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## **INFORMATION:**

### **October 29 – Northeast Corridor Infrastructure Program (NECI) and BLE Construction Update**

#### **Public Meetings**

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The City's Engineering & Property Management Department will hold the second of two public meetings tonight, October 29, to present information about the Northeast Corridor Infrastructure Program (NECI). This program will create street improvements in transit station areas along the Blue Line Extension light rail project currently under construction by the Charlotte Area Transit System.

CATS staff will be at the meetings to offer a project and construction update on the Blue Line Extension. CATS will also present a proposal for a bus pullout, a dedicated lane or stopping area that allows a bus to pull out of roadway traffic, at Tom Hunter Station as part of the BLE project. CATS will also seek the public's input through a survey.

The information for the public meetings is below:

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

211 Hampton Church Road

Hampton Park Community Center

Charlotte, NC 28262

#### **Internal Audit Report – Bus Operations Division**

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The purpose of this audit was to determine whether the City has reimbursed the bus operations management company accurately and funds have been disbursed properly.

The full report, including findings and recommendations, is [ATTACHED HERE](#):

#### **Charlotte-Mecklenburg 10-Year Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness Progress Report**

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On Tuesday, October 28, 2014, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Coalition for Housing released a progress report on the 10-Year Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness.

Written in 2006, the plan is focused on three goals:

1. Getting homeless families and individuals into appropriate and safe housing as soon as possible;
2. Linking the chronically homeless to housing, treatment, and services through intensive outreach and engagement;
3. Promoting housing stability for those families and individuals most at-risk of becoming homeless.

Created in 2010, the Coalition for Housing has worked to achieve the plan's goals through:

- Establishing a dedicated funding source to sustain efforts,
- Creating a leadership/accountability structure,
- Focusing on data collection and measureable results, and
- Continuing to build political and community will for action.

Wells Fargo sponsored the progress report and Carol Morris, Vice President of Community Programs and Civic Leadership at the Foundation For The Carolinas, prepared it. The report shares milestones and accomplishments of the collaborative efforts between the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and other community partners in creating affordable housing options in an effort to prevent and end homelessness.

The report includes a timeline of activities since the creation of the Coalition for Housing and success stories of housing the chronically homeless. It features items about the Housing First model, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing being used by agencies providing homelessness assistance.

A copy of the report is [ATTACHED](#) and included in Council's packets.