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WEEK IN REVIEW:

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CALENDAR DETAILS:

Tuesday, December 24 – Wednesday, December 25

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

ATTACHED: [December and January calendars](#)

INFORMATION:

Providence Road Sidewalk Project

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On December 16, a resident emailed the Mayor and City Council to express concern about the Providence Road sidewalk project. The resident is requesting the proposed project be stopped, the funding moved to another project, or the design adjusted to be more consistent with existing sidewalk in the area.

This project, part of the City's Pedestrian Program, is being designed to be constructed on the southwest side of Providence Road between Providence Village Lane and East Barden Road, a distance of 0.54 miles. After completion, a continuous sidewalk will exist along both sides of Providence Road from Fairview Road to I-485.

This project was selected based on corridor traffic volume and speed, and proximity to transit stops, neighborhoods, several places of worship, and an elementary school, as outlined in Council's Sidewalk Retrofit Policy. It will provide a 6ft-wide sidewalk with an 8ft-wide planting strip with street trees, and crosswalks and pedestrian signals at the intersection of Providence Rd and Shalom Park Dr.

The project's budget is \$1,075,000, of which \$325,000 is Pedestrian Program funds and \$750,000 is Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant funds from the state. This figure is an estimate and includes project planning, design, real estate acquisition, bid, and construction. This estimate is a higher cost per mile than some sidewalk projects primarily due to the anticipated cost of purchasing easements needed to build and maintain the sidewalk.

The CMAQ matching grant was awarded to the City of Charlotte through a competitive process with other cities and towns in the region. The CMAQ funds cannot be transferred to another project.

The City of Charlotte is committed to becoming a more "walkable" community as part of an overall strategy for advancing a balanced transportation system that accommodates motorists, transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists.

CMPD Providence Division Station Certified as LEED Silver Facility

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On November 25, the U.S. Green Building Council notified the project architect, Creech & Associates, that CMPD Providence Division had achieved LEED Silver status, making it the City's second police station designated since City Council adopted its Policy for Sustainable City Facilities in September 2009. The project received 50 of 110 possible points. To achieve LEED Silver, a project must score between 50-59 points.

The 12,210 square foot facility is located at the corner of Wendover Road and Ellington Street. It opened in November 2011 and houses a staff of 100. Its highly visible and accessible location helps make it attractive to the community. Sustainable and energy-saving project elements include: geothermal heating and air-conditioning system, lighting sensors, water efficient landscaping, water use reduction measures and white roofing membrane. These features provided for energy use 32% below baseline building design.

In May 2013, US Green Building Council awarded LEED Gold status to the CMPD Steele Creek Division.

Construction of another CMPD Division station, CMPD Eastway Division, is underway with an anticipated completion date in late spring 2014. This new station is at the corner of Central Avenue and Merry Oaks Road and will also house Neighborhood and Business Services Northeast Service Area Team. This facility is the first City facility to seek Green Globes certification. The City anticipates a 3-globe rating (4 possible globes) which is roughly equivalent to a LEED Gold rating.