

## Neighborhood Improvement Program Eastway/Sheffield Project Public Meeting #2

**LOCATION:** Eastern Hills Baptist Church  
4855 Albemarle Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**TIME:** November 29, 2007, 6:30 PM

**PURPOSE:** To present two conceptual alternatives for neighborhood improvements, receive input from residents, and discuss a preferred alternative with the residents of the Eastway/Sheffield neighborhood.

**ATTENDEES:**

**PUBLIC:** Residents of the Eastway/Sheffield Neighborhood.  
See attached sign-in sheet for list of individuals.

**STAFF:** Andy Babson – City of Charlotte (COC) Engineering and Property Management  
Arisa El-Amin – COC Neighborhood Development (ND)  
Steve Frey – COC Storm Water (CSWS)  
Mark Cole Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT)  
Amy Massey – Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KHA)  
Adam Perillo – KHA  
Valerie Foster - KHA

**AGENDA:** See attached overall meeting agenda and presentation.

**DISPLAY:** Five large exhibits at a scale of 1"=250', including an existing conditions map, Citizen Input Summary, Other Scheduled Improvements by City, and two alternatives: Bike Lane/Sidewalk Alternative, and Sidewalk Alternative (11x17 versions attached).

**PRESENTATIONS:**

ENGINEERING & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

- Andy Babson reviewed existing conditions and input from the first public meeting.
- Andy Babson called attention to the mailers with the summary of the first public meeting.
- The budget is just under \$1 million.
  - The budget may be increased as additional resources become available.
- The schedule of the project is 4 years.
- Citizen Comment: Neighborhoods change completely within 4 years.

- Citizen Comment: Has inflation been factored into the cost?
  - Andy Babson: Yes.
- Citizen Comment: Curb and gutter is needed in Medford Acres on Belcross, Langhorn, and Medford. The neighbors here do not want sidewalk.

CONSULTANT:

- Amy Massey, KHA, provided an overview of the input received at the first public meeting and gave a response to issues.
- Amy then presented the proposed alternatives, including ‘Sidewalk’ Alternative and ‘Bike Lane/Sidewalk’ Alternative.
- Citizen Question: If sidewalks and curb and gutter are installed on one side of the road only, when will the other side of the road receive a curb and gutter?
  - Amy Massey and Andy Babson: Citizens can call 311 to request improvements, and then there is a petition process that will need to be completed. At that point, the projects are put on a waiting list.
- Citizen Question: Do utilities determine where sidewalks will be placed?
  - Amy Massey: Yes, and sidewalk placement is also determined by constraints such as existing trees, existing home setbacks, site grading, pedestrian crossings, and connectivity to bus stops.
- Amy then presented information on City-scheduled work that will be coordinated with the NIP work, including sidewalk, street resurfacing, water main replacements, headwall replacements, and sidewalk repair. Also, Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) plans to add a bench and trash can at the Eastway/Woodland bus stop.
- Amy then shared potential work that may be done outside the NIP, including potential traffic calming through the CDOT traffic calming program, potential neighborhood signage and landscaping through Neighborhood Matching Grants, potential landscape maintenance, crime prevention/enforcement through the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, and street lighting improvements through CDOT.
- Amy then provided answers to questions from the first public meeting on traffic safety and storm drainage.
- Citizen Comment: How do we get street lighting fixed or added?
  - Amy Massey: Ed Garber and Claude Shaw should speak with Mark Cole of CDOT about street lighting requests, and all requests should be funneled through one of them to help streamline the process.
- Citizen Comment: A bus shelter with a bench and trash can is needed at the bus stop at Sharon Amity Road and Mega Food Bazaar.
- Citizen Comment: What criteria must a street intersection meet to be closed?
  - Mark Cole went into some explanation of the CDOT decision to keep all three of the US 74 intersections of interest open, based on a review of national standards and the City’s

connectivity policy. Also, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has ultimate jurisdiction over the intersections. The contact for more detailed information is Ashton Watson at CDOT.

- Citizen Comment: Street signs should be displayed telling motorists when road intersections are near.
- Citizen Comment: There needs to be a catch basin on Progress Lane. This area has needed one for the past 32 years.

