

## MEMORANDUM

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Date: November 8, 2019

To: Sam Barber, City of Charlotte Project Manager

From: RS&H Project Team

Subject: Monroe Road Streetscape  
Business Owner Meeting Summary

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### Overview

The City of Charlotte proposes improvements to the Monroe Road corridor between Briar Creek Road and Sharon Amity Road in an effort to improve livability, encourage economic development and enhance mobility. Based on available funding and existing constraints along the corridor, the project will be developed in two phases: Phase I includes the segment of Monroe Road from Briar Creek Road to Wendover Road and Phase II continues from Wendover Road to Sharon Amity Road. The total project length is approximately two miles.



**Business Owner Meeting at St. John's United Methodist Church, November 7, 2018**

A Public Meeting was held in July 2018 to provide project information and gather public feedback regarding Phase I of the project. While 90 people attended the meeting, few business owners were in attendance. In order to ensure the City received feedback from the business community, a Business Owner Meeting was held on November 7, 2018. **Table 1** lists those in attendance. Lunch was provided, followed by a short presentation by the Project Team. The presentation was followed by an open Q&A session where City staff and the consultant team were available to answer questions regarding the project. Maps and project boards were also on display for

business owners to review before the presentation and after the Q&A session.

### Business Owner Meeting

Ms. Wallace opened the meeting by welcoming attendees and introducing the Monroe Road Advocates (MoRA) group. MoRA discussed who they are and what they do. Ms. Wallace then explained the purpose of the meeting to bring business owners together to express their opinions, concerns, needs, and ideas in relation to the project as a whole and also in relation to their own

personal properties. Ms. Noonkester then presented a summary of the project's development, including public involvement and local coordination to date, proposed improvement ideas, funding process, and updates to the project schedule.

After the presentation, City staff and the consultant team were available to answer questions. Once all questions were answered, Mr. Poole, City Project Manager for the Oakhurst-Amity Gardens connectivity projects, briefly discussed the realignment of Shade Valley Road and Commodore Street, and its connection to the Monroe Road Streetscape improvements. Following the formal presentation and Q&A, business owners were invited to review project displays and speak one-on-one with Project Team members.

### **Business Owner Comments & Questions**

The following is an overview of comments received from business owners during the Q&A session and responses from Project Team members. A summary of comments received on comment forms is provided as an attachment to this summary.

- Can you expand on the pocket park concept/idea?
  - Potential pocket park locations have been identified along the corridor, but the layouts as shown on the rendering boards are merely conceptual. Additional work will need to be done as the project progresses to determine if these locations are feasible and to determine design details.
- We are very interested in the details of the pocket parks. Are there examples in Charlotte to point to?
  - All the renderings are conceptual at this point. The best examples would be in Uptown. The idea is to help build communities by creating a place to sit, stop, read, and converse. There may be some potential examples in the Johnson C. Smith area as well as the 5 points area near Central Ave.
- Where will 10-ft multi-use paths be located?
  - Anywhere they can fit. More opportunities exist in the Phase II section of the project (Wendover Road to Sharon Amity Road). Within the Phase I section of the project (Briar Creek Road to Wendover Road) there are more constraints (existing utilities, businesses, parking, large trees, etc.). Where possible, the preferred Monroe Road Streetscape typical section, including the 10-ft multi-use path, would be the requirement for any new development occurring along this corridor.
- If an area has recently been improved, will it be redone (e.g., near Sharon Amity Road)?
  - It depends – each parcel will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Achieving the preferred typical section along the corridor is a long-term process.
- Some business signage is located close to the road. What will the process for new signage be? Will business owners be compensated by the City or required to pay for new signage?

- This will be handled on a case-by-case basis and will depend on whether improvements are made to frontage of the property. Replacement and compensation would be discussed during the real-estate acquisition and negotiations phase.
- Will façade improvements be a part of the project?
  - The façade improvements grant is part of the City's business matching grant program. It is a reimbursement program for exterior projects only and has certain process requirements. The Monroe Road Streetscape project corridor is eligible for these grants. One stipulation is that no work for which the owner plans to use City grant funds can be started until a contract with the City has been signed. A business owner must submit a grant application to be considered for the program. The team in charge of the grant program reviews applications on a quarterly basis.
- Do properties have to be brought up to code to be eligible for the façade grant program?
  - Yes, an owner will not be reimbursed until all code violations are addressed.
- Are the funds used for façade improvement grants coming out of the Monroe Road Streetscape project budget?
  - No, the façade improvements grant funding is not part of the \$13M project budget. These grants come from a separate funding source.
- How will transitions between wider paths for bicyclists and pedestrians and more narrow sidewalks be decided?
  - Transitions will be limited. The wider multi-use path will be installed in areas where it can be continued for enough length to make sense.
- Any chance steep slopes (i.e. from roadway to yard) could be fixed as a part of the project?
  - Yes, it is a possibility. As the process moves further into design the City will know more.
- Where will the bus stops/shelters be located?
  - City staff will work with CATS directly in determining bus stop and shelter locations. Any feedback received today will be shared with CATS.
- Will speed limits be reduced?
  - Monroe Road is an NCDOT road, so that is their decision. The NCDOT is not likely to reduce speeds along Monroe Road due to the level of traffic seen on a daily basis. Ideally, the City would like to see a 35-40 MPH speed limit for the corridor, which is currently posted.
- What is the current schedule for the project?
  - Phase I (smaller projects) is anticipated to begin late 2019. Monies for these improvements will be coming from the 2016 and 2018 bond allocations.
  - Phase II (larger improvements), is anticipated to begin in 2021. Monies for these improvements will be coming from the 2020 bond vote.

- Will there be another public meeting?
  - Yes, another public meeting will likely be held in the summer/fall 2019 timeframe.
  - The City noted that they would be happy to host another business owner meeting if there is interest. Also, business owners do not have to wait until scheduled meetings to express concerns, comments, or ideas, or ask questions. They may contact Sam Barber, City Project Manager, at any time.
- The City asked how most of the business owners heard about the meeting – mailed postcards, hand-delivered postcards, from neighboring businesses, etc.
  - Approximately half of the attendees received postcards in mail, the other half either received the postcard via door-to-door delivery or from word of mouth.
- What is the status of the Oakhurst development? Will there be bike lanes on Monroe Road in front of this development?
  - The sidewalk width will be different on Monroe Road between Shade Valley Road/Commodore Street and Chippendale Road, due to the existing bike lane implemented during the realignment of Chippendale Road with Richland Drive. A 10-ft multi-use path with planting strip will be implemented to the east of the intersection realignment at Shade Valley Road/Commodore Street.
- How will project funding work?
  - Phase I is being funded under the current \$2-3 million dollars allocated to the Monroe Road Streetscape project from the 2016 and 2018 bonds. The City would like to begin implementing improvements in this phase in late 2019.
  - Phase II funding will come from the \$10 million dollars allocated to the project in the 2020 bond. These monies are anticipated to be received after 2020, hence Phase II construction is anticipated to begin in 2021.
- The existing bus stop located along Monroe Road at the Rite Aid currently causes vehicles turning right from southbound Wendover to have to stop their movement on a green light. This wreaks havoc. Can it be relocated?
  - This recommendation will be shared with CATS.
- Could the project include a community garden? Could a plot be leased?
  - This idea has not been considered to date, but is something that could be explored. The City would need to discuss details including ownership, maintenance, parking, liability, etc.
- Can the powerlines be moved underground?
  - Unfortunately the cost to have this done would likely be greater than the budget for the project.



