

Charlotte Department of Transportation

Memorandum

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To: Tammie Keplinger & Tom Drake
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From: 
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Subject: Rezoning Petition 08-067: Located on the east side of Colwick Road
between Chiswick Road and Greenwich Road
(Revised 5/23/08)

We previously commented on this petition in our April 18 and March 28, 2008 memoranda to you.

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 Center 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

This site could generate approximately 250 trips per day as currently zoned. Under the proposed zoning the site could generate approximately 1,500 trips per day. This will have a minor impact on the surrounding thoroughfare system.

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

1. A pedestrian/bike path connection is needed to provide better access to Cotswold Elementary School for students accessing the school from North Sharon Amity Road. This pedestrian/bicycle connection would help to separate students/bicyclists from the only vehicular entrance to the school via Greenwich Road. This connection was specifically recognized as important in a Safe Routes To School walking audit of Cotswold School in late

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2007. We believe that this connection should be provided, however, we are aware that the Cotswold Elementary School principal and CMS do not support this connection.

We have no remaining transportation issues with this petition.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

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