#### BREAKOUT GROUPS:

- Following the presentations, the residents divided into three groups. The groups reviewed the two alternatives presented and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each with City staff and the consultants. Each individual indicated a preference between the two alternatives by placing a sticker on the map of their choice.
- The groups then came together and one representative from each group spoke about their findings. There were 22 individuals who preferred the Sidewalk Alternative, and five who preferred the Bike Lane/Sidewalk Alternative. See the attached maps showing preference stickers placed on the maps during the break-out groups.
- Further discussion ensued about the alternatives. The five who preferred the Bike Lane/Sidewalk Alternative indicated that although that is still their preference, they would be agreeable to implementation of the Sidewalk Alternative as well. Specific points from the participants included:
  - Doing as many sidewalks as possible is more of a priority than a bike lane, considering that there are many more walkers than bicyclists in the neighborhood, the number of children walking home from school, and low usage of existing bike lanes in the vicinity.
  - Doing the bike lane through this NIP as a major improvement, considering that this may be the only chance to do it— whereas sidewalks may be easier/less expensive to build through other funding sources later on.
- Citizen Question: Will it really take four years for the sidewalks to be built?
  - Andy Babson: Yes, but if there is any way to speed up the schedule it will be done sooner.
- Andy Babson then discussed the next steps for the project. **It was decided among the residents and project team present that there will not be a third meeting with the public because consensus was achieved on implementation of the Sidewalk Alternative.** Also, Andy said that as part of the next phase, the City would like to request donations for the sidewalk easements to help with costs for building the sidewalks as desired by the residents.
- The City project team will communicate with the neighborhood via postcards primarily.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** See attached comment sheets and overall summary of input received.

These comments were prepared by Kimley-Horn and Associates with the intent to capture the main body of discussion with supporting facts and results from the subject meeting. Should your recollection of the events and discussion of this meeting differ, please forward your revisions and/or additions to Valerie Foster (fax 704-333-0845 or email [Valerie.Foster@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Valerie.Foster@kimley-horn.com)) so that she may amend and/or modify this summary to be more accurate. Thank you.







**Neighborhood Improvement Program  
Eastway/Sheffield Project  
Public Meeting**

Thursday, November 29, 2007  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Eastern Hills Baptist Church  
4855 Albemarle Road

**Agenda**

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|---|---------------------------|
| I. Welcome/Purpose (5min)   | E&PM Project Manager      |
| II. Review of Issues from 1 <sup>st</sup> Public Meeting (15 min)   | Consultant                |
| III. Presentation of Project Alternatives (15 min)<br><i>(Public Input, Budget, and Engineering Judgment)</i> | Consultant                |
| IV. Group Review of Alternatives (45 min)   | Residents & Consultant(s) |
| V. Selection of Alternative (20 min)  | Residents                 |
| VI. Wrap up and Next Steps (10 min)   | E&PM Project Manager      |

