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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

<b>Mon (Mar 27)</b>	<b>Tues (Mar 28)</b>	<b>Wed (Mar 29)</b>	<b>Thurs (Mar 30)</b>	<b>Fri (Mar 31)</b>
2:00 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280		NCLM Town Hall Day, Raleigh	1:30 PM Budget Committee, Room 280	4:00 PM Ayrley Town Blvd Traffic Calming Drop-In Meeting, Piedmont Social House
5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267			5:00 PM Lakeview-Reames Intersection Public Meeting, Hornet’s Nest Elem.	
6:30 PM Citizens’ Forum, Meeting Chamber				

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### Monday, March 27

- 2:00 PM Transportation & Planning Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** Transportation Action Plan next steps; Charlotte BIKES; Parkwood and The Plaza corridor study; Uptown Connects study update; Upcoming topics.
- 5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267
- 6:30 PM Citizens' Forum, Meeting Chamber

### Wednesday, March 28

North Carolina League of Municipalities Town Hall Day, Raleigh North Carolina

### Thursday, March 29

- 1:30 PM Budget Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** TBD
- 5:00 PM Lakeview-Reames Intersection Public Meeting  
Hornets' Nest Elementary School, 6700 Beatties Ford Rd.

### Friday, March 31

- 4:00 PM Ayrslay Town Boulevard Traffic Calming Drop-In Meeting  
Piedmont Social House, 2135-C Ayrslay Town Boulevard, Suite 3

March and April calendars are attached.



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## AGENDA NOTES:

### **Agenda Item #40 – Reedy Creek Stream Restoration Design-Build Project**

*Staff Resource: Matthew Gustis, E&PM, 704-336-6183, [mgustis@charlottenc.gov](mailto:mgustis@charlottenc.gov)*

In 2014, Storm Water Services launched its first design-build project. Located within Charlotte's Reedy Creek Nature Preserve, the Reedy Creek Stream Restoration Design-Build Project will restore 25,500 feet of eroding streams, 4.2 acres of wetlands, and generate mitigation credits. At the March 27 Council Business Meeting, Engineering & Property Management will seek Council approval for a contract amendment in the amount of \$10,318,872 with Wildlands Engineering, Inc., to establish the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the final design, construction, and monitoring of the project.

Design-build is a collaborative approach where the designer and contractor enter into a single contract to provide services. A collaborative team of design and construction professionals is responsible for coordinating all project elements (planning, design, real estate acquisition, construction, warranty and five years of maintenance and monitoring activities) from the onset. Potential benefits include completing a project faster, more cost effectively, and reducing risk and liability associated with the traditional design-bid-build project delivery method.

On January 27, 2014, City Council approved the initial contract for design-build services including planning, real estate, and completion of up to 60% of the preliminary design. Wildlands Engineering, Inc., a full-service ecosystem restoration firm headquartered in Charlotte, is the firm responsible for design of this project. Wildlands has teamed with stream restoration contractor North State Environmental, Inc. for construction services.

For design-build contracts, the design completion and construction services are awarded as a GMP contract amendment. The GMP establishes the maximum amount to be paid to the design-builder for the project, inclusive of contingency items, unless the scope of work is changed or substantial adverse conditions unknown to the City or the design-builder are discovered. The GMP was established through a combination of competitive pricing with material and equipment suppliers and subcontractors, and fees and rates proposed during the design-build selection process for the remaining work to be completed by Wildlands.

The project is scheduled to be complete by first quarter 2020. The City is collaborating with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department and the University of North Carolina Charlotte to ensure a strong partnership to provide educational opportunities and maximize benefits to the Reedy Creek Nature Preserve.

## **INFORMATION:**

### **March 25 – District 3 Airport Job Fair**

*Staff Resource: Brent Cagle, Aviation, 704-359-4035, [bdcagle@cltairport.com](mailto:bdcagle@cltairport.com)*

On Saturday, March 25, 2017, the Aviation Department is hosting the 2017 District 3 Airport Job Fair at Goodwill Opportunity Campus (5301 Wilkinson Blvd.) from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and will showcase full-time, part-time, seasonal, and temporary jobs available from 20 airport-area employers, including airlines, cargo and package delivery companies, retail shops, and food services. Available jobs range from those for students, recent graduates, and those with years of experience in their respective fields. Employers will provide candidates with an opportunity to complete applications online as well as conduct on-site interviews with hiring managers.

