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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Nov 30)	Tues (Dec 1)	Wed (Dec 2)	Thurs (Dec 3)	Fri (Dec 4)
	8:30 AM ReThink CLT 2 Town Hall Meeting (Howard), Room 267			

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Tuesday, December 1

8:30 AM ReThink CLT 2 Town Hall Meeting (Howard), CMGC Rm. 267

December and January calendars are attached.



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INFORMATION:

December 1 – Watch For Me NC Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Campaign Press Conference

Staff Resources: Angela Berry, CDOT, 704-432-5259, aberry@charlottenc.gov

The “*Watch for Me NC*” campaign, sponsored by North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) provided the City with an opportunity to improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians in the Charlotte community. The Charlotte Department of Transportation, in collaboration with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, was accepted as a local community partner, and is preparing to report on the campaign progress with a press conference on December 1 at 3:00 p.m. at the University of North Carolina Charlotte campus (PORTAL Building). Council members are invited to attend.

The campaign provides a comprehensive approach to reducing bicycle and pedestrian crashes and fatalities in North Carolina. Resources were provided for law enforcement efforts, and multiple media strategies were used to educate motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

For more information about the “*Watch for Me NC*” campaign, visit the website:
<http://watchformenc.org/>

November 18 Metropolitan Transit Commission Meeting Summary

Staff Resource: John Lewis, CATS, 704-336-3855, John.Lewis@charlottenc.gov

MTC considered one action item and heard one information item at the meeting:

Members Recognition

MTC members recognized outgoing Huntersville Mayor Jill Swain for her years of service to MTC and her efforts on behalf of transit choices. Two retiring members of MTC’s board were members of the original board when MTC was formed in 1999. MTC members recognized retiring members Ralph Messera of Matthews and Leamon Brice of Davidson and asked for their help, as well as Mayor Swain’s, in continuing efforts to develop area transit options.

Route 60 Tyvola Road Schedule Change

MTC members unanimously approved modifications to Route 60 trimming route inefficiencies and establishing service to the Veteran's Administration Health Care Center currently under construction and to a Walmart, as well as re-establishing two trips a day to the Tyvola Senior Center and beginning Saturday service for the route. Saturday service will benefit staff and patrons of the Veteran's Administration Health Care Center, which will be open on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The service to the Tyvola Senior Center will benefit Center patrons and staff who used the bus previously, and will allow the Center to retain its Senior Center of Excellence status.

LYNX Silver Line Transit Study

Staff updated MTC members on the progress of the LYNX Silver Line Transit Study, which began in February and is expected to be completed in June 2016. Study goals are to define a fixed rail guideway alignment to serve future transportation needs and land use plans, provide an interim transit strategy that utilizes future managed lanes proposed for Independence Boulevard, and to coordinate with land development strategies to protect and preserve the fixed guideway alignment. Revised bus route recommendations have been received and are under review. An internal staff workshop was held to develop the first set of rail recommendations. Staff is working on the question of how rail and bus elements work best together for this corridor. The bus element will focus on service in the Independence Boulevard express lanes. Upcoming activities include developing draft rail alternatives, bus service recommendations and continuing neighborhood and stakeholder outreach. Key discussion items are the emerging vision, using high-quality transit to connect and strengthen activity centers, creating more transit options, and using transit to help focus and shape growth at key nodes along the corridor. Rail alternatives will be presented to the public and MTC beginning in January 2016 and concluding with a recommendation to MTC in May 2016.

CATS CEO Report

Under the CEO's report, Mr. Lewis discussed:

a. Ridership Report:

Although last month had one less weekday than the same month last year, ridership figures reflect a steeper drop than would be expected. CATS has not cut service or raised fares. Revenue and pass sales have declined, but not as significantly as ridership reports indicate. CATS needs to gain an understanding of this; personal interview surveys and manual ridership counts may be necessary.

b. Financial Update:

Sales tax revenues continue to track ahead of budget estimates.

c. Coordination with UNC Charlotte:

Rail staff has met with representatives from UNC Charlotte's Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC) discussing opportunities for collaboration and partnership. The Center, dedicated to energy research and education, was established in 2012 in partnership with Duke Energy. EPIC's modeling and simulation program will be useful in modeling power usage for streetcar and other transit modes, as well as determining alternative ways of powering streetcars. UNC Charlotte students will gain experience as they assist CATS in

evaluating new technology. Staff looks forward to collaborating with EPIC.

The next MTC meeting will be January 27, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 8:30am ReThink CLT-2 Town Hall Mtg., Room 267	2	3	4	5
6	7 5:30pm Council Gathering, CH-14 7:00pm Organizational Meeting (Swearing- In Ceremony and Reception), Meeting Chamber and Lobby	8 6:00pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 2415 Lester St.	9	10	11	12
13	14 12:00pm Agenda Review (optional), 15 th Floor Large Conf. Room 4:00pm Combined Zoning & Business Meeting, Room CH-14 6:30pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, 2000 Milton Rd.	15	16 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	17 4:00pm Continued Zoning Mtg., Meeting Chamber	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Holiday	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 5:00pm Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), 15 th Floor LCR 5:00pm Council Business Mtg., Room 267	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	19 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14 6:00pm Neighborhood Revitalization Listening Tour, East Meck High School – 6800 Monroe Rd.	20	21	22	23
24	25 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), 15 th Floor LCR 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267	26	27 28 29 City Council Retreat TBD			30
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