



PLAN REVIEW SHEET

Date: March 25, 2021

Petition #: RZP 2021-033

Address: 1335 South Clarkson Street, Charlotte Pipe and Foundry

Request: UMUD

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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 #2021-033 is adjacent to the revised LYNX Silver Line light rail transit corridor, and along the Norfolk Southern rail corridor. The required right of way for the light rail corridor is a minimum 70 feet (35 feet measured from the centerline of the tracks). CATS is requesting a conditional rezoning petition to include the reservation of the light rail corridor.

