



# Charlotte Department of Transportation

## Memorandum

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**Date:** June 25, 2008

**To:** Tammie Keplinger & Tom Drake  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department

**From:**   
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**Subject:** Rezoning Petition 08-093: Located at the intersection of Lancaster Highway and Johnston Road  
(revised 6/21/08)

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We previously commented on this petition in our May 2, 2008 memorandum 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 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.

The purpose of this Site Plan Amendment is to clarify notes on the Technical Data Sheet. No additional development rights or change of permitted land uses is requested. For this reason the proposed zoning will not have an additional impact to the surrounding thoroughfare system than what was evaluated with the original NS zoning for the site.

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

1. Public street sidewalks (whether in the right-of-way or on private property on an easement) must be ADA compliant. Steps will not be allowed in the right-of-way. Steps will be allowed in an easement provided that there is a corresponding accessible ramp adjacent to the steps. (*Previous review comment*)
2. Sidewalks (external to the development) must be provided along the entire length of all public streets. However, the developer may locate and meander the sidewalk beyond the

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standard 8' planting strip in order to preserve existing trees. The note concerning the termination of sidewalk at the tree save area needs to be deleted. (*Previous review comment*)

If we can be of further assistance, please advise.

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