

Historic Washington Heights Community Association

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Mr. Jeb Blackwell
City Engineer
City of Charlotte
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Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

The Washington Heights Community would like to express our full support for the Urban Circulator Grant. The grant will be used to fund a portion of our much needed streetcar project and is an economic and environmentally-friendly vehicle for our urban corridors.

The residents of historic Washington Heights Community are very supportive of this grant request and our streetcar initiative. For many of our residents, this is our life lines to jobs, educational opportunities, medical services, recreation centers, retail shopping as well as leisure activity locations. Specifically, the Urban Circulator Grant/ Charlotte Streetcar Project will improve our connections to Mecklenburg County Health Department, the Rosa Park Community Transit Center, Johnson C. Smith University, Johnson and Wales University, Central Piedmont Community College, Presbyterian Hospital, and the Charlotte Transportation Center. It will provide faster services to uptown Charlotte resulting in more convenient transfers to other CATS bus routes, the Airport Sprinter service, LYNX Blue Line, and other destinations within the City.

The Urban Circulator Grant is a critical component to creating a transit focused and pedestrian oriented urban corridor and center city through developing an integrated transportation system of pedestrians, bikes, motor vehicles, transit, parking and land development. This is an opportunity to connect these components and create a livable and viable community for all residents.

We urge you, the Federal Transit Administration, to approve the Urban Circulator grant to the City of Charlotte. Thank you for time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Mattie Marshall

President

Historic Washington Heights Community