The job fair aligns to the City of Charlotte's commitment to good paying jobs in the community, and the number of participating employers is growing every year. More than 600 people attended last year's job fair.

### **Neighborhood Organization Contact List (NOCL) Enhancement**

*Staff Resource: Danielle Fisher, NBS, 704-336-7846, [danielle.fisher@charlottenc.gov](mailto:danielle.fisher@charlottenc.gov)*

The Neighborhood Organization Contact List (NOCL) is a subscription list of neighborhood leaders and residents who have registered to receive communication from City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County agencies. Neighborhood & Business Services (NBS) has assumed administration of the NOCL from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department. The transition allows for shared access to the NOCL resource while also promoting increased functionality.

Recent tool enhancements include a directory which provides one primary point of contact for each registered neighborhood and business organization within the City. This feature enables elected officials, staff, and community partners to download a neighborhood's primary contact information by council district, service area, or zip code. Users also can avail themselves of a spatial search feature that allows them to obtain contact information for neighborhood leaders and residents within a certain boundary area or in proximity to a specific address.

Residents who subscribe to NOCL can receive information regarding public initiatives, meetings, rezonings, grants, training opportunities, and projects that may impact their neighborhoods. Council members are encouraged to invite neighborhood leaders to register by visiting [charlottenc.gov/nocl](http://charlottenc.gov/nocl).

### **Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System CAFR**

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The legislation establishing the Charlotte Firefighters' Retirement System requires that an annual report be prepared and shared with the Charlotte City Council. The report for FYs 2015 and 2016 is enclosed in Council's Thursday mail packet.

### **State Lobbying Assistance**

*Staff Resources: Randy Harrington, M&FS, 704-336-5013, [rijharrington@charlottenc.gov](mailto:rijharrington@charlottenc.gov)*

*Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, [dfenton@charlottenc.gov](mailto:dfenton@charlottenc.gov)*

In recent years, the City has experienced additional demands in managing its relationships with the General Assembly and only has one staff member currently devoted to this work. While the City has leveraged the resources of the NC League of Municipalities and NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition to a greater extent in recent years, the City and General Assembly have increasingly engaged in issues that have particular importance to Charlotte. Accordingly, the City Manager is considering reallocating existing FY 2017 resources to the intergovernmental relations function for the current legislative cycle.

On a "pilot" basis, the City Manager intends to retain a contract lobbyist for the remainder of the 2017 long session. The estimated costs of contracting for such services would range

between \$25,000 and \$50,000. When the long session is over, staff will review the contract lobbyists' performance in terms of ability to effectively supplement the work of existing staff and engage with General Assembly leadership, and make a decision as to whether such an arrangement should be considered in the period leading up to and during the 2018 short session.

**2017 State Legislative Report #7**

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Attached is the Week 7 State Legislative Report.



**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN:**

**Community Investment Plan Update**

*Staff Resource: Sabrina Colon, Charlotte Communications & Marketing, 704-336-5862, [scolon@charlottenc.gov](mailto:scolon@charlottenc.gov)*

Please see the attached document for Community Investment Plan news. The piece contains updates on projects, upcoming public meetings, and links to additional sources of information. This info will be incorporated into the Council-Manager Memo in the coming weeks.



**ATTACHMENTS:**

City Council Follow-Up Report:



