

Transportation Staff Meeting

August 1, 2012
2:00 PM
CMGC 601

AGENDA

1. TIP Project P-5200: Thrift Depot (Craig Newton, NCDOT)

Description:

The TCC is being asked to consider a request by NCDOT to allocate \$800,000 in Enhancement funds, matched with \$200,000 in state funds, for a project to relocate and stabilize the vacant Thrift depot along the former P&N Railroad line in northeast Charlotte. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission will manage and maintain the completed project. The structure is the last remaining P&N depot in Mecklenburg County. MUMPO would have to amend its TIP in order for the project to advance.

Attachments: Maps, Budget Estimate Request, Letter from CSXT

2. NCRRT Double Track Project Update (Gibbs)

Description:

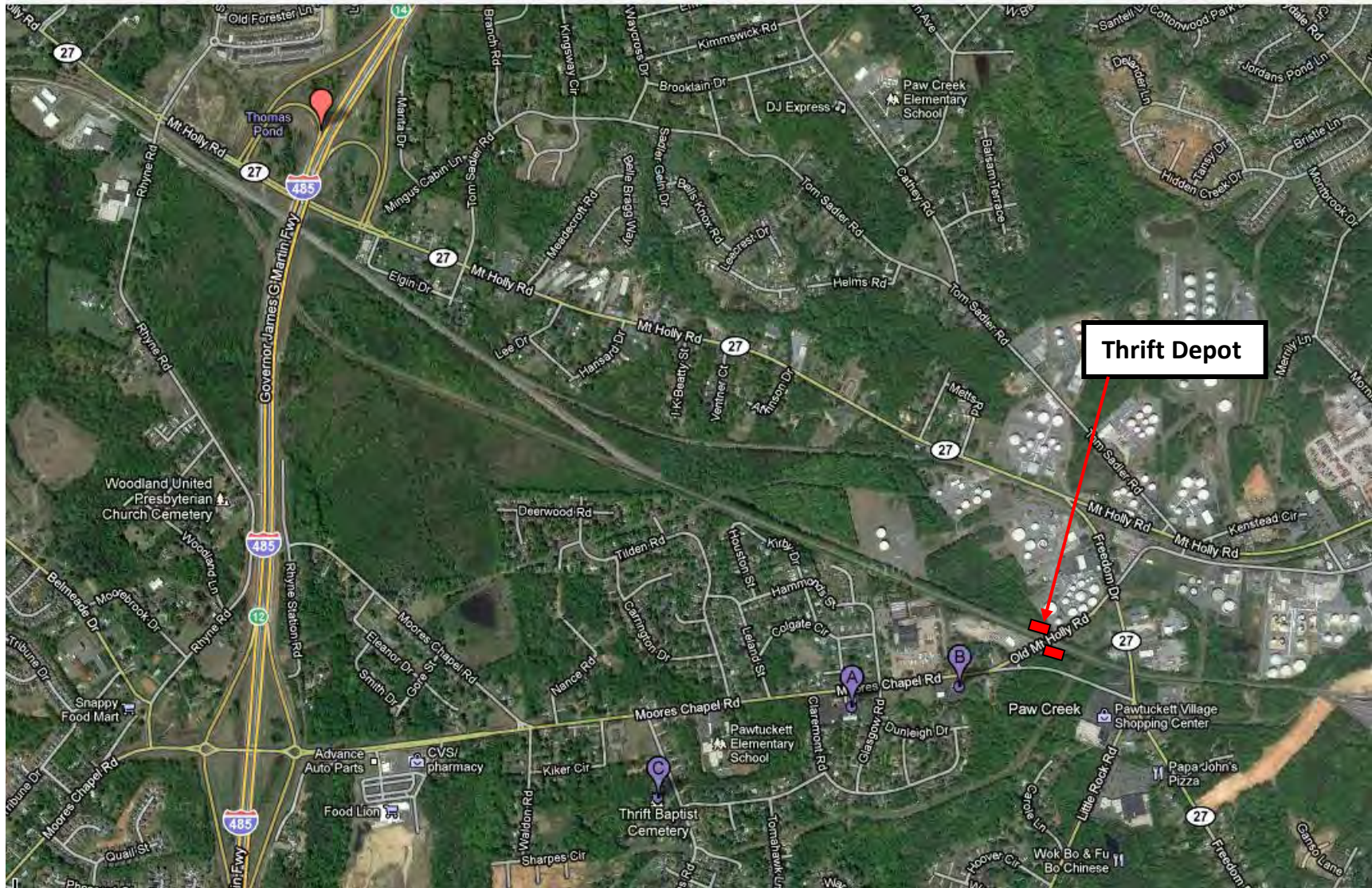
NCDOT's high-speed rail project will include new or rebuilt dual tracks between Greensboro and Charlotte. Negotiations are continuing for NCDOT to build a new railroad bridge over the future extension of Eastern Circumferential Road in exchange for closing the Back Creek Church Road and Orr Road crossings. CDOT staff met with NCDOT representatives on July 27 in Albemarle to discuss funding and project concerns for the proposed Eastern Circumferential Road which will go under the railroad near NC 49. Outstanding issues will be attempted to be resolved in August.

