or pending on the Governor's desk that are of interest to the City of Charlotte

Final 2015 Session Report is being prepared at this time and will be sent out in mid to late October



September 29, 2015

Dear Members of the Mecklenburg County Legislature Delegation:

I am writing to ask that you as members of the Mecklenburg House and Senate delegations push for the withdrawal of the conference report for SB 279 and then for the removal from the conference report of those provisions that prevent local governments from enacting or enforcing ordinances addressing discrimination in public accommodations and ordinances that establish minimum standards for habitable housing. These provisions were inserted in the conference report with no prior public notice. They did not appear in any prior version of the bill as it was debated in committee or on the floor of either chamber. One of the unconsidered consequences of these provisions would be to invalidate Charlotte's existing ordinance, dating back to 1968, that prohibits discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Additionally, it appears that these provisions would prevent the City from enforcing its housing code that establishes minimum standards for safe and habitable housing. These provisions set our community back nearly half a century and will have a lasting negative impact on everyone.

Thank you for your service and for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Daniel G. Clodfelter
Mayor

CITY OF CHARLOTTE
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The following bills have been enacted into law:			
S.L.	Bill Link	Description	Department
2015-1	<u>H157</u>	Amend Environmental Laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N&BS (Part III) • E&PM (Part IV) 	
2015-2	<u>S20</u>	IRC Update/Motor Fuel Tax Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT (Part II) 	
2015-5	<u>S78</u>	Off-Duty Correctional Officers/Conceal Carry	CMPD
2015-6	<u>H41</u>	Revenue Laws Tech Changes	M&F
2015-7	<u>S14</u>	Academic Standards/Rules Review/Coal Ash/Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E&PM (Sec. 9) 	
2015-11	<u>S372</u>	Renewable Energy Safe Harbor	NBS
2015-26	<u>H102</u>	Utility Vehicles/Move-Over Changes	CMPD CFD CDOT E&PM Solid Waste Charlotte Water Aviation
2015-33	<u>H143</u>	Charlotte/Civil Service Board	City Clerk
2015-42	<u>H70</u>	Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement	CFRS
2015-45	<u>H232</u>	Study/Update Bicycle Safety Laws	CDOT
2015-49	<u>H595</u>	Military Experience/LEO Certification Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Section 37 of <u>S119</u> for amendments to H595 	CMPD
2015-50	<u>H405</u>	Property Protection Act	City Attorney
2015-67	<u>H274</u>	Retirement Technical Corrections Act of 2015	HR M&F
2015-71	<u>H352</u>	Standard of Proof/Public Safety Dispatchers	CMPD CFD
2015-72	<u>H552</u>	Graffiti Vandalism	CMPD
2015-86	<u>S25</u>	Zoning/Design & Aesthetic Controls	Planning
2015-88	<u>S99</u>	Fire, Rescue, & Safety Worker System Changes	CFD
2015-90	<u>H795</u>	SEPA Reform	E&PM
2015-91	<u>S60</u>	No-Contact Order/No Expiration	CMPD

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2015-103	<u>H836</u>	Election Modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDOT (Sec. 1) • City Clerk (Sec. 2) 	
2015-104	<u>S7</u>	Food Stand Seating & Outdoor Food Service	Planning
2015-105	<u>S212</u>	Handgun Standards for Retired Sworn LEO	CMPD
2015-121	<u>S284</u>	Infrastructure Assessments/Extend Sunset	CATS M&F
2015-125	<u>H148</u>	Insurance Required for Mopeds	CMPD
2015-145	<u>H255</u>	Building Code Regulatory Reform	E&PM CFD M&F
2015-149	<u>H634</u>	Stormwater/Built-Upon Area Clarification	E&PM
2015-151	<u>S654</u>	Map Act/Clarifications	CDOT
2015-160	<u>H201</u>	Zoning Changes/Citizen Input	Planning
2015-161	<u>H254</u>	Protect National Guard Reemployment Rights	HR
2015-163	<u>H6</u>	Autocycle Definition and Regulation	CMPD
2015-164	<u>H277</u>	Retirement Administrative Changes Act of 2015	HR M&F
2015-166	<u>H544</u>	County Sign Ordinance in Cities	NBS
2015-170	<u>S22</u>	Historic Artifact Management and Patriotism Act	City Attorney
2015-174	<u>H199</u>	Certain Cities/Donate Service Animals	CMPD CFD
2015-187	<u>H721</u>	Subdivision Ordinance/Land Development Changes	E&PM
2015-189	<u>H797</u>	Alarm Registration Information Not Public Record	CMPD Corp. Comm. CIO
2015-190	<u>S182</u>	Automatic License Plate Readers	CMPD
2015-192	<u>H553</u>	Ordinances Regulating Animals	CMPD
2015-195	<u>H562</u>	Amend Firearm Laws	CMPD Planning
2015-207	<u>H538</u>	Water and Sewer Service Related Changes	Charlotte Water