- Plaza Midwood Neighborhood Initiative
- Follow Up With Constituent Ethel Ward



# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> <b>5:30pm</b> Letter to the Community, Belmont Center – 700 Parkwood Ave.	<b>2</b> <b>6:30pm – 8:30pm</b> Marvin Rd. Sidewalk Public Mtg., Elon Park Elementary – 11425 Ardrey Kell Rd.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:00am</b> District 5 Town Hall Mtg., Memorial UMC – 4012 Central Ave.
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Environment Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Council Workshop/Citizens' Forum, Room 267	<b>7</b> <b>6:30pm – 8:00pm</b> District 6 Town Hall Mtg., Sharon UMC – 4411 Sharon Rd.	<b>8</b> <b>12:00pm</b> HAND Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:30pm - 7:30pm</b> Idlewild/Rama/Monroe Intersection Proj Mtg., Independence Library – 6000 Conference Dr.	<b>9</b> <b>12:00pm</b> ED Committee Mtg., Room CH-14  <b>1:30pm</b> Budget Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>6:30pm – 8:00pm</b> MPT Lyles Town Hall Mtg., Elevation Church – 8105 IBM Drive	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NLC Congressional Cities Conference, Washington, DC</div>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Community Safety Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>NLC Congressional Cities Conference Washington, DC</b>						
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>12:00pm</b> Council Zoning Briefing (optional), Room 886  <b>1:00pm</b> Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Zoning Mtg., Room CH-14	<b>21</b> <b>9:00am – 7:00pm</b> West Trade/Rozzelles Ferry CIP Work Session, Mosaic Village – 1635 W. Trade St., Ste 1A  <b>5:00pm – 7:00pm</b> West Blvd. Corridor Study Public Kick-Off Mtg., West Blvd. Library – 2157 West Blvd.	<b>22</b> <b>12:00pm</b> HAND Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>1:30pm</b> Budget Workshop, Room 267  <b>5:30pm</b> MTC Meeting, Room 267	<b>23</b> <b>12:00pm</b> ED Committee Mtg., Room CH-14  <b>2:00pm</b> CFD Recruit Class 100 Graduation, 1770 Shopton Rd.  <b>6:00pm – 7:30pm</b> Districts 2 & 4 Town Hall Mtg., University City UMC – 3835 WT Harris Blvd.	<b>24</b> <b>9:00am</b> CFD Captain's Promotional Ceremony, 500 Dalton Ave – Firefighter's Hall	<b>25</b> <b>10:00am – 1:00pm</b> Female First Responders Open House, Police/Fire Training Academy – 1770 Shopton Rd.
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>2:00pm</b> Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NCLM Town Hall Day Raleigh, NC</div>	<b>30</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Budget Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm – 7:30pm</b> Lakeview-Reames Intersection Public Mtg., Hornets' Nest Elem. – 6700 Beatties Ford Rd.	<b>31</b> <b>4:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Ayrley Town Blvd. Traffic Calming Drop-In Mtg., Piedmont Social House – 2135-C Ayrley Town Blvd, Ste 3	
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# April

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<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>2:00pm</b> Transportation & Planning Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>5:00pm</b> Council Business Mtg., Room 267	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>12:00pm</b> HAND Committee Mtg., Room 280  <b>1:30pm</b> Budget Workshop, Room 267	<b>13</b> <b>12:00pm</b> ED Committee Mtg., Room CH-14	<b>14</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>15</b>
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# 2017





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**CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE  
M E M O R A N D U M**

March 23, 2017

**TO:** Marcus Jones, City Manager  
Randy Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

**FROM:** Dana Fenton, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Week 7 State Legislative Report**

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**What You Need to Know**

**Repeal HB 2 ([SB 332 – Ford](#))** is the bill introduced by Senator Ford to repeal House Bill 2. SB 332 provides for a “Cooling-Off Period” where no local government may enact or amend an ordinance regulating public accommodations or access to restrooms, showers, or changing facilities, which expires 30 days following the adjournment in 2017 of the 2017 General Assembly for more than 30 days jointly.

**Local Government / Regulatory Fees ([HB 436 – Stevens](#))** would prohibit the imposition of a regulatory fee on new construction by cities or counties unless specifically authorized by general law, including an impact fee, facility fee, project fee, capacity fee, or any other fee that requires a developer to pay an amount to help defray capital costs associated with new construction. Charlotte Water charges a capacity fee for new development to recover a portion of capital investments that have been previously made in the water/sewer system. If HB436 removes the ability to charge this fee the impact would be the immediate loss of approximately \$15M - \$20M per year in revenue which would need to be made up by a significant rate increase to all customers. Impacts to rate payers would increase if more new development necessitates increased capital investment.

**Road Improvements Adjacent to Schools ([SB 296 – Tillman, McInnis, Curtis](#))** provides to NCDOT the primary responsibility for design of and funding for transportation ingress/egress improvements to schools, public and otherwise, from state and locally owned rights-of-way. It is unclear whether improvements such as sidewalks, traffic signals, and left turn lanes would be eligible for funding under SB 296. SB 296 is similar to legislation from last session, SB 778, which presented the same concerns.

