

May 11, 2011

Property Address:

Subject: Greenville Intermodal Transportation Center Property Update #7

Dear :

In keeping you informed of developments related to the Greenville Intermodal Transportation Center, the following information was reported to the City Council on May 11, 2011.

Staff received notification from its consultants, Martin/Alexiou/Bryson, that the Federal Transportation Administration approved the City's Intermodal Transportation Center Environmental Assessment report. The 30-day public comment period, which began on April 11, ends today. During that period, one written citizen comment was received. While the individual's comments were not directly related to the Environmental Assessment, staff responded to the individual's concerns. A copy of the inquiry and staff's response is attached.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 252-329-4432 or tmoton@greenvillenc.gov.

Kindest regards,

Thomas M. Moton, Jr.
Assistant City Manager

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Enclosure

cc: www.greatnc.com
Wayne Bowers, City Manager
Wes Anderson, Director of Public Works
Mayor and City Council Members
Public Transportation and Parking Commission

Thom Moton

From: Thom Moton
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 5:34 PM
To: Chris Cooper
Cc: Thom Moton; Beverly Garrett; Nancy Harrington; Wes Anderson
Subject: RE: Greenville ITC - Comment Response

Expires: Monday, January 30, 2012 12:00 AM

Mr. Cooper,

Thank you for your email.

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your intermodal transportation center comments. Written comments about the intermodal transportation Center will be evaluated and considered at the end of the City's Intermodal Transportation Center Environmental Assessment report comment period. Your email expresses thoughts on some issues that are related and some that are unrelated to the intermodal transportation center. However, I will try to respond to your comments, at least to the extent possible at this time.

Affordable Rental/Kings Arms

I regret you feel that affordable student housing is lacking in the city. I think there continues to be affordable rental housing in Greenville; albeit, the housing may not be where it could have been found 10 years ago. An improved and more efficient transportation system will benefit individuals such as you who do not own a personal vehicle.

I think there is a positive benefit to the Province development that replaced Kings Arm apartments. While many Kings Arm residents were law-abiding, substantial criminal elements and criminal activities occurred at the Kings Arm apartments. There were so many issues involving illegal activity occurring that the City Attorney's Office had initiated a rarely used legal procedure to close the apartment complex because of all the criminal activity emanating from the Kings Arm apartments.

ITC Location and Cotanche Traffic/Relocation

Both GREAT and ECUSTA bus operations already traverse Evans and Cotanche streets today; the opening of the facility is not expected to significantly increase traffic in that area and constructing the facility there can help spur pedestrian oriented roadway improvements. Also, a transit facility located close to ECU will provide students, staff, visitors and faculty an alternative to driving to and from campus.

Relative to your comments about the notice you receive to relocate from Kings Arm apartments, I can assure you will have substantially much more notice than 3 weeks to relocate, if the project proceeds with acquisition of the Campus Walk apartments. As a Campus Walk resident at the time an offer to purchase is made, you will be entitled to relocation and assistance benefits. The City must provide those services to tenants in accordance to federal regulations, unlike the developers of The Province.

Kindest regards,

Thom Moton
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City of Greenville

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From: Chris Cooper [mailto:doczoom@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2011 10:48 AM
To: Thom Moton
Subject: Greenville ITC

Dear Mr. Morton,

I received your letter regarding the Greenville ITC Saturday and I have some concerns. I lived in King's Arms for 12 years and a year ago or so, the city council rezoned the whole area so The Province could be built, wiping out two apartment complexes and several houses. I moved into Campus Walk Apartments last August after spending two months living with relatives and friends while searching for a new place to live. (the developers only gave us 3 weeks to relocate). Now it appears that I'll have to start looking for affordable housing near campus all over again. I work for ECU and don't own a car so finding an affordable place to live within a few blocks of campus is rather difficult. At the rate the city is going, any and all affordable housing near campus will disappear. There were some affordable townhouses near downtown (and behind Ham's) but they're all deserted now since ECU bought them all up and are considering putting a parking deck there (at least that's what I was told). Not everyone can afford the \$600+ a month most places somewhat near campus charge. Also, I've looked over the potential plans for the ITC and I'm wondering how putting it in the desired location won't make Cotanche and Evans more of a traffic snarl than it already is. Cotanche Street is hard enough to cross most of the time but funneling more bus and taxi traffic through that area will make it even more difficult. I have the feeling that I'm wasting my time even writing this since the plan for the ITC is well on it's way and Greenville has already proven that they're more interested in progress than people.

Sincerely,

William C. Cooper

Lead me not into temptation, just point me in the general direction and I'll find it myself.