**Table 1. Business Owner Meeting Attendees, November 7, 2018**

<b>Business Owners</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Business/Department</b>
John & Peggy Rowe	-
Michelle Ray	Monroe Road Animal Hospital
Shea Houser	AutoBell Car Wash
Steve Huntsberry	Immortal Images Tattoo Studio
Cindy Marze & Donna	Hearth & Patio
Kathy Hill	Monroe Road Advocates (MoRA)
Jack Miller	Monroe Road Advocates (MoRA)
Rodney Tucker	Time Out Youth Center
Michael Kahn	Accent Auto Painting & Collision
Tim Kiernan & Steve Hopper	Atlantic Self Storage
Dan Fairley	Charlotte Star Service
Stuart Fligel	Fligel Image Apparel
Matthew & Daphne Kirkland	Kirkland A/C & Heating, Inc.
Andrew & Tamara Leicester	7 Acres Properties, LLC dba Daily Mews Cat Cafe
Evan Bledsoe	Magnolia Paint Company – Benjamin Moore
Greg Moran	Homes Charlotte
Chris Jeltrup & Frank Warren	Helen Adams Realty
Keith Dunn	Halls Flooring
-	Sam's Holdings
Frank Deaton	Holiday Motor Co.
-	Banner Nursery
Julie Morrow	Renee's International Salon
Mindy Leonard	Atkins Properties
<b>City Staff</b>	
Sam Barber	City of Charlotte – Engineering & Property Management
Veronica Wallace	City of Charlotte – Engineering & Property Management
Kim Barnes	City of Charlotte – Housing & Neighborhood Services
Elliott Royal	City of Charlotte – Housing & Neighborhood Services
Derrel Poole	City of Charlotte – Engineering & Property Management
Dan Leaver	City of Charlotte – Engineering & Property Management
Casey Mashburn	Charlotte Department of Transportation
Lori Garlitos	City of Charlotte – Engineering & Property Management
Lori Lencheski	City of Charlotte – Economic Development
Grant Meacci	City of Charlotte – Planning
<b>Consultant Team</b>	
Jenny Noonkester	RS&H
Ford Tanner	RS&H
Samantha Schober	RS&H
Ashley Kronstedt	RS&H
Chris Johnson	American Engineering (consultant for nearby project)

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Attachments:

- Business Owner Meeting PowerPoint
- Summary of Comment Forms
- Meeting Materials
  - July 2018 Public Meeting Handout
  - Overview Map
  - Phase I Map
  - Typical Section Board
  - Potential Streetscape Improvements Board
  - Pocket Parks Board

# Monroe Road Streetscape

*Business Owners Luncheon*

*St. John's United Methodist Church*

November 7, 2018



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# Community Investment Plan (CIP)

- « City's long range investment program for infrastructure
- « Proposed community improvements throughout Charlotte
- « General obligation bonds in 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020
- « [www.charlottefuture.com](http://www.charlottefuture.com)



# CIP Projects



Livability



Getting Around



Job Growth

## 2014 Bond Projects

Applied Innovation Corridor  
Comprehensive Neighborhood  
Improvement Program (CNIP)  
Cross Charlotte Trail  
Eastern Circumferential  
Housing Diversity  
I-85 North Bridge  
Land Acquisition and Street Connections  
Neighborhood Transportation Programs  
Northeast Corridor Infrastructure (NECI)  
Repair and Replace Bridges  
Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety  
University Pointe (I-85 S Bridge)  
Upgrade Traffic Control Devices  
Upgrade Traffic Signals

### Projects Funded Through Alternative Financing

Bojangles / Ovens Arena Redevelopment  
Joint Communications Center  
Six Police Stations

## 2016 Bond Projects

Applied Innovation Corridor  
Comprehensive Neighborhood  
Improvement Program (CNIP)  
Cross Charlotte Trail  
Dixie Berryhill Area Roads  
Housing Diversity  
I-85 North Bridge  
Idlewild/Rama/Monroe Rd Intersection  
Independence Area Sidewalk and Bikeway  
Land Acquisition and Street Connections  
Monroe Road Streetscape  
Neighborhood Transportation Programs  
Northeast Corridor Infrastructure (NECI)  
Park South Drive Extension  
Public Private Redevelopment  
Repair and Replace Bridges  
Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety  
SouthEnd Pedestrian / Bicycle Connector  
Upgrade Traffic Control Devices  
Upgrade Traffic Signals

### Projects Funded Through Alternative Financing

Land for Future Fire Stations  
Northeast Equipment Maintenance Facility  
Six Police Stations  
Sweden Road Maintenance Yard

## 2018 Bond Projects

Applied Innovation Corridor  
Bicycle Travel  
Comprehensive Neighborhood  
Improvement Program (CNIP)  
Cross Charlotte Trail  
Dixie Berryhill Area Roads  
Housing Diversity  
I-85 North Bridge  
Independence Area Sidewalk and Bikeway  
Land Acquisition and Street Connections  
Monroe Road Streetscape  
Northeast Corridor Infrastructure (NECI)  
Park South Drive Extension  
Public Private Redevelopment  
Repair and Replace Bridges  
Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety  
SouthEnd Pedestrian / Bicycle Connector  
Upgrade Traffic Control Devices  
Upgrade Traffic Signals  
Vision Zero

### Projects Funded Through Alternative Financing

Northeast Equipment Maintenance Facility  
Six Police Stations  
Sweden Road Maintenance Yard

## 2020 Bond Projects

Comprehensive Neighborhood  
Improvement Program (CNIP)  
Dixie Berryhill Area Roads  
Housing Diversity  
Independence Area Sidewalk and Bikeway  
Northeast Corridor Infrastructure (NECI)  
Repair and Replace Bridges  
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Upgrade Traffic Control Devices  
Upgrade Traffic Signals