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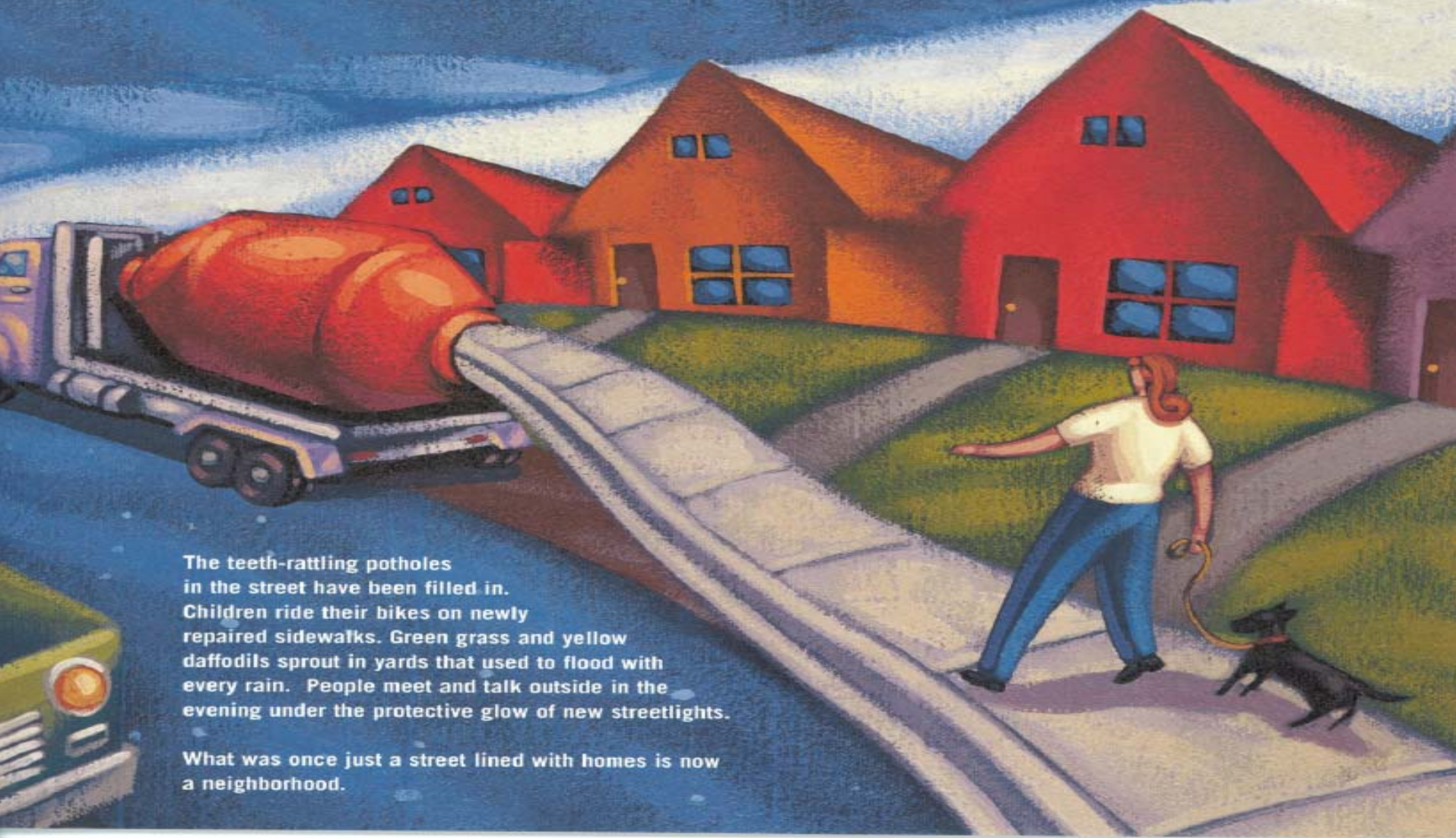
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# Neighborhood Improvement Program...

*Working Together For Better Neighborhoods*



The teeth-rattling potholes in the street have been filled in. Children ride their bikes on newly repaired sidewalks. Green grass and yellow daffodils sprout in yards that used to flood with every rain. People meet and talk outside in the evening under the protective glow of new streetlights.

What was once just a street lined with homes is now a neighborhood.



