Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes April 25, 2013

The Matthews Transportation Advisory Committee met in regular session at the Public Works Facility. Members present were Chairman Bill Stevens, Eric Moore, George Sottilo, and Joe Pata. Also present were Ben Taylor of Kimley Horn and Ralph Messera, Public Works Director.

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Mr. Pata moved that the minutes of the March 28 meeting be approved, seconded by Mr. Sottilo and passed.

Mr. Messera updated the committee on the conversations that the Board has been having both in respect to the S. Trade Street project and the connectivity projects. He provided the committee with the connectivity project material that had been prepared by Davenport Engineering with project maps and costs.

The committee discussed various options for only doing segments rather then the whole project, but was concerned that segments improvements would only marginally improve the situation, while leaving the choke points in place. Mr. Taylor indicated that it would be possible to do an informal "Synchro" analysis of the corridor leaving the two lane sections in place.

Mr. Taylor also pointed out that doing segments is no where near as simple as it sounds, for example even a small project might require taking storm drain pipes all the way down to the creek, pipes that might requiring relocating in the future, in effect wasting that money. In addition, the environmental agencies might feel that this is a "new" project, bringing under the new PCO rules.

The committee discussed the proposed rezoning on the Erickson property and what effect that would have in the corridor if left un-improved. A rough estimate is that full build out of that project could add another 1,000 VPD to the corridor.

There were no firm conclusions reached regarding segmenting the project, other then supporting the full project as the Committees priority. Mr. Messera reminded the committee of the Board meeting to be held on May 13 when the project will again come up for discussion.

Mr. Messera then discussed the proposed subdivision off of Reverdy Lane, and the request of the developers for a variance from the Subdivision Ordinance to not make the required stub out and future connection to the planned adjacent subdivision in Charlotte. Mr. Pata, an alternate on the Planning Board, told the committee about the discussion the Planning Board had and their 4-3 vote to support the variance. This is in opposition to the policy requiring connectivity where possible. Mr. Stevens moved that the Committee go on record opposing the granting of the variance and requiring the future connection, seconded by Mr. Sottilo and passed.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Ralph S. Messera, Committee Secretary