### Projects Funded Through Alternative Financing

Six Police Stations



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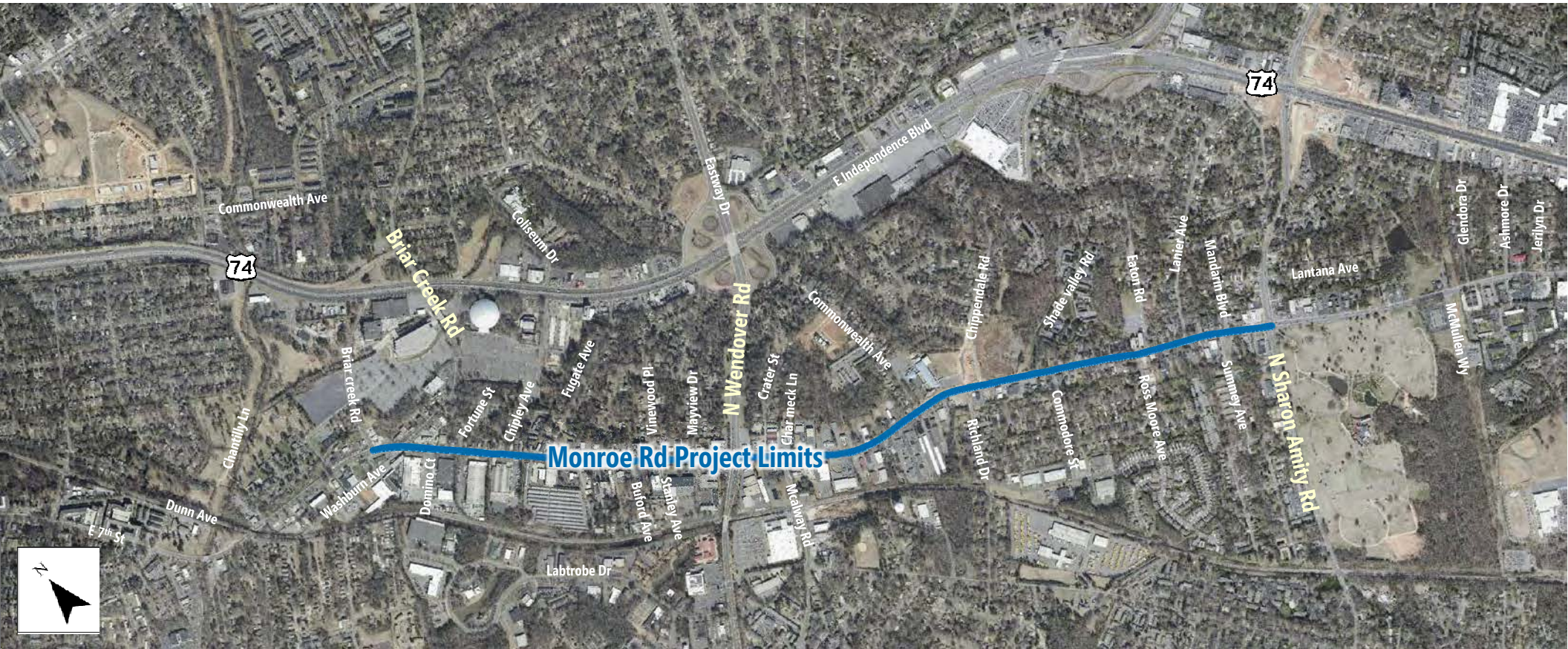
# Project Overview

- « Improvements to Monroe Road Corridor between Briar Creek Road and Sharon Amity Road
  - Improved livability
  - Economic development
  - Mobility enhancements
- « Funded by 2016, 2018 and 2020 Community Investment Bonds (\$13.4 million total)





# Study Area





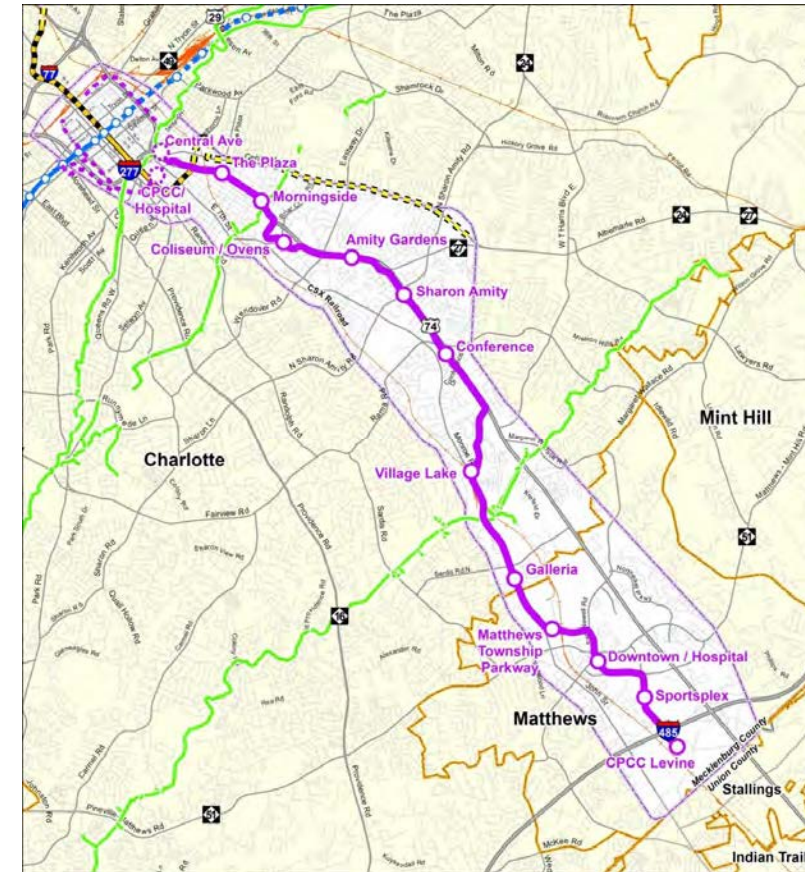
# Other Area Projects



# CATS – LYNX Silver Line



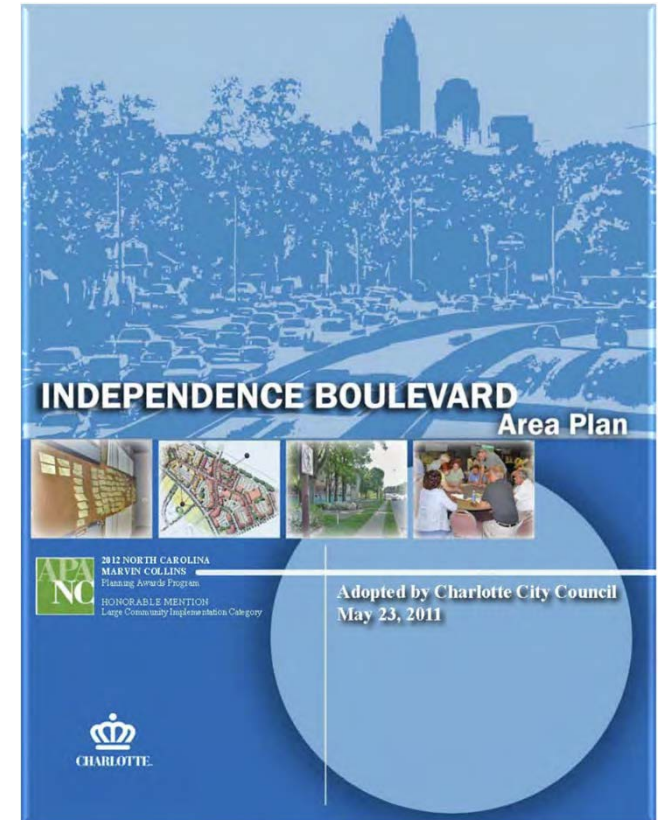
- « MTC approved recommendation of light rail LPA in November 2016
- « 13-15 miles long
- « 13 stations with 8-10 park and ride locations
- « Identified possible extensions to the West
- « Center City alignments to be considered as part of LYNX System Update