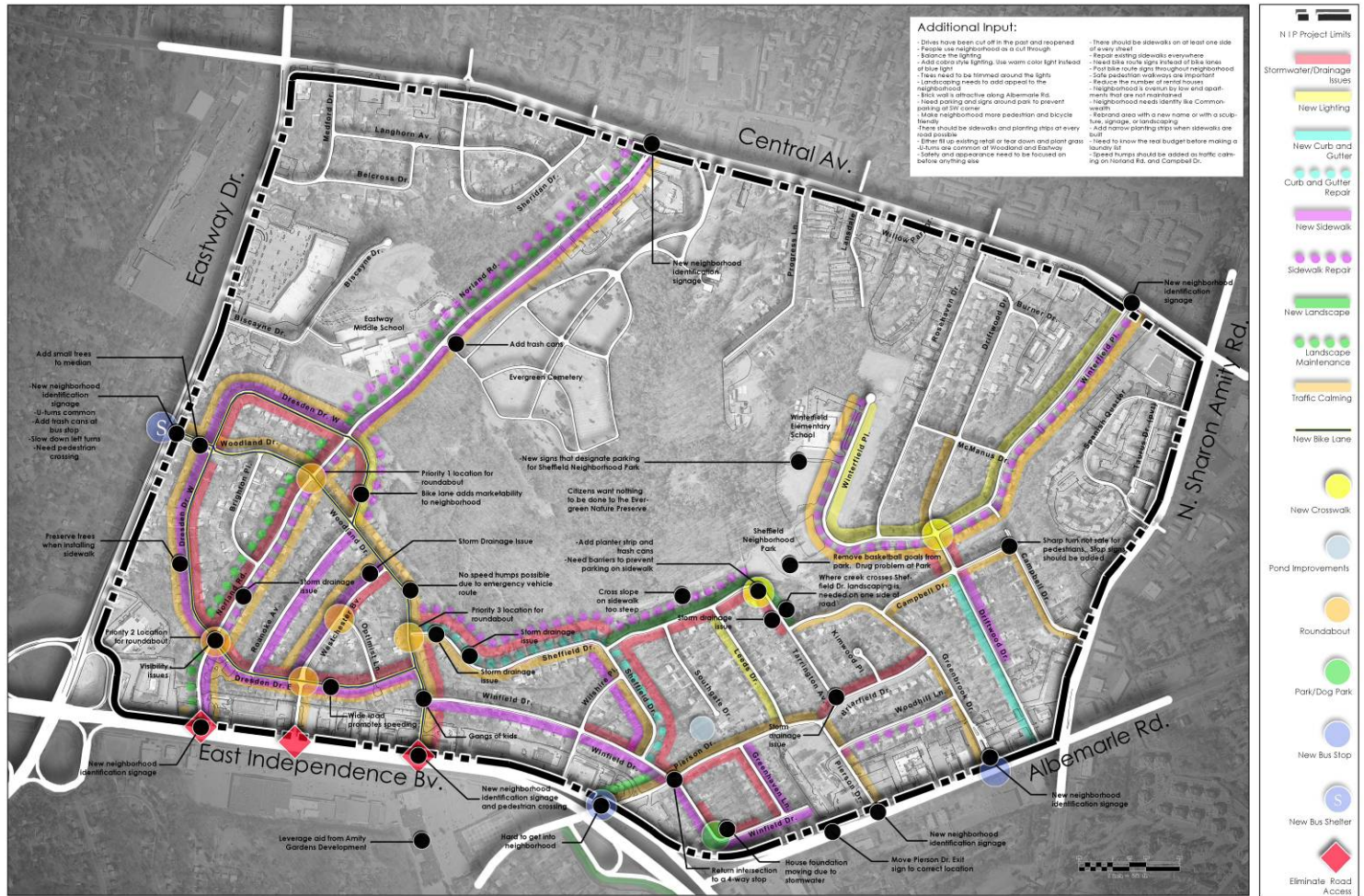
# Welcome/Meeting Purpose

- **Recap: NIP area and scope**
- **Summarize input from first public meeting**
- **Introduce two alternatives**
- **Neighborhood selection of preferred alternative**

# NIP Implementation

- **Overall project implementation is about a 4 year process.**
  - Phase 1 – Planning (1 year)
  - Phase 2 – Design (1 year)
  - Phase 3 – Right of Way Acquisition (1 year)
  - Phase 4 – Construction (1 year)

# What we heard...



**Additional Input:**

- Disks have been cut off in the past and reopened
- People use neighborhood as a cut through
- Balance the lighting
- Add color to the lighting. Use warm color light. Instead of blue light
- There needs to be trimmed around the lights
- Landscape needs to add appeal to the neighborhood
- Use a mix of trees using Albemarle Rd
- Need parking and signs around park to prevent parking of cars
- Make neighborhood more pedestrian and bicycle friendly
- There should be sidewalks and planting strips at every road avenue
- Either fill up existing retail or tear down and plant grass
- Utilities are common at Woodland and Eastway
- Signs and signage need to be focused on before anything else
- There should be sidewalks on at least one side of every street
- Repair existing sidewalks everywhere
- Install bike racks/signs instead of blue lines
- Fast bike route sign throughout neighborhood
- Side pedestrian walkways are important
- Reduce the number of roundabouts
- Use roundabouts a priority by the end of 2018
- Signs that are not redundant
- Neighborhood needs identify like Commonwealth
- Rebrand area with a new name or with a sculptural signage or landscaping
- Add narrow planting strips when sidewalks are built
- Need to know the real budget before making a surplus bid
- Special permits should be added for traffic coming on Historic Rd. and Campbell Dr.

