

Transportation Staff Meeting

June 3, 2015
2:00 PM
CMGC 601

AGENDA

1. **Eastern Circumferential: Alignment Revision at Reedy Creek Park** (Leonard)
Purpose: Discuss the recent constraints that have emerged and suggestions on the need to revise the alignment.

Background:

- The Reedy Creek Stream Restoration Project by Charlotte Storm Water Services is currently obtaining storm water conservation easements along several branches of Reedy Creek within and surrounding the Reedy Creek Nature Preserve.
- Charlotte Engineering and Landscape Management is in the process of acquiring random parcels for dedicated tree save areas. One parcel is adjacent to the Reedy Creek Nature Preserve.
- Mecklenburg Park and Rec is considering the purchase of a parcel to add to the Reedy Creek Nature Preserve that will impact the Eastern Circumferential alignment.

2. **I-77 Contract Termination Resolution** (Coxe)
Purpose: Discuss a TCC response to the attached resolution.

Background:

- The attached resolution was adopted by the Cornelius town board.
- It calls for the termination of NCDOT's contract with I-77 Mobility Partners and for the widening of I-77 with general purpose lanes.

Attachment: Resolution

3. **TCC Agenda Review** (Burke)
Purpose: Review the June 4 TCC meeting agenda.

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**TOWN OF CORNELIUS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT WITH
"I-77 MOBILITY PARTNERS" TO TOLL I-77 FOR 50 YEARS**

WHEREAS, the Final Draft of the Comprehensive Agreement between the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and I-77 Mobility Partners (the Developer) requires the NCDOT to compensate the Developer if any future interstate improvement results in a decrease in toll revenues along the planned I-77 HOT lane corridor; and

WHEREAS, Governor McCrory seeks a bond referendum that could fund widening of Interstate 77 (I-77) with general purpose lanes and other ways, including but not limited to legislation for funding general purpose lanes, may exist to secure funds to widen I-77 without a 50 year toll lane contract; and

WHEREAS, the motor sports community, the service and retail industries, as well as other business owners have actively spoken out against the toll lane plan making a compelling case that tolls in I-77 will impair economic development; and

WHEREAS, in recent local media-led polls, it appears that more than 90 percent of our constituents oppose the 50-year toll contract for I-77; and

WHEREAS, the Town has concerns about the failed toll road projects around the world; and

WHEREAS, I-77 could potentially be de-bottlenecked for approximately \$100 million dollars using public funds that citizens have paid for through the gasoline tax, and the toll lane project will cost state taxpayers approximately \$240 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, the toll lane project is forecast to cost approximately \$11 billion (based on Stantec forecast) over 50 years for the drivers in the HOT lanes; and

WHEREAS, I-77 is a primary evacuation route for two nuclear power stations in the event of an accident or terrorist attack, and the fastest, least-intrusive manner to add capacity to I-77 is with general purpose lanes from exit 23 to 36.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the citizens that we represent here in Cornelius, we respectfully ask that the planned 50 year toll contract for Interstate 77 between NCDOT and I-77 Mobility Partners be immediately terminated by NCDOT and the widening of I-77 with general purpose lanes begin as soon as reasonably possible.

Adopted this 1st day of June, 2015.

Charles L. Travis, III, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lori A. Harrell, Town Clerk

William L. Brown, Town Attorney