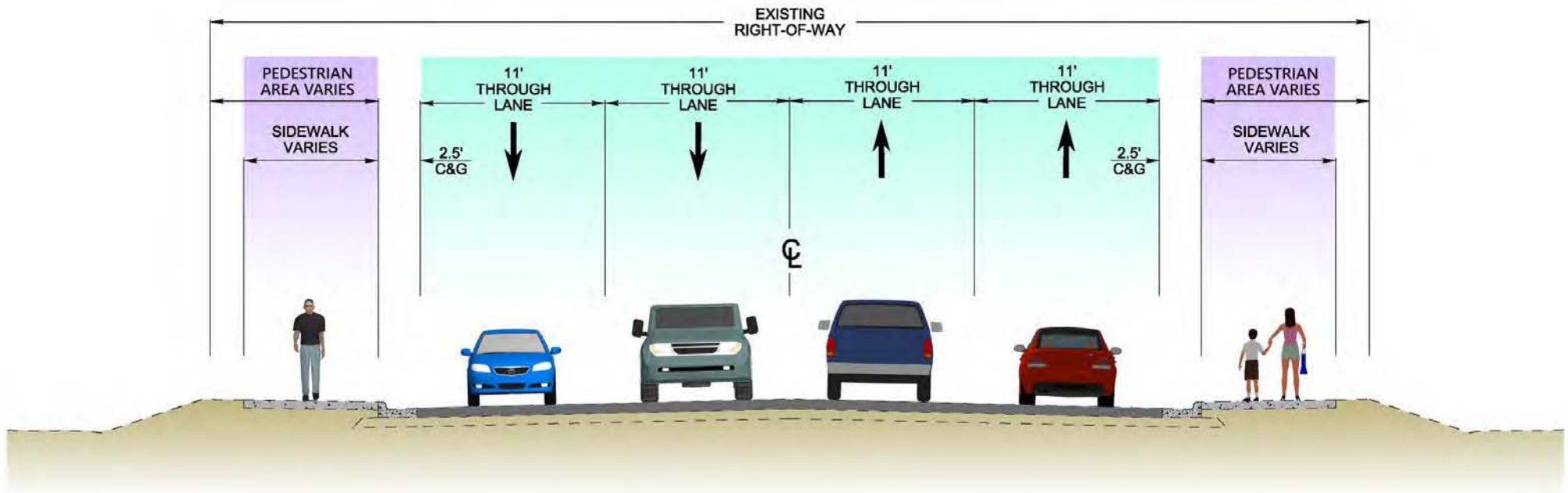


# History of Monroe Road Corridor

- « Urban Land Institute Study (2011)
  - Re-energize and ensure long-term viability of the Independence Boulevard corridor
  - Recommended BRT/managed lanes on Independence Boulevard
  - Recommended rail transit (streetcar) on Monroe Road
- « Independence Boulevard Area Plan (May 2011)
  - Mixed use and pedestrian-oriented development along Monroe Road
- « Considered as potential route for Silver Line
  - Selected alignment is along Independence Blvd.



# Existing Conditions - Typical Section



# Existing Conditions – Land Use





# Existing Conditions – Bike/Ped



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# Existing Conditions – Businesses



*Import Connection, Inc. west of Sharon Amity Rd*



*Time Out Youth Center at Buford Avenue*



*Party Reflections near Washburn Avenue*



*Garis Law Firm east of Shade Valley Road*





# New Development / Re-Development



LBU North of Commonwealth Avenue



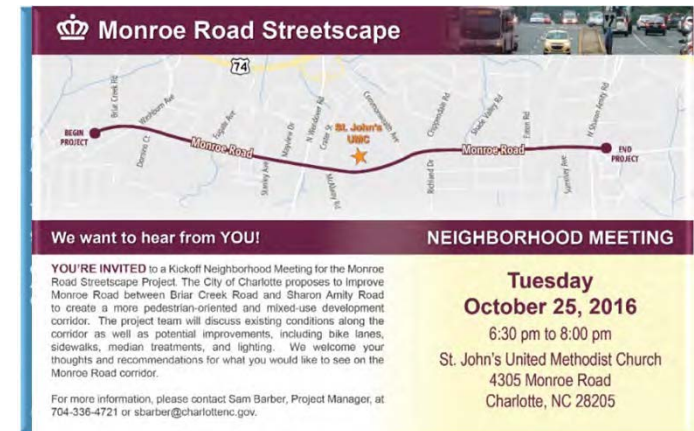
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# Early Community Engagement Efforts

## « 2015-2016 Early Engagement

- MoRA Open House (2016, 2017)
- Amity Gardens (Oct. 2016)
- Oakhurst/Echo Hills (Oct. 2016)

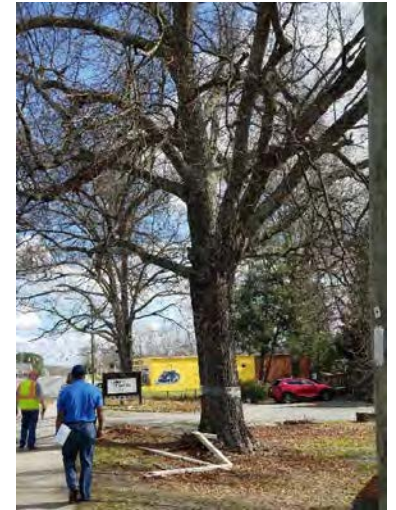
## « Monroe Rd Area Projects Workshop (June 2017)





# Recent Activities

- « Corridor Walk (Feb. 2018)
- « City Arborist Walk (Feb. 2018)
- « Corridor Review for Potential Phase I Improvements (June 2018)



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# July 2018 Public Meeting

- « Combined with Oakhurst-Amity Gardens Connectivity Projects
- « 90 Attendees, 44 Comment Forms received
- « Gathered Input on Phase I Improvements

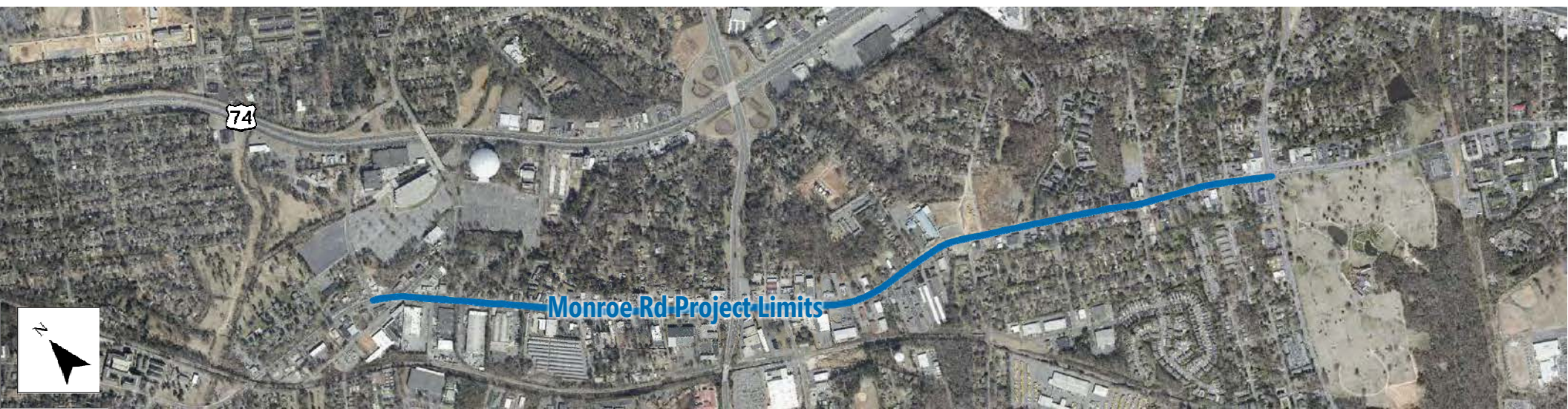


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# Corridor Vision

« Create a corridor that is **inviting for all modes** of transportation, **promotes economic development**, and **enhances livability** for surrounding neighborhoods.



