

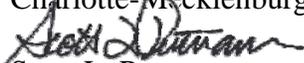


Charlotte Department of Transportation

Memorandum

Date: January 25, 2008

To: Keith MacVean
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From: 
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Subject: Rezoning Petition 08-038: Located on the east side of Hawkins Street
between West Tremont Avenue and Rampart
Street

Consistency with Transportation Action Plan (TAP): The two goals of the TAP that most directly affected the staff's review of this petition define the integration of land use and transportation, and the provision of transportation choices.

- Goal 1 of the TAP relies on the Centers, Corridors and Wedges land use strategy to be implemented. This project site is located in a Corridor and appears to support the Centers, Corridors and Wedges land use strategy.
- Goal 2 of the TAP describes various connectivity and design features that are important for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Specific comments are identified below that need to be addressed for CDOT's support of the petition and to bring the site plan into compliance with the TAP and best practices for multimodal transportation.

Vehicle Trip Generation

With the array of uses allowed in I-2 and TOD-M zoning categories, a wide range of trip generation is possible for either the existing or proposed zoning scenarios. Given the size of the site, its proximity to the light rail station and the good street network in the area, CDOT feels that there should only be minor impacts to the transportation system resulting from this rezoning.

We have the following specific comments that are critical to CDOT's support of the rezoning petition:

1. According to the South End Transit Station Area Plan, Hawkins Street is classified as a "Street with Adequate Width". This means that the existing width will accommodate two-way traffic and the existing curb-line will remain in its present location now and in the future. Therefore, the TOD setback will be measured from the back of the existing curb line.
2. Any new building permit for the site will require that the existing driveways be in compliance with the City's *Driveway Regulations* and parking standards. Parking and

maneuvering is not permitted in the setback or right-of-way. Additionally, the existing driveways will need to be modified to meet minimum standards. Only 2 driveways will be approved for this site. These items will be reviewed during the urban review (building/driveway) permitting process.

3. The proposed zoning district requires 8-foot sidewalks and 8-foot planting strips on Hawkins Street.
4. The development needs to provide an internal system of sidewalks that connects the building entrance(s) to the sidewalk(s) along the public street consisting of 5-foot sidewalks.
5. This property needs to have a cross access easement agreement with adjacent parcels to the south and north to provide inter-connectivity so that access between parcels will not require unnecessary use of Hawkins Street.

We have the following general comments that are provided to aid the petitioner in planning and subsequent permitting phases:

Adequate sight triangles must be reserved at the existing/proposed street entrance(s). Two 10' x 10' sight triangles are required for the entrance(s) to meet requirements. All proposed trees, berms, walls, fences, and/or identification signs must not interfere with sight distance at the entrance(s). Such items should be identified on the site plan.

The proposed driveway connection(s) to Hawkins Street will require a driveway permit(s) to be submitted to CDOT for review and approval. The exact driveway location(s) and type/width of the driveway(s) will be determined by CDOT during the driveway permit process. The locations of the driveway(s) shown on the site plan are subject to change in order to align with driveway(s) on the opposite side of the street and comply with City Driveway Regulations and the City Tree Ordinance.

Any fence or wall constructed along or adjacent to any sidewalk or street right-of-way requires a certificate issued by CDOT.

A Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement is required for the installation of any non-standard item(s) (irrigation systems, decorative concrete pavement, brick pavers, etc.) within a proposed/existing City maintained street right-of-way by a private individual, group, business, or homeowner's/business association. An encroachment agreement must be approved by CDOT prior to the construction/installation of the non-standard item(s). Contact CDOT for additional information concerning cost, submittal, and liability insurance coverage requirements.

To facilitate plan submittals for urban review (building permit/driveway permit) approval, the site plan must include the following:

- Dimension width of the existing and proposed driveways.
- New/reconstructed driveways must be drop curb ramp Type II-Modified driveways.
- Indicate the locations and widths of all adjacent and opposing driveways.
- Indicate typical parking module dimensions.
- Include a parking summary with figures for the numbers of parking spaces required and provided.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

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