

HISTORIC WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION

February 2, 2010

Mr. John Mrzygod
Streetcar Project Manager
Engineering and Property Management
City of Charlotte
600 East 4th Street, 14th Floor
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Re: City of Charlotte's 2010 Application for Exempt Discretionary Grants for Urban Circular Systems

Dear Mr. Mrzygod:

Please accept this letter as evidence of our support for the above referenced grant application in regard to securing funding for the initial 1.5 mile segment of the streetcar expansion.

The *Historic West End Neighborhood Organization* is an informal collaborative gathering of the 15-plus neighborhood associations and other community-based entities that call the Northwest Corridor home. We meet on a monthly basis and share information on areas of interests that affect the quality of life for our neighbors and ourselves.

While the initial segment to be addressed under the proposed application does not specifically address the Northwest Corridor/Beatties Ford Road/Central Avenue segments, we feel that, if approved, it would allow the City of Charlotte to begin the initial implementation of the much-needed Comprehensive Streetcar Expansion Project. Thereby, enhancing services and improving the quality of life for all residents in the City of Charlotte. As you are aware, many of our constituents and neighbors use Presbyterian Hospital and also frequent Charlotte's Center City area on a daily basis. The proposed expansion segment would enhance transportation services for everyone.

Transportation has a close nexus to economic development and community revitalization efforts. The comprehensive expansion of the streetcar is a major catalyst project that must be undertaken sooner rather than later. We continue to urge you, your staff, other city officials, as well as the Mayor and City Council to seek and/or provide full funding for the comprehensive expansion plan that would not only include the proposed 1.5 mile line but also allow for the installation of the 10-mile line from Beatties Ford Road to Eastland Mall, as well as Central Avenue via uptown Charlotte.

If you have questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our chairperson, Mr. Aaron McKeithan, Jr., at (704) 533-4136.

Sincerely,
(See Signatures On Page 2)

Letter of Support – Historic West End Neighborhood Organization

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