# Potential Improvements

« Based on existing development, potential impacts, and available funding, split into Phase I and Phase II

## Phase I

Briar Creek Road to  
Wendover Road

## Phase II

Wendover Road to Sharon  
Amity Road





# Potential Improvements

## « Phase I – Potential Improvements

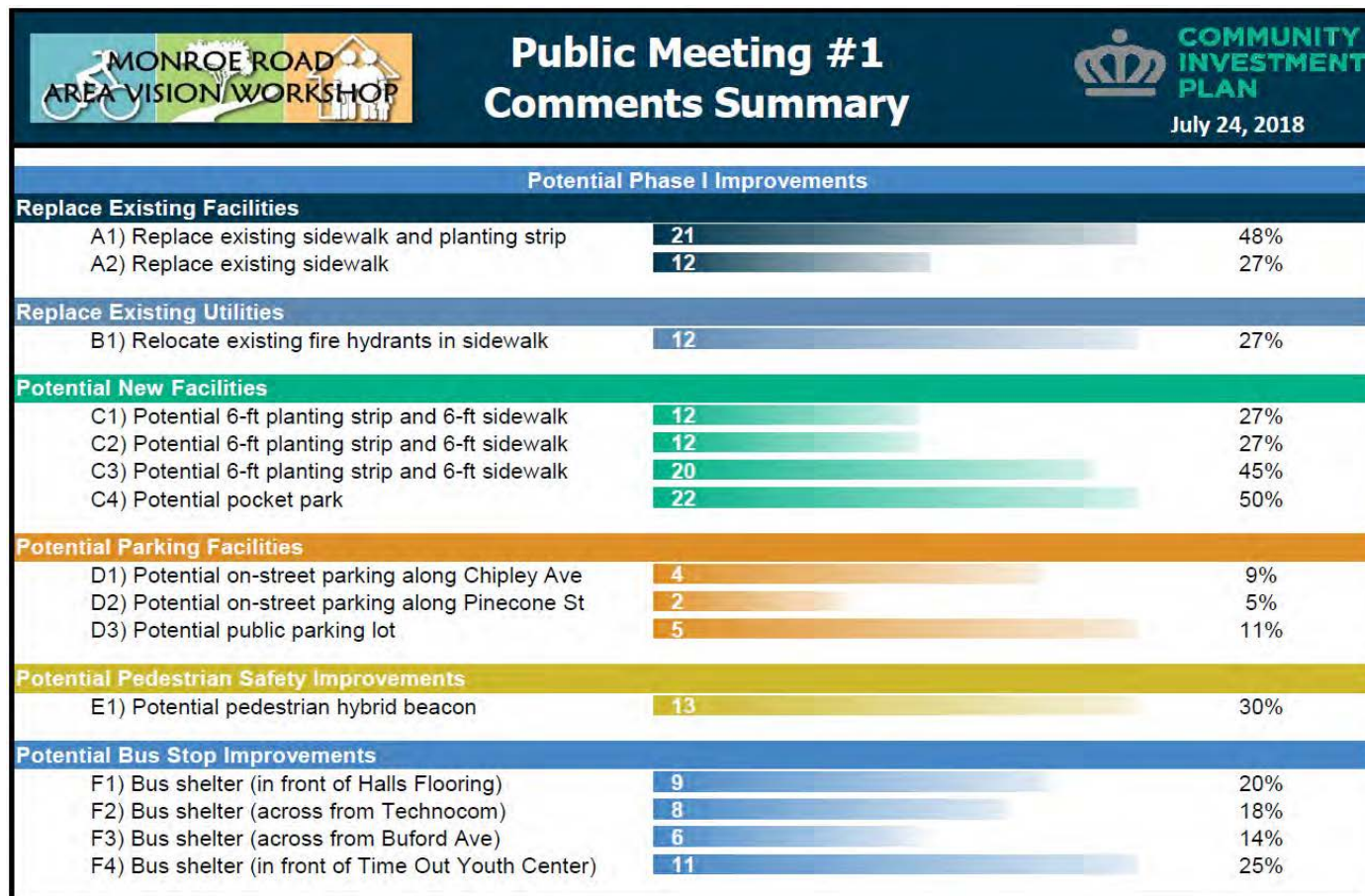
- Replace existing sidewalk and planting strips
- Relocate existing fire hydrants in sidewalk
- Pedestrian crossing with hybrid beacon
- Bus stop improvements
- New Facilities
  - Potential 6-ft planting strips, 6-ft sidewalks, pocket park
- Parking Facilities
  - On-street parking (side streets), public parking lot



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# Phase I – Feedback from Community





# Potential Improvements

## « Phase II

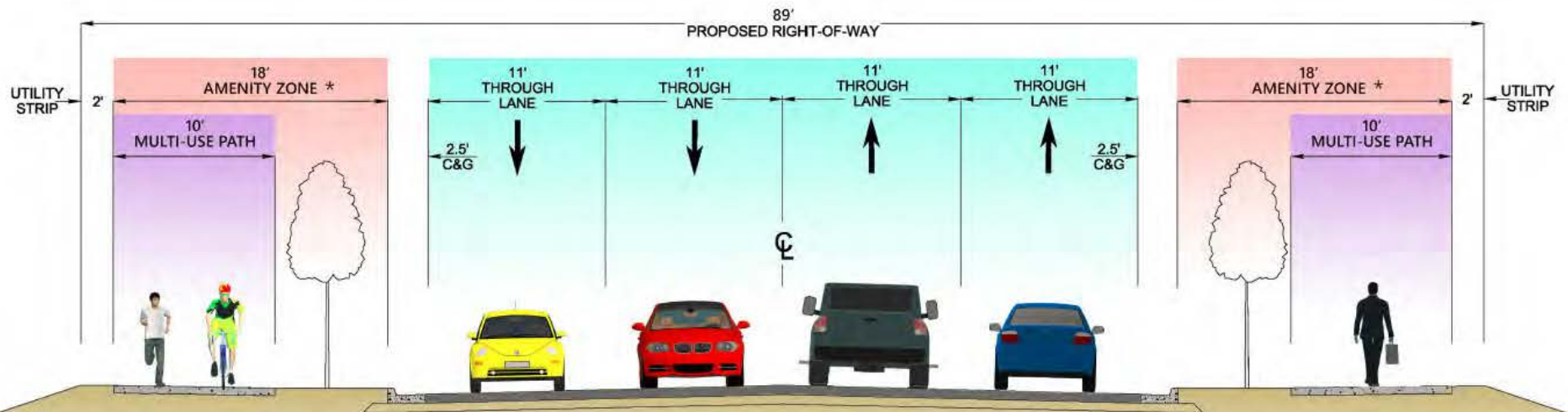
- Based on community feedback to date, on-road bike lanes are not desired
- Preferred Typical Section
  - Maintain existing curb line
  - Add 10' multi-use path w/8-ft planting strip
- Implement Preferred Typical Section to the extent feasible based on impacts and funding
- Apply the Preferred Typical Section for all new development/re-development



