



PLAN REVIEW SHEET

Date: September 21, 2020

Petition #: RZP 2020-116, 1212 Central Avenue

Request: TOD-UC

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Adopted Plan: Charlotte Area Transit System 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan

For over 20 years the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) has identified Independence Blvd as a rapid transit corridor. Various transit stations and vehicle technology have been studied during that time. In 2016, a 13 mile LYNX Silver Line light rail Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) from Uptown Charlotte to the Town of Matthews was adopted by the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC). In November 2017, CATS staff began identifying alternative Silver Line light rail corridor alignments from Center City to Gaston County with the goal of completing the complete east - west Silver Line system by the year 2030. In January 2019, CATS staff recommended that the Southeast LYNX Silver Line continue through Uptown Charlotte to Wilkinson Blvd with a terminus in the City of Belmont in Gaston County. The MTC adopted that recommendation, formally creating a continuous LYNX Silver Line light rail project from the town of Matthews to the city of Belmont. In 2020, CATS and its partners have started transit oriented development planning and design services in order to advance the project.

The site associated with Petition #2020-116 is located near the proposed Pecan Avenue LYNX Silver Line light rail transit station which is planned to be at grade with East Independence Boulevard. The site is also within a ¼ mile distance of the CityLYNX Gold Line Streetcar corridor on Central Avenue. CATS is supportive of zoning districts that allow transit-oriented development form and density within a ½ mile distance of transit stations.