

Post Office Box 1748  
Gastonia, North Carolina 28053  
Phone (704) 866-6980

150 South York Street  
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052  
Fax (704) 869-1960

## Memorandum

**To:** Peyton Ratchford, CZO. Planner II. Building & Development Services  
**From:** Julio Paredes, AICP, Planner  
**Date:** May 1, 2023  
**Subject:** TRC Review - Parcel #307957 – Will Rhyne Rd- GCLMPO Site Plan Review

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on a proposed rezoning within the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) planning area. My comments are based on review of the site in accordance with the adopted Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The site is located at Parcel ID# 307957. On behalf of the GCLMPO, I offer the following comments:

1. According to the 2020-2029 STIP, there are no funded transportation improvement projects in the immediate vicinity of this site.
2. A proposed unfunded Boulevard Improvement to Lower Dallas Hwy is included in the MPO's CTP, to include bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The typical cross section for a five-lane divided road involves a minimum of 100 ft. right-of-way. The existing right-of-way along Lower Dallas Hwy is 60 ft.

The CTP does not include specific transportation projects or improvement schedules, but instead represents the status or completeness of the comprehensive transportation system that may be required to support anticipated growth and development.

By establishing the region's future transportation needs, the CTP offers an organized way to identify, and eventually prioritize, the transportation projects that may be built in the communities within the GCLMPO area.

CTP projects shown as "Needs Improvement" or "Recommended" could become a funded project in the future, part of a development project, or may never become a funded project.



---

Post Office Box 1748  
Gastonia, North Carolina 28053  
Phone (704) 866-6980

150 South York Street  
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052  
Fax (704) 869-1960

3. Please note that for any site plan that requires a driveway permit on an NCDOT roadway, or is adjacent to NCDOT roadways, the property owner/developer should work with NCDOT on any required driveway permits or any TIA requirements.

If you have any questions regarding my comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 704-866-6980 or [juliop@cityofgastonia.com](mailto:juliop@cityofgastonia.com).