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# Preferred Typical Section



*\*NOTE: Sidewalk and planting strip widths may vary based on adjacent land uses, property impacts, and utility conflicts.*





# Potential Streetscape Elements

- « Pedestrian Lighting
- « Seating
- « Planters
- « Public Art



# Project Schedule

- « November 2018      2018 Bond Vote
- « Winter 2018      Identify Phase I Improvements
- « 2019      Select Phase II Concept Design
- Public Meeting – Phase II
- Begin Construction of Phase I Improvements
- « 2020      Complete Right-of-Way Plans for Phase II
- « 2021      Begin Construction of Phase II



# Business Involvement - How Can We Work Together?

- « Feedback on Proposed Improvements
- « Any Concerns?
- « Potential Sidewalk Easements
- « Win-Win Opportunities





*Thank you!*



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# Monroe Road Streetscape Business Owners Meeting Comments November 07, 2018

Comment No.	Name	Business Name	Business Address	Hear About Meeting?	Phone	Comments/Concerns
1	Matthew Kirkland	Kirkland A/C & Heating, Inc.	3734 Monroe Road	postcard		Concerned about long-term maintenance of the planting strip - want it to add to and not detract from the curb appeal of the office. Would like to see community garden and dog parks as much as possible.
2	Daphne Kirkland	Kirkland A/C & Heating, Inc.	3734 Monroe Road	postcard and talking with City employee out taking measurements		Excited about the proposed improvements - will raise property values.
3	Stuart Fligel	Fligel Image Apparel	4229 Monroe Road	postcard		Want improvements to be visible. Want more media events about what is happening on Monroe Road.
4	Tim Kiernan	Atlantic Storage	3434 Monroe Road	postcard		Support improvements. Several ideas, like the pocket park, sound good. Support improvements that will attract restaurants/entertainment to the area. Chipley Rd is a good location for park/redevelopment b/c of its proximity to future train stop and Bojangles Coliseum. Community gardens tend to turn into eyesores and are rarely maintained. Interested in the facade grant.
5	Michael Kahn	Accent Auto Painting & Collision	3531/3533 Monroe Road	postcard and personal visit	704-347-1110	We have limited road frontage. Concerned how improvements will affect our entrance, driveway, and customer parking. Fugate Ave is very busy - used as a cut through to Independence Blvd. Agree with the project Vision Statement. Want the corridor to be traffic, pedestrian, and bike friendly. Beautify the area.
6	Greg Moran	Homes Charlotte	3337 Monroe Road	postcard		Concerns: sidewalks, lighting, safety, parking, curb appeal of the bus stops
7	Michelle Ray	Monroe Road Animal Hospital	3736 Monroe Road	personal visit		Business is close to the road - parking is already limited. Sidewalk and planting requirements would stretch very close to our front door. Support reduction in speed limit. Concerned about how sign would be impacted - would business owners be compensated? Thoughts on ultimate vision - want the area to be pet friendly. Support a dog park. Clean up "shady" areas behind businesses, enhance lighting and security/policy presence, include water feature in pocket parks.
8	Evan Bledsoe	Magnolia Paint Company - Benjamin Moore	4231 Monroe Road Suite A	Stuart Fligel		Concerned about the elimination of monument signs - if signs are to be eliminated, be sure to eliminate all of them. Improve building visibility - utility poles are a problem (also have conflicts between utility poles and trees). Concerned about how sign limitations will impact new business potential along the corridor.
9	Andrew & Tamara Leicester	7 Acres Properties, LLC dba Daily Mews Cat Café	3748 Monroe Roe	postcard and personal visit		Excited about making the area more pedestrian friendly and visually appealing. Support slower traffic, a pocket park between Briar Creek and Wendover, parking behind Time Out Youth, wider sidewalks and separation of sidewalk from street, and possible crossing. Concerned about impacts to businesses during construction, loss of parking, and loss of sign.
10	Rodney Tucker	Time Out Youth Center	3800 Monroe Road	postcard		Our back lot is not for sale - building project planned for 2020.
11	Stephen Huntsberry	Immortal Images, Inc.	3750 Monroe Road	postcard		Concerned about loss of parking. Will not grant easement for sidewalk on property.
12	Dan Fairley	Charlotte Star Service	4225 Monroe Road	Sam Barber/ personal visit/postcard		Do not want streetscape that will restrict traffic flow into and out of businesses. Support sidewalk improvements, wider sidewalks, and pocket parks.



## Oakhurst-Amity Gardens Street Connections

The Oakhurst-Amity Gardens Street Connections are part of the City of Charlotte's Land Acquisitions and Street Connections (LASC) program. The LASC program is a corridor study along Independence Boulevard that includes the neighborhoods between Independence Boulevard and Monroe Road. The program is funded by 2014 and 2016 community investment bonds. The goals of the program include improving connectivity between neighborhoods as well as access to business and civic uses.

In June of 2017 a community workshop was held for the Monroe Road area (between Wendover and Sharon Amity). Attendees included residents from the Oakhurst and Amity Gardens neighborhoods. The common themes from the meeting included providing pedestrian connections between neighborhood streets in Oakhurst and existing Pierson Drive. Attendees also expressed concern about intersection safety and vehicle speeds along Monroe Road. Based on the feedback from the community workshop, the project team completed feasibility studies for the construction of a path to connect the Oakhurst neighborhood to Pierson Drive as well improving intersection safety at the Shade Valley/Monroe Road intersection. The project team welcomes your feedback on the concepts that have been developed to address access and safety for the Oakhurst and Amity Gardens Neighborhoods. The feedback from today's meeting will be used to move forward with the design of the projects.



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## Monroe Road Streetscape

Small group meetings were held with neighborhoods in October 2016 to introduce the project and gather public comments. Additional feedback was received at a larger community workshop in June 2017. The majority of people providing comments at the meetings would like to see wider sidewalks with greater separation from the roadway. Many people also commented that they would like to see additional retail destinations along the corridor, such as restaurants, shops and grocery stores.

Since the community workshop, the project team has been analyzing traffic information and crash data, collecting data on existing conditions, and preparing design concepts. We look forward to receiving your comments on the potential improvements we've identified for Phase I of the project (Wendover Road to Briar Creek Road). We also welcome your input on the overall vision for the corridor that will help us develop design concepts for Phase II (Wendover Road to Sharon Amity Road). The Phase II concepts will be presented at a future community meeting.



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## Monroe Road Area Vision

#CLTFUTURE

PUBLIC MEETING | JULY 2018

THANK YOU for your interest in the Monroe Road Streetscape and Oakhurst-Amity Gardens Connectivity Projects. Brief descriptions of the projects are provided below. The projects are part of the Community Investment Plan (CIP), which is the City of Charlotte's long-range investment program for community infrastructure improvements aimed at improving livability, accessibility, and job growth. The goal of the projects is to implement improvements to the Monroe Road corridor between Briar Creek Road and Sharon Amity Road to create a more pedestrian-oriented and mixed-use corridor, as recommended by the Independence Boulevard Area Plan (2011).

