



Charlotte Department of Transportation

Memorandum

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From: 
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Subject: Rezoning Petition 08-083: Located on the northeast corner of the Plaza and Barrington Drive.

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 Wedge 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 400 trips per day as currently zoned. Under the proposed zoning the site could generate approximately 600 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. The developer must provide 8-foot planting strips and 6-foot sidewalks along both The Plaza and Barrington Drive. The note concerning variable planting strip width to protect existing trees needs to be deleted.
2. No maneuvering is allowed in the setback. Any existing asphalt within the setback needs to be removed.
3. The existing driveways are in disrepair and need to be replaced during construction. As part of this work the driveway closest to the northern property line needs to be moved to a

location in alignment with the new parking lot aisle. The driveway needs to be Type II Modified and 26 feet in width.

4. The revised site plan needs to more clearly indicate existing sidewalks, accessible ramps, road right-of-way widths (both sides), and roadway centerline.

We have the following specific comments that are important to CDOT's support of the rezoning petition. We would like the petitioner to give serious consideration to these comments/requests. These may require coordination with related CMPC issues.

1. The developer needs to provide 5-foot minimum internal sidewalks connecting the primary building entrance with Barrington Drive.

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

The Plaza is a major thoroughfare requiring a minimum of 100 feet of right-of-way. The developer/petitioner should convey right-of-way in fee simple title to meet this requirement, measuring 50 feet from the centerline of the roadway.

Adequate sight triangles must be reserved at the existing/proposed street entrance(s). Two 35' x 35' 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 modified driveway connection to Barrington Drive will require a driveway permit to be submitted to CDOT for review and approval. The exact driveway location and type/width of the driveway will be determined by CDOT during the driveway permit process. The locations of the driveways shown on the site plan are subject to change in order to 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.

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To facilitate building permit/driveway permit review and approval, the site plan must be revised to include the following:

- Meet applicable Charlotte Land Development Standards (latest revision).
- 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.
- Directional wheelchair ramps (two per corner) should be provided at all intersections of public and private streets.

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

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