- NIP Project Limits**
- Stormwater/Drainage Issues
  - New Lighting
  - New Curb and Gutter
  - Curb and Gutter Repair
  - New Sidewalk
  - Sidewalk Repair
  - New Landscape
  - Landscape Maintenance
  - Traffic Calming
  - New Bike Lane
  - New Crosswalk
  - Pond Improvements
  - Roundabout
  - Park/Dog Park
  - New Bus Stop
  - New Bus Shelter
  - Eliminate Road Access



# Themes from 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting

- New sidewalk and curb & gutter
- Maintenance: sidewalk, curb & gutter, landscaping
- Storm drainage
- Intersection safety: pedestrian and vehicle
- Traffic calming: speed hump, roundabout, stop sign
- Bike lane and signage
- Neighborhood signage/landscaping, dog park
- Parking and crime prevention at Sheffield Park
- Street lighting: new and maintenance
- Bus stop

# NIP Project Alternatives

- Data collection
  - Public input
  - Project budget
  - Engineering judgment
  - City team collaboration
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- Approved by ND, E&PM, and CDOT

# Sidewalk Alternative



# Bike Lane/Sidewalk Alternative



# Other City Scheduled Improvements

- New sidewalk: Dresden & Roanoke
- Street resurfacing
- Water main replacement
- Headwall replacement
- Sidewalk repair





# Potential work outside NIP

- **Traffic calming:** Traffic circles and stop sign treatment being reviewed by CDOT
- **Neighborhood signage and landscaping, dog park:** Apply for Neighborhood Matching Grant
- **Landscape maintenance (trees, shrubs):** Being reviewed by Landscape Maintenance
- **Crime prevention:** Issues provided to CMPD
- **Street lighting improvements:** Via NA leaders
- **Bus stops:** Being reviewed by CATS

# Answers to other Questions

- **Traffic safety:** CDOT reviewed potential US 74 road closures; determined applicable safety standards met
- **Storm drainage:** Review in relation to curb & gutter improvements

# Next Steps

- Final alternative will be presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> public meeting.
- Project Design Phase will begin.

# Eastway/Sheffield Project Contacts

## ■ Primary Contact – Engineering & Property Management

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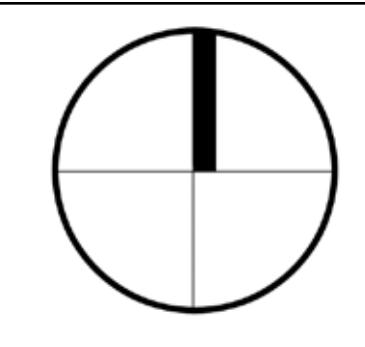
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# Questions



- N I P Project Limits
- Existing Speed Humps
- Existing Crosswalks
- Existing Bus Routes
- Existing Curb and Gutter
- Existing Planting Strip
- Scheduled Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk
- Existing Bike Lane
- Existing Creeks
- Evergreen Nature Preserve
- Developed Park Property
- School Property
- Existing Speed Limit Signage
- Existing Bus Stop
- Most Recent ADT #s
- Existing Stop Signs
- Existing Lightpole
- Priority Calls-C
- Priority Calls-B
- Existing Traffic Signals

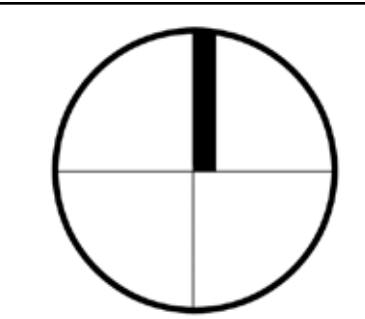




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- Drives have been cut off in the past and reopened
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- Balance the lighting
- Add cobra style lighting. Use warm color light instead of blue light
- Trees need to be trimmed around the lights
- Landscaping needs to add appeal to the neighborhood
- Brick wall is attractive along Albemarle Rd.
- Need parking and signs around park to prevent parking at SW corner
- Make neighborhood more pedestrian and bicycle friendly
- There should be sidewalks and planting strips at every road possible
- Either fill up existing retail or tear down and plant grass
- U-turns are common at Woodland and Eastway
- Safety and appearance need to be focused on before anything else
- Citizens do not want property taken to make room for roundabouts
- There should be sidewalks on at least one side of every street
- Repair existing sidewalks everywhere
- Need bike route signs instead of bike lanes
- Post bike route signs throughout neighborhood
- Safe pedestrian walkways are important
- Reduce the number of rental houses
- Neighborhood is overrun by low end apartments that are not maintained
- Neighborhood needs identify like Commonwealth
- Rebrand area with a new name or with a sculpture, signage, or landscaping
- Add narrow planting strips when sidewalks are built
- Need to know the real budget before making a laundry list
- Speed humps should be added as traffic calming on Norland Rd. and Campbell Dr.

