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**City Council
Follow-Up Report**

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Pedestrian Mobility Update

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During the meeting, Council requested a pedestrian mobility update in response to a recent newspaper article about pedestrian mobility in Charlotte.

The Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) recognizes and supports the emerging interest of the community in pedestrian and bicycle accommodation and safety. Over the past decade, City Council has supported CDOT in taking steps to better balance the interests of motorists with those of pedestrians and bicyclists. Some of those steps include the following:

- increasing funding for sidewalks and bicycle network improvements,
- developing and adopting the Transportation Action Plan, which places a priority on multi-modalism,
- developing and adopting the Urban Street Design Guidelines and the corresponding adjustment to the development code, and
- recruiting the first Pedestrian and Bicycle Program managers.

Through these efforts, the City has taken great strides in improving its pedestrian and bicycle environment, but as the recent *Charlotte Observer* article suggests, the City still has much work ahead. Transportation staff is preparing a Walk Charlotte Strategy as part of this evolving work. The CDOT recently hired a new Pedestrian Program Manager, who will continue to develop the strategy over the next year, which includes South Boulevard and similar centers and corridors throughout Charlotte. Staff will provide City Council with regular updates on the Walk Charlotte Strategy beginning in September/October.