



City Council Policy Retreat

Monday, October 2, 2006
Room 267

5:00 p.m. Dinner

5:15 p.m. Policing in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chief Stephens

Police Chief Darrel Stephens will present an overview of the approaches that CMPD takes in policing the community. The presentation will include:

- The evolution of policing in Charlotte
- The range of policing techniques employed
- The impact of police initiatives
- Challenges in policing this community

Policing in Charlotte-Mecklenburg combines the elements of traditional policing (enforcement, rapid response to emergencies) with contemporary policing techniques such as problem solving partnerships and prevention and intervention initiatives.

Contemporary policing techniques establish strong relationships between police officers and the citizens in their assigned areas and emphasize building a safe city as the responsibility of the entire community. Citizen surveys indicate strong understanding of and support for problem solving approaches to crime and disorder issues.

6:30 p.m. South Corridor Light Rail Project Briefing Ron Tober

CATS CEO Ron Tober will present information on the status of the Project budget and the status of staff's work with the FTA to arrive at an Estimate at Completion (EAC) for the Project's costs. The presentation will include information on upcoming Council contracting actions that will be needed to help insure that the Project will be completed within the date required by the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) with the FTA or by December 31, 2007. These actions will address contractor delay claims and schedule acceleration and will fund additional engineering resources needed to process design changes and corrections quickly to help avoid schedule delays.

CATS and Engineering and Property Management staff participated in a two day workshop on September 26 and 27 with the FTA's Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC) to review all line items in the FFGA Budget and to assign risk factors and contingencies to each line item. The workshop also reviewed in detail the proposed schedule for completing the remaining construction to assess any risks related thereto. The PMOC will then report the results of the workshop to the FTA who will then advise CATS staff on what the FTA would consider to be an acceptable EAC for the Project with a reasonable level of risk.

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

