

ELIZABETH AVENUE BUSINESS CORRIDOR PROJECT

The Elizabeth Avenue Business Corridor Project will create an environment that stimulates re-development and favors the pedestrian and transit. The Elizabeth Avenue Business Corridor Project is a collaborative effort between the City of Charlotte, Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) and Grubb Properties.

Elizabeth Avenue is a busy corridor accommodating both motorist and pedestrian traffic. The Elizabeth Avenue Business Corridor Project will reduce Elizabeth Avenue from three to two lanes from Kings Drive to Hawthorne Lane in order to create a pedestrian friendly "main street" environment through CPCC and the mixed use project development by Grubb Properties. The future corridor will accommodate pedestrians, bicycles, streetcar and bus transit options.

As you can see, new development is already occurring on Elizabeth Avenue. Grubb Properties is developing a new mixed-use environment from Hawthorne Lane to Charlottetowne Avenue, which will include retail shopping on the street level with office/residential above. Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC) is redeveloping the community college from Kings Drive to Charlottetowne Avenue, by replacing the obsolete buildings with architecturally styled brick buildings to give the campus a more traditional collegiate look.

The following improvements will be constructed as part of the Elizabeth Avenue Business Corridor project:

- Relocation of curbs to create one lane in each direction with turn lanes at signalized intersections, bike lanes between Kings Drive and Charlottetowne Avenue and on-street parking between Charlottetowne Avenue and Hawthorne Lane
- Installation of track foundation, tracks and catenary poles for future streetcar service
- Installation of wider sidewalks, tree plantings, street lighting, pedestrian-scale lighting and steel poles and mast arms for traffic signals
- Increasing water and sewer line capacity for future development
- · Relocation of overhead utilities to an underground ductbank

Construction of the Elizabeth Avenue Business Corridor Project will begin in December 2007. Our goal for the duration of this project is to minimize the impact of construction on businesses, citizens and commuters. Unfortunately, periodic and permanent lane and road closures will be necessary in order to complete this project. Shown on the reverse side of this postcard are a variety of ways City staff will disseminate important traffic information.

Online

- Log onto **charmeck.org**, click on **Departments**, **Engineering & Property Management**, **Elizabeth Avenue Business Corridor Project** for the latest construction information and associated traffic flow changes.
- Get construction updates by email. Log onto the Elizabeth Avenue Business Corridor webpage and click on Notify Me.

On the Phone

- Call 704-336-3605 to speak with Engineering & Property Management
- Construction Project Coordinator Christopher Jiles.

 Call 704-336-4639 to speak with Engineering & Property Management Project
 - Manager Tom Russell, P.E.

 Call 704432-3030 to speak with Charlotte Area Transit (CATS) representativ
- Call 704-432-3030 to speak with Charlotte Area Transit (CATS) representative Kiera Terrell (for streetcar questions).

Direct to You

- Postcards, door hangers and other notifications will be mailed and/or delivered
 to properties most directly impacted by construction to give residents and
 businesses advance information about planned projects in their immediate area.
- Message boards and signage will help motorists and pedestrians navigate construction-related changes to traffic flow, driveway access, pedestrian walkways and bus stops.

In the News

Local media will be given information on the progress, current impacts and what
to expect in the near future.

We appreciate your patience as we build this project and continue to

make Charlotte a great place to live, work and play.



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