



## Issue 2

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Significant progress continues to be made in educating and engaging residents in the Community Investment Plan. Below is an update on engagement opportunities and what's to come over the next month.

### NORTHEAST TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION MEETING



On July 31, a public meeting was held to give residents in the Newell area an update on transportation construction in northeast Charlotte. There was a high level of participation and feedback from the more than 200 guests in attendance. Staff from CDOT, CATS, E&PM and Planning, along

with NCDOT and the NC Rail Division, were all on hand to address any concerns and provide information about the work underway in this area. With the abundance of projects in the northeast, it is important that to ensure that the community stays informed through meetings like this as well as other communications vehicles. Councilmember Greg Phipps thanked staff for a successful event and personally received positive feedback from attendees. Residents have already expressed interest in the upcoming Rocky River Road West meeting on Aug. 26.

### CROSS-CHARLOTTE TRAIL

The City of Charlotte is partnering with Mecklenburg County to create the Cross-Charlotte Trail. This \$35 million, 26-mile trail will connect residents and businesses across all of Charlotte (from our northern city limits to our southern city limits). Approximately 80,000 residents and 96,000 jobs are located within ½ mile of the proposed trail. The trail will provide significant transportation, economic development and quality of life benefits by

#### Proposed 2014 General Obligation Bonds \$146 Million

Transportation: \$110,965,000

Housing: \$15,000,000

Neighborhoods: \$20,000,000

*The Community Investment Plan accomplishes several goals:*

- Creating jobs and growing the tax base
- Leveraging public and private investments
- Enhancing public safety
- Enhancing transportation choices and mobility
- Ensuring housing diversity
- Providing integrated neighborhood improvements

connecting key destinations across Charlotte. The trail will also connect to other existing and proposed greenways and the 15-county Carolina Thread Trail across North and South Carolina.



During the months of August, September and October, staff will be attending several neighborhood meetings and conducting “pop-up” meetings at various locations along the proposed trail. A “pop-up” meeting is where activities/events already taking place in the community are identified and leveraged to provide educational information on City projects and programs through the use of display boards.

## WORK THAT IS TAKING PLACE

- Teams have been attending community events, such as the SWAG Event and National Night Out.
- Meetings have been held with JCSU President, Dr. Ron Carter, Lakewood Trolley, the Madison Park, Freedom Park and Plaza Midwood Neighborhoods.
- Councilmember Al Austin provided information on the CIP at a recent Historic West End Neighborhood Association meeting.



## • UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

*Please note the list of upcoming meetings and opportunities to provide information on the CIP.*

- **Aug. 19 at 11:30 a.m.** - Charlotte Chamber East Chapter Luncheon (The VanLandingham Estate)
- **Aug. 21 at 11:30 a.m.** - Arrowood Business Association Luncheon (Palisades Country Club)
- **Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.** - Country Club Heights Neighborhood Meeting (St Luke UMC)
- **Aug. 26 at 6:00 p.m.** - Rocky River Road West Streetscape Public Meeting (Charlotte Friend’s Meeting Facility)
- **Aug. 27 at 2:30 p.m.** - Plaza Midwood Merchants Association (Location TBD)
- **Sept. 5 at 5:00 p.m.** - NODA Arts Crawl, First Friday (Near Fire Station No. 7)
- **Sept. 6 at 12:00 p.m.** - Common Ground Music Festival (Commonwealth Ave. Gordon St. to Thomas Ave.)
- **Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m.** - Villa Heights Neighborhood Association (Amelie’s on North Davidson)
- **Sept. 20 at 9:00 a.m.** - Councilmember Austin’s District 2 Town Hall (Location TBD)
- **Sept. 20 at 9:00 a.m.** - Councilmember Driggs’ District 7 Town Hall (Location TBD)
- **Sept. 28 at 2:00 p.m.** - Council Member Fallon’s At Large Town Hall (University City Library)