CHARLOTTE.

WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Nov 4)	Tues (Nov 5)	Wed (Nov 6)	Thurs (Nov 7)	Fri (Nov 8)
			12:00 PM Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14	

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Thursday, November 7
  12:00 pm   Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14
                 AGENDA: Immigrant integration resolution

ATTACHED: November and December calendars

INFORMATION:

TSA Relinquishing Airport Terminal Exit Lane Responsibilities
Staff Resource: Herbert Judon, Aviation, 704-359-4844, hljudon@cltairport.com

In June 2013, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) solicited comments from airports regarding the potential impacts of the TSA relinquishing terminal exit lane security responsibilities. The exit lanes are the areas in the terminal adjacent to the security checkpoints where passengers and employees pass through as they are leaving the secure area. At the Charlotte Airport, arriving passengers must egress via the exit lanes in order to move to the baggage claim area. With few exceptions, inbound traffic is prohibited through the exit lanes. In July 2013, the Charlotte Douglas Airport provided responsive comments to the TSA. Presently, TSA provides personnel for all of the exit lanes at the Airport.

On October 3, 2013, local TSA informed the Airport of its mandate to shift exit lane responsibilities to the Airport with an implementation date of January 1, 2014. According to the TSA, these changes are precipitated by Federal Government spending reductions and a shift to new risk based screening methods.

The Aviation Transportation Security Act of 2001 federalized airport security screening functions under the TSA. Prior to act, screening functions were conducted by contracted service providers funded directly by the airlines. With this proposed change, TSA is arguing that airport exit lanes are not part of the screening operation and, therefore, the responsibility of the airport operator and not the TSA.

Industry stakeholders including the American Association of Airport Executives, Airports Council International-North America, Airlines for America as well as some congressional delegates strongly oppose these changes and are vigorously lobbying against it. In addition, all the commercial service airports in North Carolina have sent letters to their local Federal Security Directors opposing the changes.

Transportation Security costs are funded primarily by users through passenger security fees and air carrier infrastructure security fees. This exit lane mandate is unfunded and will result in the reduction of TSA personnel and services. However, there are no proposed changes in the

federal collection structure. The additional costs will be incurred locally and allocated to Airport tenants through the Airport rates and charges structure. The Airport has 4 exit lanes which are manned for approximately 20 hours per day, 365 days per year. The Airport estimates the nine-month cost at $410,000, and in the coming weeks will request Council approval of a nine-month contract with G4S Secure Solutions. During the nine-month period the Airport will explore various permanent options including technological solutions.

Central Avenue Road Closure
Staff Resource: Angela Lee, Utilities, 704-336-5911, alee@charlottenc.gov

During a sewer line inspection in the 1400 block of Central Avenue on October 30, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department staff found that the manhole and sewer pipe were coming apart potentially leading to a sewer spill and/or the road being undermined. The repair required the closure of three lanes that evening for safety. After uncovering the site, crews also found a storm drain in need of replacement and a water line that required relocation in order to repair the manhole and sewer pipe. During the water line relocation, crews are installing temporary valves so customers will have water service.

The three lanes (one inbound and two outbound) will be closed until late Sunday night so crews can complete repairs, put new soil and bedding down for pipes, and repave the road. Outbound traffic is using Hawthorne Lane to Parkwood Avenue to The Plaza as a detour. Commuters are encouraged to use 7th Street, Independence, or Parkwood Avenue as alternates.

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report
--Stewart Creek Watershed Update
--Nominations to Waste Management Advisory Committee
--Charlotte Business INClusion Status Update

November Community Meetings Calendar