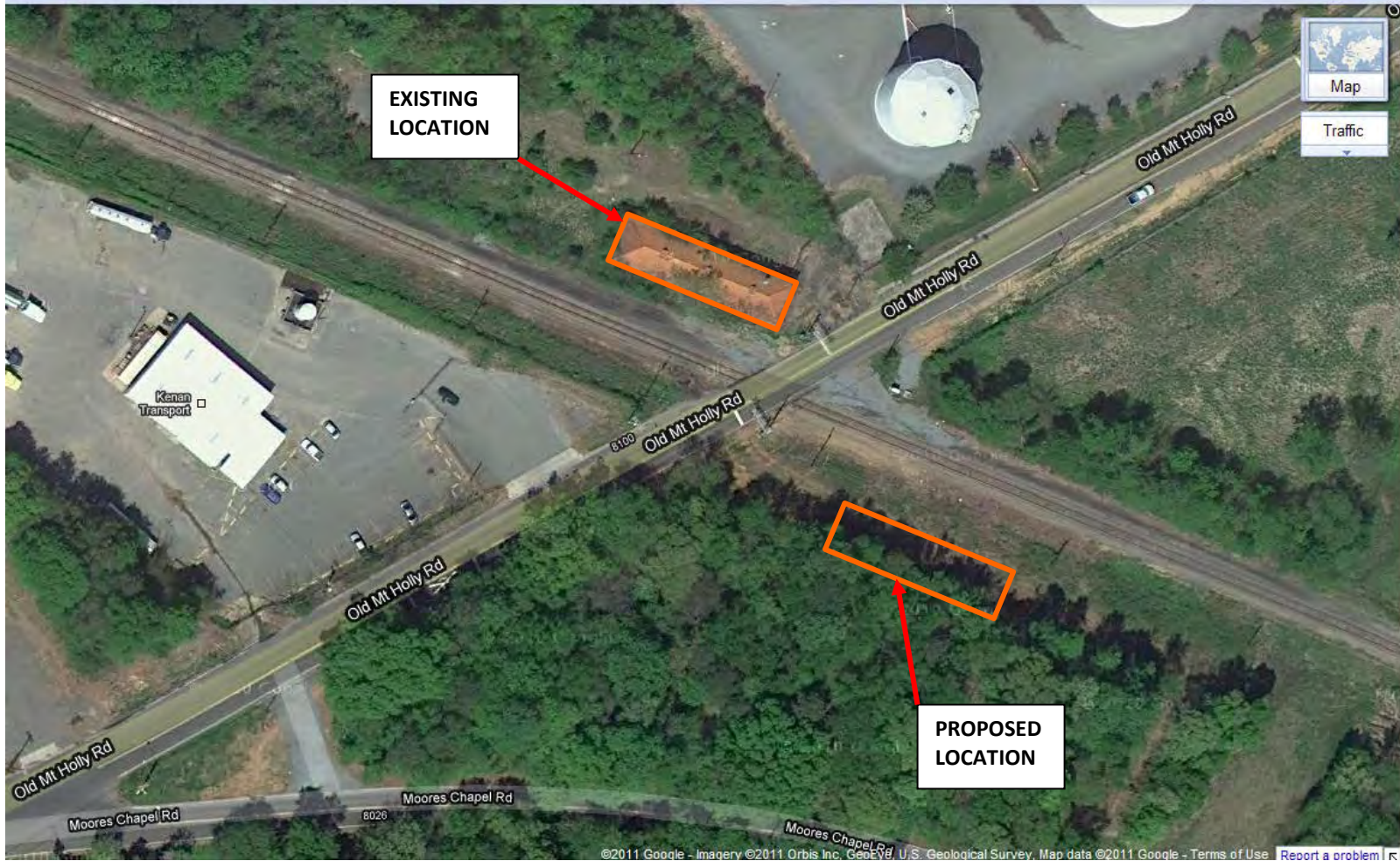
3. TIP Project I-5507: I-485, from I-77 to US 74 (Cook)