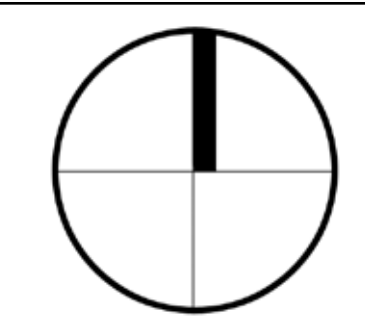
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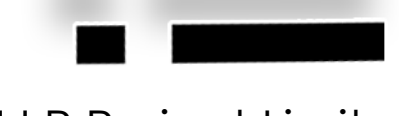

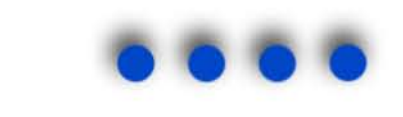




Sidewalk Repair in Progress

- Resurfacing Projects
- Tier 2 Sidewalk Improvements
- Proposed 6" Water Main
- Proposed 2" Water Main
- Proposed 6" PVC/DI Water Main
- Addition of two curb inlets (in front of 3755 and 3761 Dresden Dr.)
- Replacement of storm-water pipe near 2014 Woodlan Dr. (outside of the Right-Of-Way)
- Headwall Replacement
- Possible Traffic Circle Treatment Under Review by CDOT
- Possible Stop Sign Treatment Under Review by CDOT

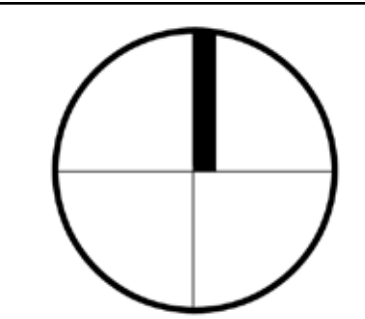
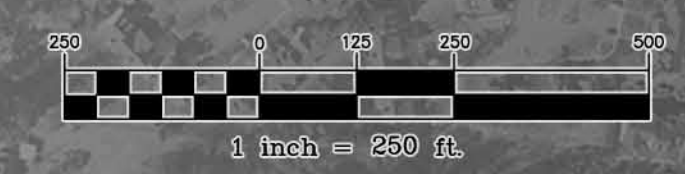
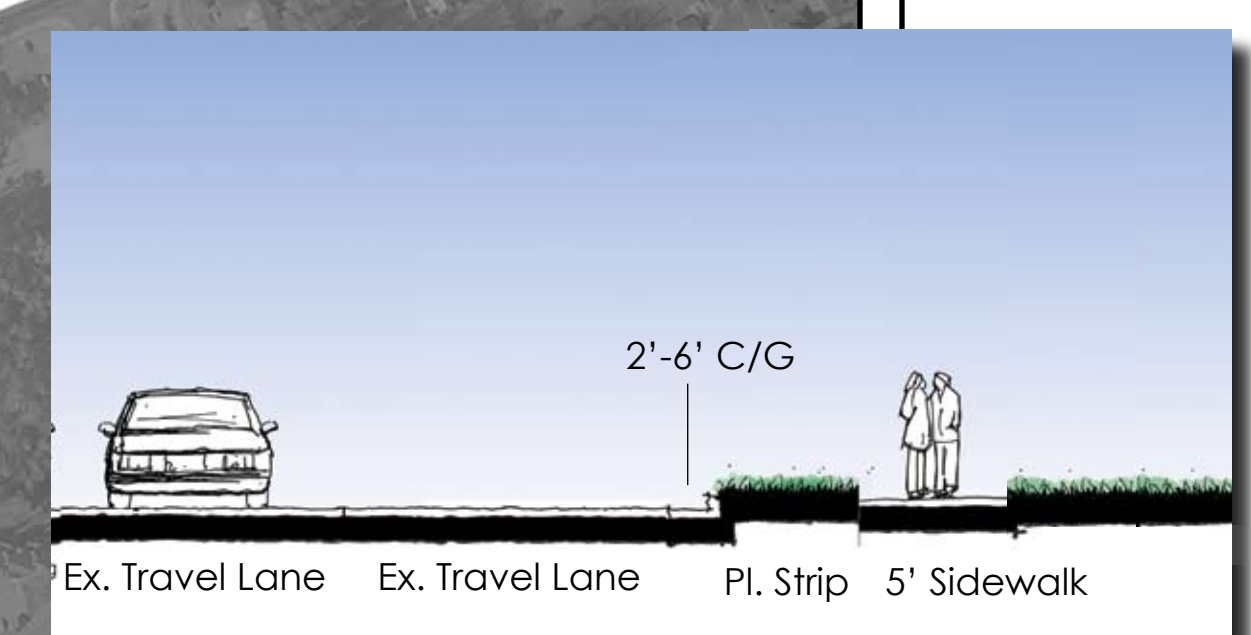