**Short-Term Lease Tax / Highway Fund ([SB 351 – Rabon](#))** redirects to the Highway Fund the

8% State tax on short-term lease or rentals of motor vehicles that are currently credited to the State General Fund. The first \$50 million in revenues in each of State FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 would be dedicated to runway improvements at the Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority.

**State Budget:** At this time, both House and Senate Appropriations Committees are working on the 2017-2019 budget. The Senate will act on its budget first this year, which they plan to pass by May 8. The House would take action by May 29 and a final version of the budget would be sent to the Governor by June 18. Adhering to such a schedule would enable the General Assembly to adjourn before the beginning of the next fiscal year.

### **State Legislative Agenda**

**Charlotte Citizens Review Board/Subpoena Powers ([HB 350 – R. Moore, Autry](#))** is the local legislation requested by the City to extend subpoena powers to the Citizens Review Board.

**Police Recordings:** Staff is working on this statewide request through the NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, which has convened a workgroup of city attorneys to work through this issue and recommend legislative changes.

**Strategic Transportation Investments:** Staff understands that Senate Transportation Committee chairs are working on legislation to revise the Strategic Transportation Investments program to provide more benefits to rural areas.

### **Sales Tax Redistribution:**

- **Change the Local Option Sales Tax Adjustment Factors ([SB 126 – Brown](#))** amends the adjustment factors applied to the half-cent local Article 40 sales tax levy and replaces with a factor based on the county's economic tier designation. Tier 1 counties, which are the most economically distressed counties in the State, would be assigned a factor of 1.10. Tier 2 counties would receive no adjustments and Tier 3 counties would be assigned a factor of 0.90. According to estimates prepared by the non-partisan staff in the Fiscal Research Division, approximately \$932,000 more in sales tax revenue would accrue to the City of Charlotte.
- **BRIGHT Futures Act ([HB 68 – Szoka, Saine, S. Martin, Brenden Jones](#) / [SB 65 – Meredith](#))** focuses on accelerating the deployment of digital infrastructure in rural and unserved areas by connecting them to the key markets of broadband-enabled services, retail online services, internet of things, Grid Power, healthcare and education. HB 68 referred to House Energy and Public Utilities. SB 65 referred to Senate Rules

**Charlotte Firefighters Retirement System ([HB 58 – Dulin, Autry, Belk, R. Moore](#) / [SB 54 – Waddell, Tarte, Bishop](#))** is local legislation that enables the Retirement System to comply with the Voluntary Correction Program entered into with the Internal Revenue Service, by which the method for computing a firefighters final average salary is determined. The bill has no fiscal impact upon the System. HB 58 passed the House.

## RECENT PROJECT UPDATES

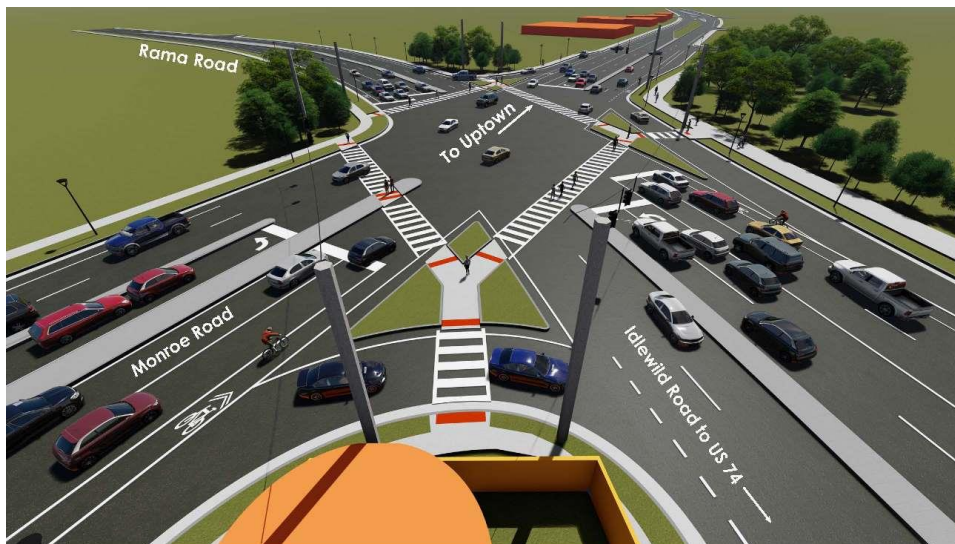
Staff resource: Sabrina Colón

### West Trade/Rozzelles Ferry CNIP work session

On Tuesday, March 21, the City and its consultants met at Mosaic Village for an all-day workshop to develop preliminary design concepts for the [Five Points Plaza improvement](#) and [I-77 and West Trade Street underpass enhancement](#) projects in the West Trade/Rozzelles Ferry CNIP area. The public was invited to stop by and provide feedback, review the team's progress and get updates on the projects. [View more pictures from the work session.](#)

