



## **PLAN REVIEW SHEET**

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**Date: March 25, 2021**

**Petition #: RZP 2021-010**

**Address: 2444 Wilkinson Boulevard**

**Request: TOD-NC**

**Staff Contact: John Howard**

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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 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 Matthews to Belmont. Staff will present revisions of the adopted LPA to the MTC in April 2021.

The site associated with Petition #2021-010 is located along the adopted LPA which is a center running alignment and within ½ mile of a proposed station near Remount Road. CATS staff is in the process of refining the LPA with a recommendation for a side running alignment adjacent to the Norfolk Southern rail corridor between I-277 and Morris Field Drive. CATS is supportive of zoning districts that allow transit-oriented development form and density within ½ mile of transit stations.