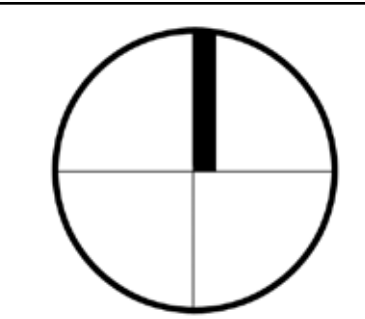
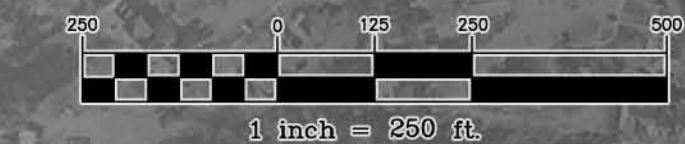
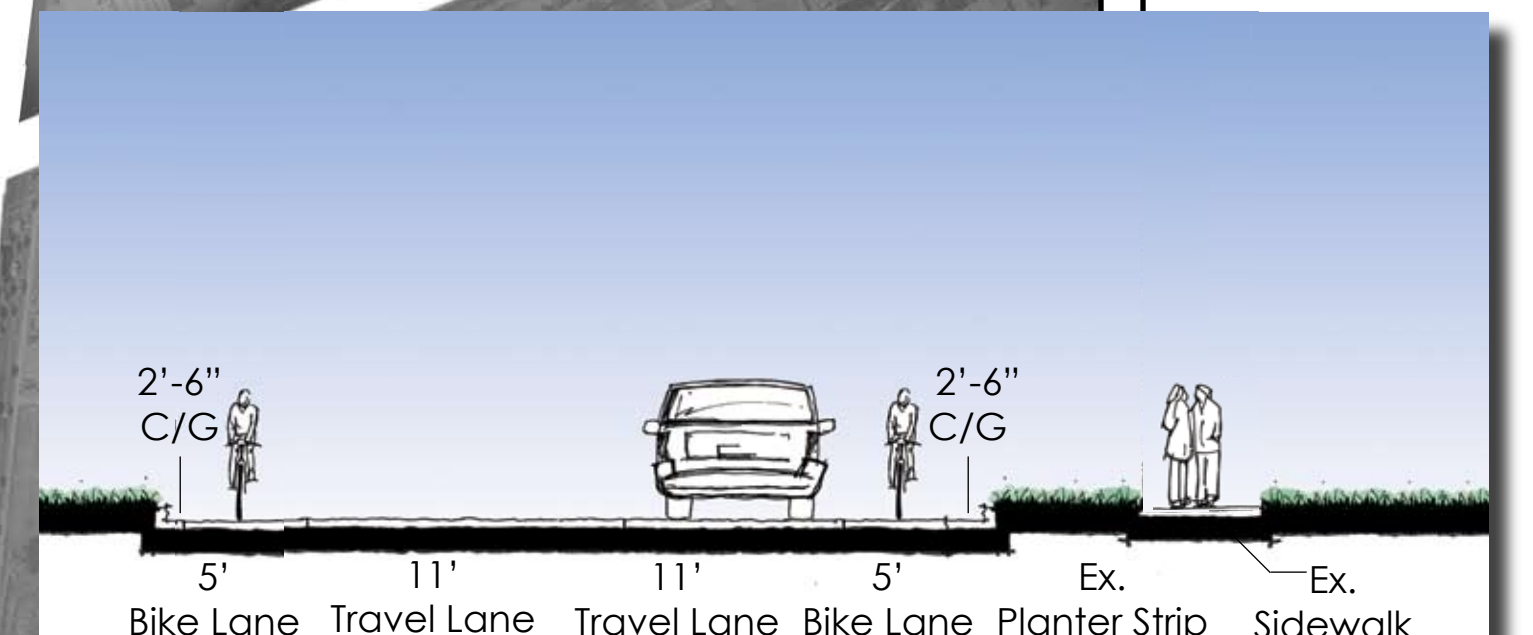
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-  Existing Curb and Gutter
-  Possible Sidewalks
-  Existing Sidewalks
-  Existing Bus Stops