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2015-217	<u>S581</u>	Study Subdivision Streets/Traffic Calming Devices	CDOT E&PM
2015-219	<u>H512</u>	Amend/Clarify Back-Up PSAP Requirements	CMPD CFD Budget
2015-223	<u>H168</u>	Exempt Builders' Inventory	M&F
2015-225	<u>S699</u>	Protect LEO Home Address/Other Information	CMPD CFD Corp. Comm. HR CIO
2015-226	<u>S52</u>	Cities/Means For Activating Parking Meters	CDOT
2015-231	<u>H268</u>	Amend Transportation Laws <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMPD (Sec. 1) • CDOT (Sec. 2) 	
2015-237	<u>S541</u>	Regulate Transportation Network Companies	CMPD Aviation
2015-238	<u>S15</u>	Unemployment Insurance Law Changes	HR M&F
2015-241	<u>H97</u>	2015 Appropriations Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&F (Sec. 7.17, 15.16B, 32.18, 32.19) • CIO (Sec. 7.17) • E&PM (Sec. 14.13, 14.17) • Charlotte Water (Sec. 14.13, 14.14, 14.17, 14.21(b)) • Solid Waste (Sec. 14.20, 14.21(a)) • N&BS (Sec. 15.11, 15.25, 32.3) • CMPD (Sec. 16A.5, 16A.8) • CDOT (All of Section 29) • CATS (All of Section 29) 	

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2015-246	<u>H44</u>	Local Government Regulatory Reform 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N&BS (Sec. 1, 19) • E&PM (Sec. 2, 3, 8, 9, 12, 13.1) • Charlotte Water (Sec. 3.5, 12) • Planning (Sec. 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18) • M&F (Sec. 6) • CATS (Sec. 12) • Aviation (Sec. 12) • CDOT (Sec. 12) • Section 12 was amended by Section 1.8(d) of HB 765 	
2015-247	<u>H173</u>	Omnibus Criminal Law Bill	CMPD
2015-250	<u>H792</u>	Privacy/Protection From Revenge Postings	CMPD

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Ratified	<u>H117</u>	NC Competes Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N&BS (Part I, II, III) • M&F (Part IV, V, VI, VII) 	
Ratified	<u>H259</u>	General Government Technical Corrections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&F (Sec. 10.1(e1), (e2), (e3), (e4)) 	
Ratified	<u>H318</u>	Protect North Carolina Workers Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&F (Sec. 1) • N&BS (Sec. 11) • CMPD (Sec. 11, 15) • Section 11 amended by Section 36.3 of <u>S119</u> to add subsection (c) 	
Ratified	<u>H373</u>	Elections	N&BS
Ratified	<u>H730</u>	Next Generation 911	CMPD CFD M&F
Ratified	<u>H735</u>	Department of Public Safety Changes	CMPD CFD
Ratified	<u>H765</u>	Regulatory Reform Act of 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CATS (Sec. 1.8 (d)) • Aviation (Sec. 1.8(d)) • E&PM (Sec. 1.8(d), 3.9, 3.12, 4.1, 4.7, 4.20, 4.20A, 4.31, 4.38) • CDOT (Sec. 1.8 (d), 3.12) • Charlotte Water (Sec. 1.8 (d), 3.9, 3.12, 4.14) • M&F (Sec. 2.3) • CMPD (Sec. 3.3) • Solid Waste (Sec. 4.2, 4.9, 4.11) 	
Ratified	<u>H924</u>	Highway Safety/Other Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMPD (Sec. 1, 2) • E&PM (Sec. 6) • CDOT (Sec. 6) • Aviation (Sec. 6) • CATS (Sec. 6) • Charlotte Water (Sec. 6) 	
Ratified	<u>H943</u>	Connect NC Bond Act of 2015	E&PM

