

## Myrtle/Morehead Storm Drainage Improvement Project

### Meeting Summary

January 7, 2015

8:00 A.M.

**Introductions:** Kate Labadorf (Project Manager for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services) welcomed everyone and led introductions. Key personnel were present from Sanders Utility Construction Company (the prime contractor), Bradshaw Construction Corporation (the tunnel contractor) and Campo & Associates (the inspector and construction management company).

**Construction Progress To Date:** Freddie Young (Sanders Utility Construction Company) summarized the work completed to date. At Oriole/Morehead, construction of the tunnel shaft is complete and they are beginning the horizontal tunnel excavation. At Baxter Street, the downstream structure tying the new system to the old is almost complete. They have started laying the box culvert.

**Construction Look Ahead:** At Oriole/Morehead, the next few days will include some temporary lane closures along Morehead Street to install monitoring points. Tunnel excavation will continue for the next few months and will probably involve some small blasting from within the tunnel.

Current estimate for the water line replacement in Morehead is late January/early-mid February. Traffic along Morehead will be reduced to one lane in each direction. It is anticipated that the water line work will take about 30 days to complete.

At Baxter Street/Wray Ward property: Sanders will continue to install box culvert through the Wray Ward parking lot to McDowell. Once to McDowell, there will be lane closures and traffic pattern shifts.

**Contractor Concerns:** Safely getting vehicles into and out of the work area is of upmost concern. Oriole Avenue and Lexington Avenue are narrow roads with on-street parking. We ask that, if at all possible, you refrain from parking on the streets Monday-Friday between 7 am and 7 pm. We understand that this is not always possible. To assist in getting vehicles safely through, signs will be posted to restrict parking to only one side of the street. Along Oriole, the southwest side of the street is already posted “no parking”. This restriction will continue. For Lexington, we propose to restrict parking and not allow it on the western side of the street. This side of the street is already

restricted most of the way between Oriole and Mt. Vernon. These restrictions will be continued all the way to Myrtle Avenue.

**Property Owner Concerns:** Getting vehicles in and out of the neighborhood is a big concern for the residents. Some residents proposed that no on-street parking be allowed on Oriole or Lexington. They expressed frustration with some of the construction vehicles, debris, and noise. They are concerned about where to park during the construction of the Oriole drainage system. The Duke Endowment is unable to open their parking deck for use by the Oriole residents due to liability concerns. And, they are concerned that Lexington will become clogged with cut-through traffic when lanes on Morehead are closed for the water main replacement.

**Questions:** This portion of the meeting quickly broke into small group discussions.

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