### Idlewild, Rama and Monroe intersection

The project team hosted a public meeting on March 8, 2017 to share preliminary design concepts and get feedback from the community. The team is reviewing public input and finalizing the design concept before moving into the design phase. [View concept designs](#)



IDLEWILD / RAMA / MONROE ROAD INTERSECTION

City of Charlotte, North Carolina | Perspective 2



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### Building bridges and more

The University Pointe Bridge over I-85 is the first bond-funded project scheduled for completion in April 2017. It was recently highlighted in the City of Charlotte's Queen City blog. Read [Building bridges and more.](#)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Lakeview-Reames intersection public meeting (*Sunset/Beatties Ford CNIP*)

**March 30, 2017 | 5 – 7:30 p.m.**

Hornets' Nest Elementary School  
6700 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216

*Project manager: Fran West*

[Learn more about the project](#)

### Ayrsley Town Blvd. traffic calming drop-in meeting (*Whitehall/Ayrsley CNIP*)

**March 31, 2017 | 4 – 6 p.m.**

Piedmont Social House  
2135-C Ayrsley Town Boulevard, Suite 3, Charlotte, NC 28273

*Project manager: Brandon Brezeale*

[Learn more about the project](#)

### DeArmon Road complete street improvements public meeting (*Prosperity Village CNIP*)

**April 4, 2017 | 6:30 – 8 p.m.**

Prosperity Presbyterian Church  
5533 Prosperity Church Road, Charlotte, NC 28269

*Project manager: Kristie Kennedy*

[Learn more about the project](#)

### South Tryon Street sidewalk drop-in meetings

**April 6, 2017 | 3 – 4 p.m. AND 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

The Crossings at Steele Creek  
13600 South Tryon Street, Community room, Charlotte, NC 27278

*Project manager: Brandon Brezeale*



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**City Council  
Follow-Up Report**

**March 23, 2017**

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**March 6, 2017 – City Council Workshop**

**Plaza Midwood Neighborhood Initiative**

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During the Citizens' Forum at the March 6 City Council Workshop, several speakers expressed concerns about the dangers of walking and cycling between The Plaza and Central Ave. CDOT has received the Stroll and Roll PM petition that was submitted to City Council on March 6. The petition requests changes to The Plaza, Central Avenue, and 10th Street to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety. Some of the requested changes are relatively minor while other modifications are more significant and will require tradeoffs between pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. CDOT agrees there are locations along these corridors that could be improved for walking, bicycling, and transit users. The City's Transportation Action Plan, Charlotte Walks, and Urban Street Design Guidelines support a "complete streets" philosophy and providing the community with more transportation choices. CDOT is currently conducting similar corridor studies on South Boulevard, South Tryon, West Boulevard, and Parkwood/The Plaza. In addition, the City will initiate the Eastway Drive corridor study in the next few months. Due to limited staff resources, several of the City's corridor studies that are already underway will need to be concluded before CDOT can allocate resources to study new corridors, including the ones identified in the Stroll and Roll PM petition. A copy of this response will be sent to the speakers who attended the Workshop.

**Follow Up With Constituent Ethel Ward**

*Staff Resource: Alban Burney, City Manager's Office, 704-336-4947, [aburney@charlottenc.gov](mailto:aburney@charlottenc.gov)*

During the Citizen's Forum at the March 6 City Council Workshop, Ethel Ward spoke to Council about the rising cost of Medicare premiums. Staff followed up with Ms. Ward via phone on Tuesday, March 21. Ms. Ward understands that the City has no jurisdiction regarding healthcare premiums. She requested help in connecting with organizations that may have volunteer opportunities available as she wants to make the best use of the time she has left, due to her terminal illness. Staff has provided contact information of several local non-profit organizations that may have volunteer opportunities currently available.