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Ratified	<u>S119</u>	General Statutes Commission Technical Corrections 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMPD (Sec. 3, 36.3, 37, 41) • N&BS (Sec. 36.3) • CRTPO (Sec. 72) • E&PM (Sec. 47.5) • CDOT (Sec 47.5, 90.5) • Aviation (Sec. 47.5) • Charlotte Water (Sec. 47.5) 	
Ratified	<u>S159</u>	Corrected Revaluation/Minimal Refunds/Prop. Taxes	M&F
Ratified	<u>S195</u>	Motor Vehicle Service Agreement Amendments	M&F
Ratified	<u>S279</u>	Amend Qualifications/Practice of Counseling	--
Ratified	<u>S472</u>	Local Incentives for Historic Rehabilitation	N&BS
Ratified	<u>S513</u>	North Carolina Farm Act of 2015	E&PM
Ratified	<u>S676</u>	Autism Health Insurance Coverage	HR



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**City Council
Follow-Up Report**

October 2, 2015

September 28, 2015 – Council Business Meeting

Pedestrian and Bicycle Network Update

Staff Resources: Danny Pleasant, CDOT, 704-336-3879, dpleasant@charlottenc.gov

Norm Steinman, CDOT, 704-336-3939, nsteinman@charlottenc.gov

Council asked for information about the gaps remaining to be filled in the citywide pedestrian and bicycle networks.

Over the past 15 years, Charlotte has made tremendous strides in becoming a more walkable and bicycle-friendly city. City Council's initiatives such as the Transportation Action Plan, the Urban Street Design Guidelines, the Bicycle Plan and the City's emerging Pedestrian Plan (Charlotte Walks) are very important in this endeavor. Work still remains to be done as shown by the information below.

Pedestrian Network

One of Charlotte's primary goals for pedestrian mobility is to build sidewalks on both sides of all thoroughfares. Charlotte is roughly 2/3 of the way toward achieving this goal. Our current best estimate is that we have approximately 367 miles of sidewalk gaps on thoroughfares yet to complete. This mileage includes segments of thoroughfares where there are no sidewalks, and segments where there are sidewalks on only one side of the thoroughfare. At our current pace of sidewalk construction through all city capital programs (roughly 15 miles/year), that 367 miles represents about 24 years of work. Since private development and redevelopment will also build sidewalks, that timeframe will be reduced. It is difficult to predict by how many years work done by private development and redevelopment will accelerate our progress toward completing the pedestrian network along thoroughfares.

Bicycle Network

There are presently some 542 miles of thoroughfares with no special accommodations for bicycle travel. There are no bicycle lanes, buffered or protected bicycle lanes or cycle tracks on those segments of thoroughfares.

Deciding on the most effective methods for filling gaps in the bicycle travel network is far more complicated than calculating how many miles of sidewalks could be built in a year. Some of the miles of bicycle travel gaps will be reduced by projects to add motor vehicle lanes and bike facilities, and some by road conversions or road diets. Along some segments, it will be necessary to use existing streets, designate bike routes, or build new connections to greenways or off-street trails.

This will be one of the issues addressed in the update of the Bike Plan. The technical analysis and public involvement tasks will reveal the way to reduce the gap defined above.

Citizens' Forum – Commercial Traffic on Residential Streets

Staff Resource: Doreen Szymanski, CDOT, 704-336-7527, dszymanski@charlottenc.gov

During the Citizens' Forum, constituent Mark Adams spoke about the commercial traffic on Brookwood Road. On September 17, 2015, CMPD contacted CDOT requesting additional truck restriction signage for the area. CDOT has ordered advanced 'no truck' warning signs with arrows to be installed on westbound Rocky River Road prior to Brookwood Road and prior to Woodwind Street, and another prior to Woodwind Street on westbound Caldwell Road. The signs will be installed within the next 45 days. Staff will transmit a copy of this memo to Mr. Adams.