- Sidewalk Considerations**
- Connectivity with existing sidewalks
  - Existing tree canopy
  - House setbacks
  - Grading and retaining walls
  - Pedestrian crossings
  - Connectivity to Bus Stops





- N I P Project Limits
- Possible Traffic Calming (Lane Narrowing)
- Existing Bike Lane
- Possible Bike Lanes with Associated Road Widening
- Possible Bike Route with Associated Signage
- Possible Curb and Gutter
- Existing Curb and Gutter
- Possible Sidewalk
- Existing Sidewalk
- Scheduled Sidewalk





## Neighborhood Improvement Program Eastway/Sheffield Comment Sheet

This form has been provided for those who wish to submit additional comments or questions in writing to the City of Charlotte. Please provide your name and address on this form.

Leave your comments at the sign-in table or mail to the following address:

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Engineering & Property Management  
600 E. Fourth Street  
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Thank you.

Your Name: Camille M. Thomas

Address: 3936 Belcross Dr

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*Representing  
Medford Acres*

Phone No: 704-568-1867

How do you feel about the alternatives presented? \_\_\_\_\_

Medford Acres does not want sidewalks,  
however, for Langhorne, Belcross,  
+ medford drives would like  
curb + gutter matching what is on  
Sherridan Dr.



Eastway/Sheffield NIP Comments Tabulation  
Public Meeting 2, November 29, 2007

Improvement Type	Comment	# of Groups	# of Comment Sheets	Total # of Comments
(See end of spreadsheet for meaning of abbreviations; i.e. DR = Drainage)				(sum of group & individual)
BL	Like the connection to bike lane on Kilbourne	1		1
BU	A bus shelter with a bench and trash can are needed at the bus stop at Sharon Amity Road and Mega Food Bazaar.	1		1
CG	Curb and gutter is needed in Medford Acres on Belcross, Langhorn, and Medford (match Sheridan)		1	1
DR	There needs to be a catch basin on Progress Lane. This area has needed one for the past 32 years.	1		1
LA	The pedestiran connection to Rec Warehouse either needs to be cleaned up or closed off.	1		1
MISC	Parks and Rec will be making improvements to the nature preserve entrance- new parking lot	2		2
MISC	Vacant lot on Central and Winterfield is a problem	1		1
MISC	Apartments across the street are an eyesore and need to be cleaned up	1		1
MISC	Appearance of duplexes along Rosehaven needs to be improved	1		1
MISC	Water pressure issues on Winterfield and Driftwood, especially when the school is washing dishes	1		1
MISC	Do not want biking in the nature preserve	1		1
SC	Campbell Drive needs a connection to Winterfield	1		1
SC	Street signs should be displayed telling motorists when road intersections are near.	1		1
SW	Move proposed sidewalk location to other side of Roanoke	1		1
SW	Do not put sidewalk in Medford		1	1
SW	Sidewalk needs to be cleaned up near Eastway Middle School	1		1
SW	Put sidewalk on Rosehaven instead of Winfield	1		1
SW	Walkers are more important than bikers	1		1
TC	People do not speed on Norland because police sit there	1		1

- DR = Drainage
- SW = Sidewalk
- CG = Curb and Gutter
- BU = Bus
- BL = Bike Lane
- SC = Street Connection
- TC = Traffic Calming
- SL = Street and Pedestrian Lighting
- LA = Landscaping
- MISC = Miscellaneous Comments