Tonight we are asking for your feedback on concepts for the projects that are based on the feedback received from the Public Workshop held in June of last year. You can provide your comments on the sheets included with this newsletter. You can also go to the websites listed on the back to provide feedback or visit [www.CharlotteFuture.com](http://www.CharlotteFuture.com).



### Oakhurst-Amity Gardens Connectivity Projects

### Monroe Road Streetscape

The improvements will include the realignment of Shade Valley Road to intersect Monroe Road across from Commodore Street and the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Shade Valley Road and Oakhurst Commons Drive. Multi-use paths are proposed to connect existing Pierson Drive to Chippendale and Erickson Roads. Traffic calming is also proposed for the Oakhurst and Amity Gardens neighborhoods.

The City of Charlotte proposes improvements to the Monroe Road corridor between Briar Creek Road and Sharon Amity Road in an effort to improve livability, encourage economic development and enhance mobility. The project will be funded by 2016, 2018, and 2020 community investment bonds totaling approximately \$13 million.

#### Project Schedule

Summer 2018	Preliminary Design
Spring 2019	Complete Right-of-Way Plans
Spring 2019	Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition
Spring 2020	Complete Right-of-Way Acquisition
Fall 2020	Begin Construction

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#### Project Schedule

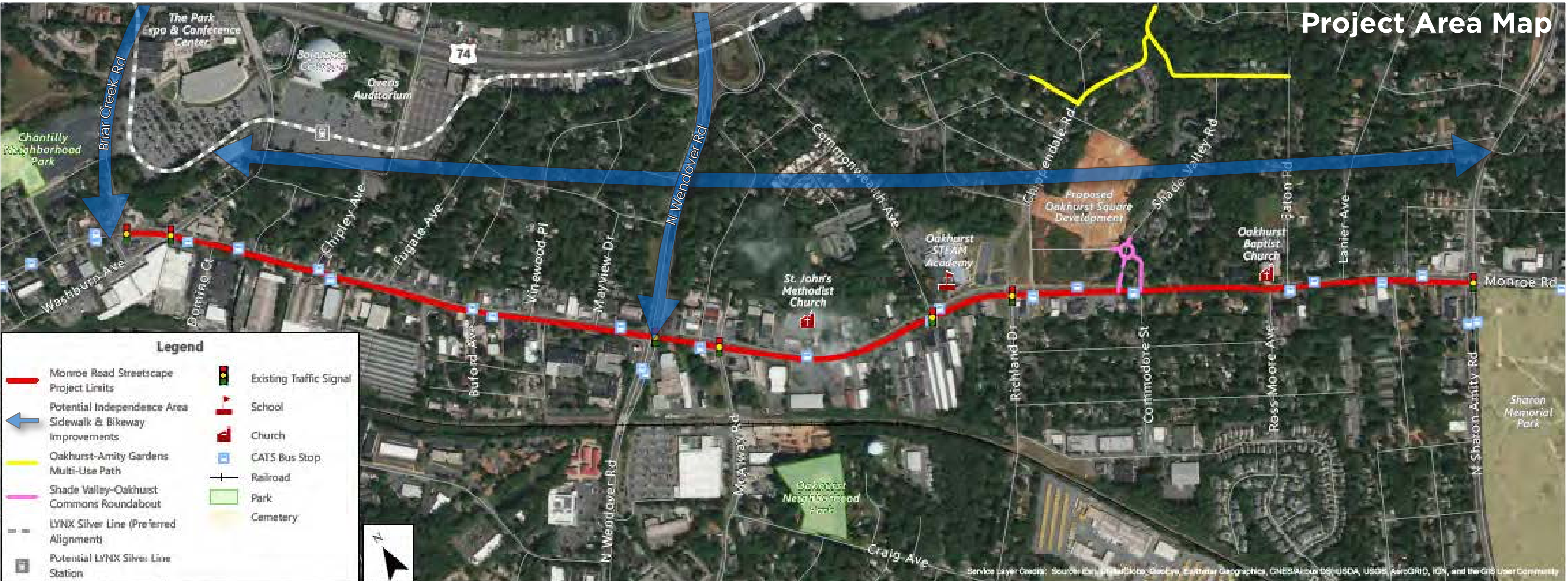
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Project Area Map



INDEPENDENCE AREA SIDEWALK AND BIKEWAY IMPROVEMENTS

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These projects are part of the City of Charlotte Community Investment Plan (CIP) and aim to improve the quality of life for its citizens. The purpose of the proposed projects are to enhance neighborhood mobility and accessibility to transit and provide community and economic resources throughout the Independence Boulevard corridor.

The projects along Briar Creek Road/Television Place/Washburn Avenue as well as Eastway Drive/Wendover Road propose to enhance bicycle and pedestrian facilities, including wider sidewalks, bicycle lanes or sharrows and possible pedestrian/bike paths. The improvements will provide better connectivity across Independence Boulevard and improved connections between area neighborhoods.

MONROE ROAD STREETSCAPE

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This project will make improvements to Monroe Road between Briar Creek Road and Sharon Amity Road. Project goals are to make the area more pedestrian friendly, improve green connections, drive business investments, and create an additional point of pride for the neighborhood. Proposed improvements may include wider sidewalks and additional mid-block crossings, bike lanes, on-street parking, façade improvements to existing buildings, and improved neighborhood accessibility.

OAKHURST-AMITY GARDENS CONNECTIVITY PROJECTS

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Shade Valley-Oakhurst Commons Roundabout & Intersection

This project will realign Shade Valley Road to intersect Monroe Road across from Commodore Street and installation of a signal to improve neighborhood access on both sides of Monroe Road. A roundabout will also be constructed at the intersection of Shade Valley Road and the entrance to Oakhurst Townhomes.

Oakhurst-Amity Gardens Multi-Use Path

This project will consist of the construction of a community multi-use path that will serve as a connection between the Oakhurst and Amity Gardens neighborhoods. The path will include connections to Chippendale Road, Erickson Road and Pierson Drive.