Description:

This project is proposed to add one express lane in each direction along I-485 south between I-77 and US 74 (Independence Boulevard). MUMPO's TIP will need to be amended to reflect that this project will be partially funded with Mobility Funds. A conformity determination and LRTP amendment are not necessary for this project as it was accounted for in the recent action taken by MUMPO at its June meeting.

Access number: 704-432-5485





**REQUEST FOR BUDGET ESTIMATE
FOR
RELOCATION OF HISTORIC THRIFT (NC) DEPOT
May 11, 2011**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division, in conjunction with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC), is soliciting budget estimates for transporting the historic Thrift Depot from its present location to a vacant parcel nearby. The estimate will be combined with other project costs to secure funding for property acquisition and relocation.

1. The Thrift Depot was built in 1912, and is approximately 112 feet long by 22 feet wide. The freight area is a couple of feet higher than the passenger area and there is a ramp connecting the two (Exhibit A).
2. The Depot likely has a brick foundation, and the walls are constructed of standard brick up to the water table. From that point up, the walls are a single course of hollow brick blocks (see Exhibit B). The freight area is over a crawl space (Exhibit C). The ticketing area has wood flooring which sits directly on a sand foundation. The passenger waiting area is a slab on grade. The roof is stick built framing with board decking, and terra cotta tile.
3. The Depot is currently owned by CSX Transportation, which has filed paperwork to demolish the structure after an obligatory 12 month waiting period. CSX is cooperating with the NCDOT and HLC effort to relocate the Depot.
4. NCDOT and HLC are considering acquiring a vacant parcel southeast of the Depot (Exhibit D). Photos from the destination property appraisal are included at the end of this document. The estimate should assume the final destination is as shown on the Exhibit. The Depot would be rotated 180 degrees in addition to being relocated.
5. NCDOT prefers that as much of the structure as possible be moved intact, with the exception of the concrete slab at the passenger waiting area. It is also preferable that the structure be cut along a single horizontal plane along its full length and width.
6. The estimate does not need to include the following: clearing vegetation at the existing or new sites, site preparation costs at the new site, new foundations or flooring, stabilization or repair work except as necessary to move the structure, railroad expenses related to insurance, engineering and inspections, or flagging.

Estimates may be submitted as follows, though email is preferred. **If possible, please submit an estimate by June 3, 2011.**

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7. The estimate should include as much of the following information as possible:
 - a. Budget estimate.
 - b. A description of vehicles and equipment to be utilized, including to transport and lifting equipment.
 - c. Method of stabilizing the Depot during transport.
 - d. Work schedule showing duration of tasks required for preparation, moving, and lowering.



