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# INFORMATION:

**Monroe Bypass Request for Injunction**
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On November 2, 2010 the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Clean Air Carolina, and the Yadkin Riverkeeper filed an injunction to stop construction of the Monroe Bypass in Union County. These plaintiffs argue that the NC Turnpike Authority did not properly analyze the "no build" scenario, therefore tilting the environmental assessment in favor of the Monroe Bypass project. Charlotte Department of Transportation and MUMPO staff are working to provide all relevant information from their planning activities related to the bypass to the Turnpike Authority and to attorneys representing the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs are represented by attorneys from the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC).

A copy of the injunction can be found at www.mumpo.org/resources.htm. The document is titled Monroe Bypass Request for Injunction – Nov. 02, 2010.

**November 20 - Fire Department Demonstrating Piece of Historic Apparatus**
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The Charlotte Fire Department will be hosting an event on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at the Training Academy to pump the steamer known as "Old Sue". The steamer was purchased by the City of Charlotte in 1902, and is an important part of Charlotte Fire Department and fire service history. All are welcome to attend this event. ***(see attached, left side table of contents)***

**December 7 – Public Hearing on Taxicab Rates and Charges**
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The Passenger Vehicle for Hire (PVH) Board is beginning its annual review of City-wide taxicab rates. The PVH City Ordinance requires the board to meet annually to establish taxicab rate schedules, fare zones, and charges. Rate issues considered during this review include:

- Review the initial drop charge and per mile rates;
- Modify or eliminate some of the currently allowed extra charges ("additional charges" on the rate card);
- Review of airport flat rates.

The review process will include a public hearing and survey input from the general public, PVH industry, and business stakeholders. It will also include a comparison of regional and national taxicab rates from similarly sized cities**. The public hearing will be held on December 7, 2010, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's West Service Center, 4150 Wilkinson Blvd., in the large conference room.

The rate survey is available on line at www.cmpd.org (click on Our Response Areas and Passenger Vehicle for Hire; this will take you to the Passenger Vehicles for Hire home page). Hard copies will be available at the Government Center, the Department of Social Services, taxicab companies, the Charlotte/Douglas International Airport taxicab holding area, and the CMPD West Service Center.

The PVH Board will consider all input during its December board meetings. The board may make a final decision at the December meeting.

## STIMULUS INFORMATION:

**November 24 – North Davidson Bus Facility Renovation Media Tour**
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City Council is invited to join local media to tour the CATS North Davidson Bus Facility Renovation and Expansion Project on Wednesday, November 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Attendees can park at 929 North Davidson Street in the main bus lot.

During the tour, CATS will highlight the 75 percent completion of reconstruction to the facility, increased energy efficient efforts, and the ways in which the changes will improve bus operations and maintenance. The media will also learn how the exterior changes to the facility will help it fit into the fabric of the neighborhood and serve as a gateway to NoDa.

The North Davidson Bus Facility Renovation Project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funds through the Transit Capital Assistance Urbanized Program. Updates to the 28 year old facility will improve operations by updating facility conditions and provide sufficient space and support for up to 200 transit buses. The changes will also allow CATS Special Transportation Services (STS) to relocate to the North Davidson Bus Facility. Construction on the project is expected for completion by June 2011.