LYNX SILVER LINE

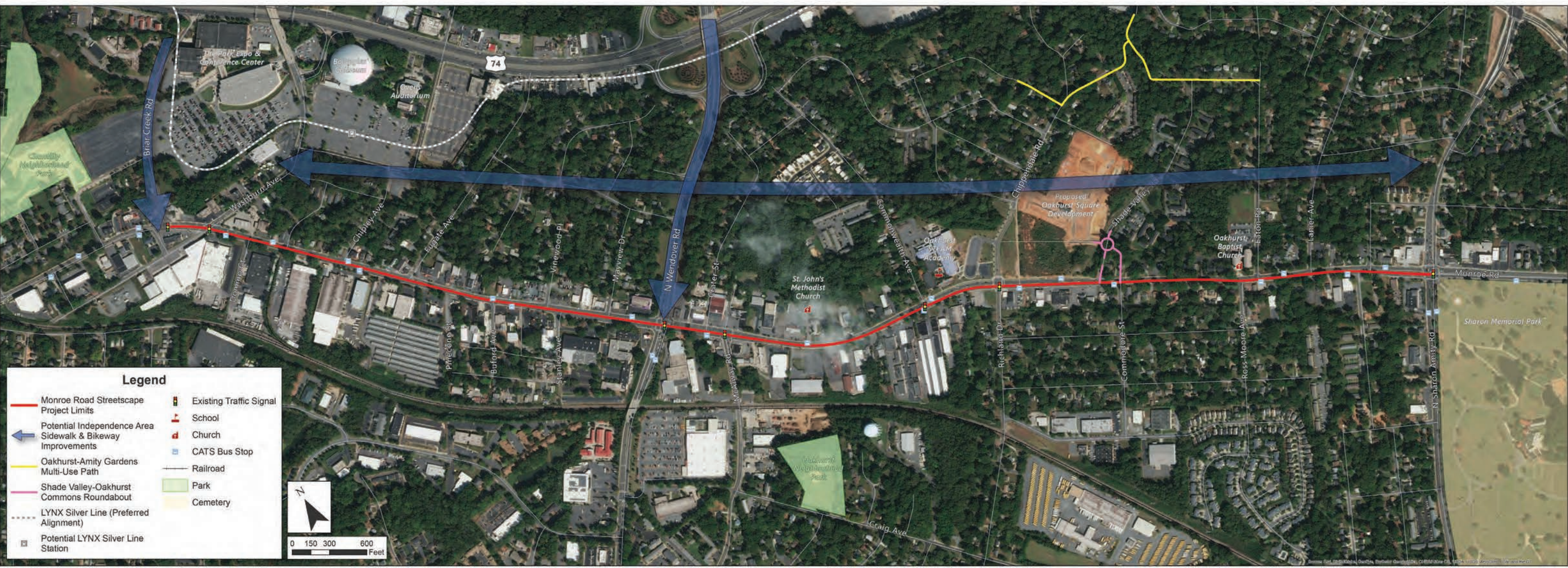
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The LYNX Silver Line light rail alignment was determined through the LYNX Silver Line/Southeast Corridor Study which took place in 2015 and 2016. In November 2016, the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) approved staff's recommendation of light rail as the locally preferred alternative for the Southeast Corridor by adopting the LYNX Silver Line light rail alignment into the 2030 Transit System Plan. The LYNX Silver Line alignment runs along the side of Independence Boulevard to the Village Lake Drive area. The alignment then switches to run in the median on Monroe Road, crossing over I-485 and ending at the CPCC Levine Campus.



# Monroe Road Area Projects

## Overview Map





# Monroe Road Area Projects | Monroe Road Streetscape

## Phase I: Wendover Road to Briar Creek Road

CLTFUTURE







# Monroe Road | *Idea Board*



*Raised Bike Lane*



*Seating*



*Wide Sidewalks*



*Planting Strip*



*Pedestrian Lighting*

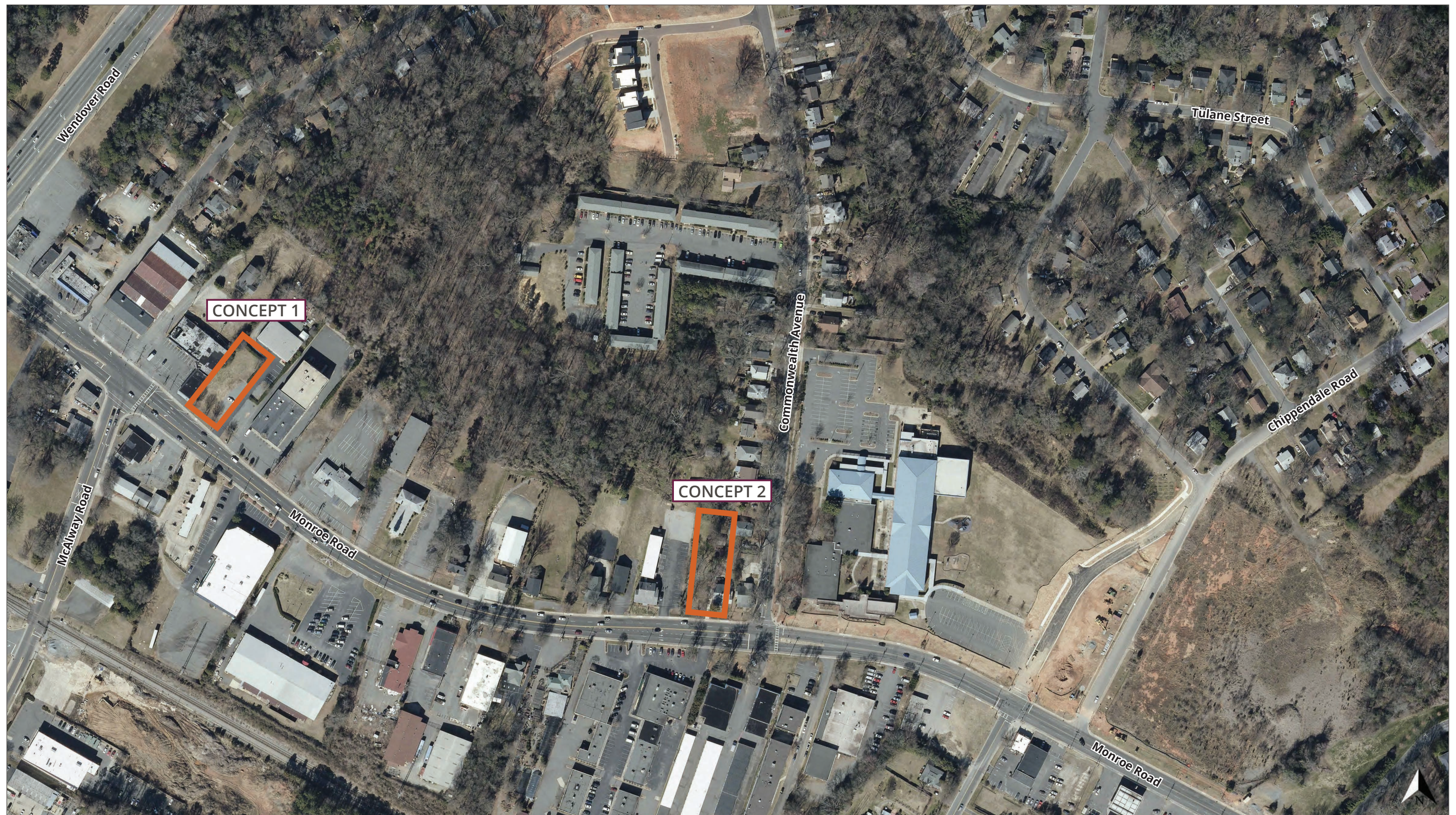


*Trash Receptacles*





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BENCH



ADA WALKWAY



SEAT WALL



UNIQUE PAVERS



CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 2



BRICK COLUMNS



PUBLIC ART



GATHERING PLAZA



GARDEN SWING





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OPEN LAWN



RAISED GARDEN BEDS



BLACK-EYED SUSAN



PINK MUHLY GRASS



CONCEPT 1



CONCEPT 2



SERVICE BERRY



INKBERRY HOLLY



FLOWERING PINK DOGWOOD



MEADOW GRASSES