EXHIBIT A



Subject THRIFT (NC) DEPOT PLAN
Project _____ Location _____
Prepared by CMN Date 5.10.11 RR _____
Checked by _____ Date _____ MP _____ Sheet _____ of _____

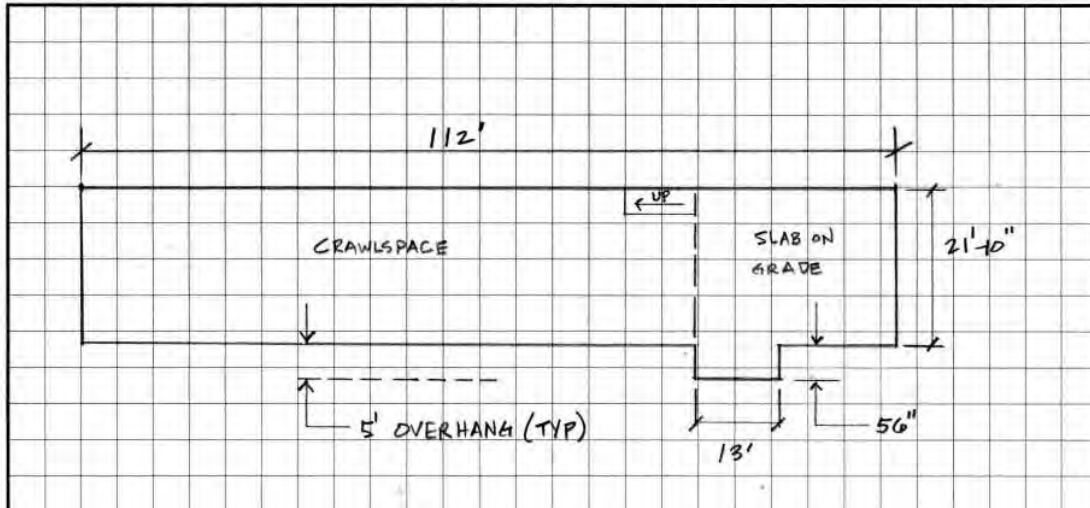


EXHIBIT B



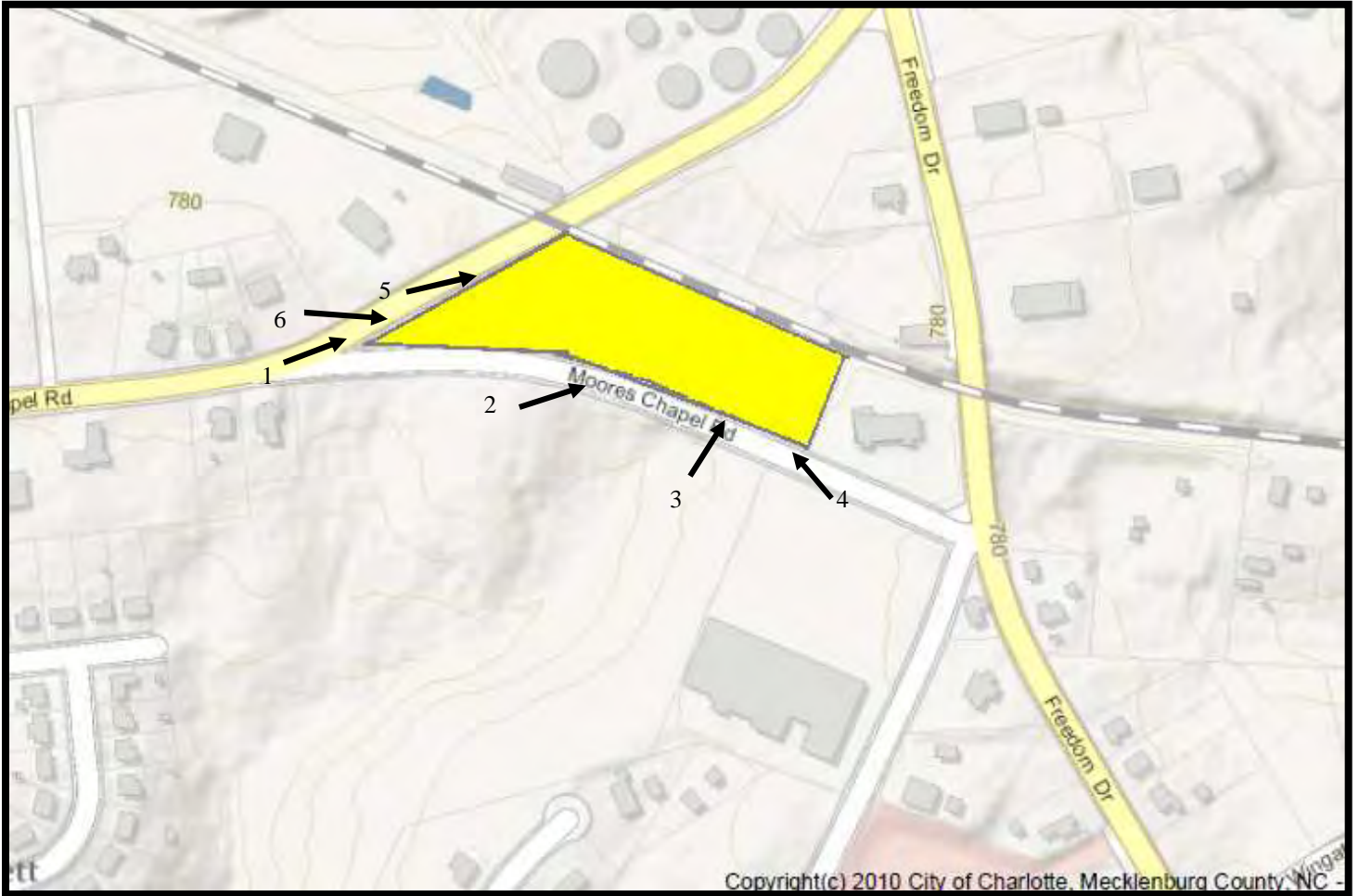
EXHIBIT C



EXHIBIT D



PHOTOGRAPH LOCATIONAL MAP



PHOTOGRAPHS

All photos taken by M. Long on March 1, 2011.



#1

View westernmost corner of subject looking east.



#2

View of southern side of subject looking northeast.



#3

View subject looking northeast from Moores Chapel Road.



#4

View of subject from Moores Chapel Road looking northwest.



#5

View of northwestern side of subject looking northeast.



#6

View of intersection of Moores Chapel and Old Mt. Holly Road looking east.



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Re: Thrift Depot

Dear Dan and Allan:

This letter is a follow up to the ongoing discussions between your respective agencies and CSX, regarding the Thrift Depot in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. We recognize the importance of preserving the depot to the community and appreciate your recognition of our concerns about allowing a public use of the depot in its present location.

Based on our conversation, all parties, CSX, NC DOT and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, will continue to work together to move the depot from its current site to a site more suitable for public use. At this time, CSX is not willing to make a financial contribution to the project. However, at the appropriate time, we will be glad to discuss assisting with flagging costs to move the depot.

Given the ongoing nature of these discussions, CSX is willing to suspend our efforts to demolish the depot and, once a site has been acquired on which to locate the depot, work with your agencies to convey the depot to the appropriate party. CSX also asks that the depot be removed within 30 days of conveyance and that such relocation is coordinated with local operating and engineering departments of CSX, so that adequate flagman protection is provided. It is our hope that such relocation can occur before July 31, 2012. We do have some rail related reuses of the property that are based upon this date.

We look forward to continued discussions regarding this project and to working with both of you to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Kevin Hurley

cc: John Dillard