



Rail Trail/I-277 Pedestrian Bridge Update

June 4, 2018



Items to Discuss

- Rail Trail background
- Opportunity to connect Rail Trail to Center City
- Funding Strategy

Timeline

- 2004 City value engineers I-277 pedestrian bridge out due to cost
- 2006-2018 Rail bridge closes to bikes/pedestrians and used for light rail
- 2018 Opportunity to connect Rail Trail to Center City

Plans & Policy Support

- Center City 2020 Vision Plan
- Center City Transportation Plan
- Rail Trail Master Plan
- South End Vision Plan

Rail Trail is an important pedestrian and bicycle route



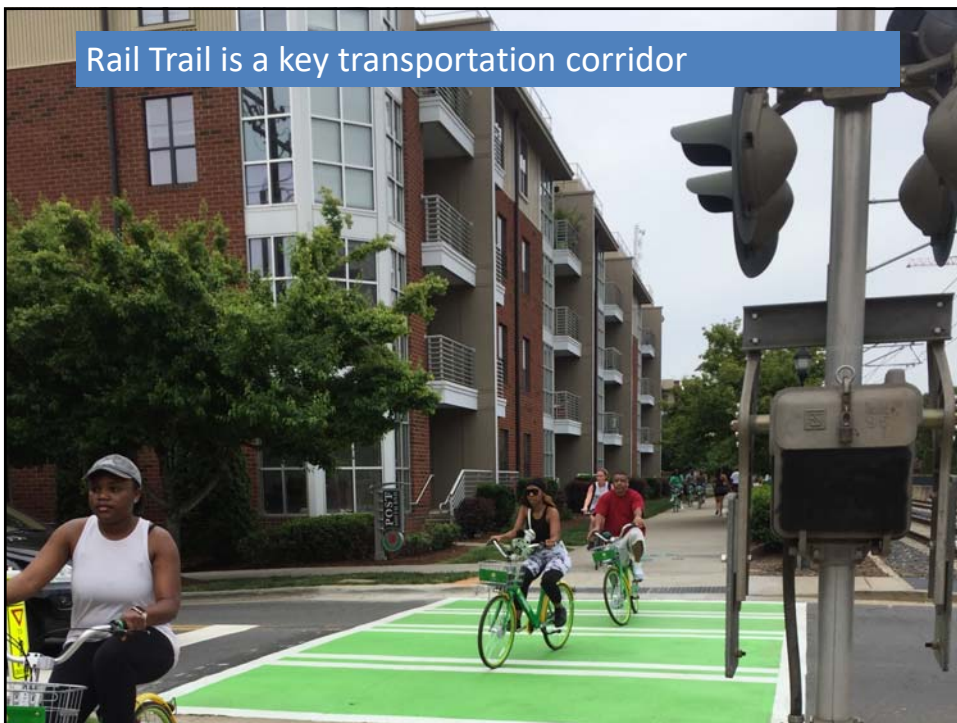
Rail Trail offers transportation choices and an alternative to busy parallel streets



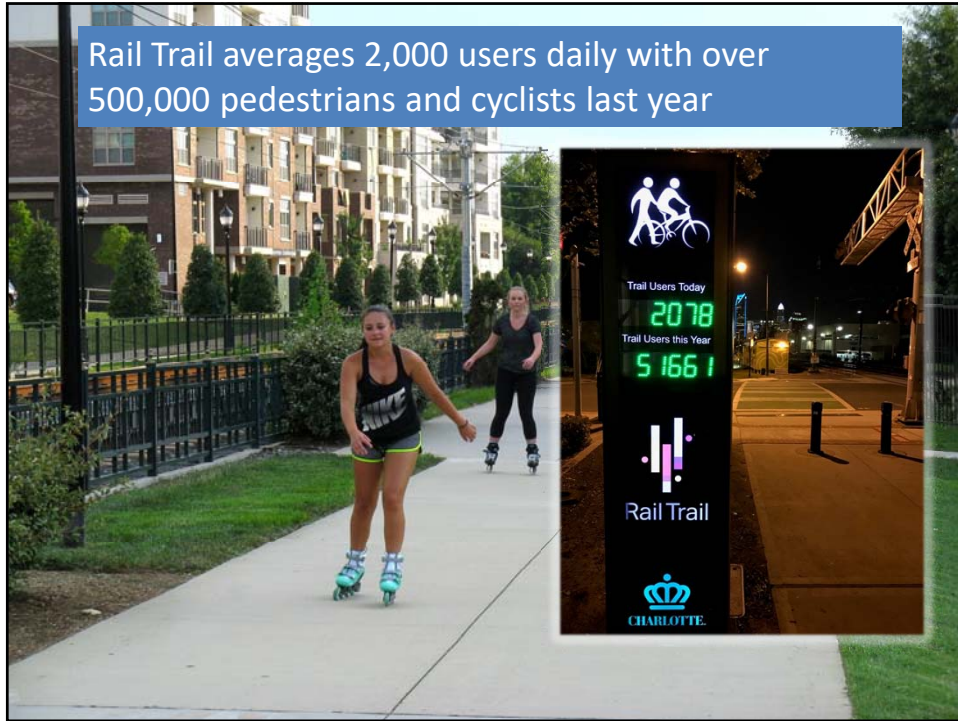
Rail Trail is an economic magnet



Rail Trail is a key transportation corridor



Rail Trail averages 2,000 users daily with over 500,000 pedestrians and cyclists last year



Rail Trail connects people to shopping and entertainment destinations





Rail Trail provides iconic spaces and views of Charlotte

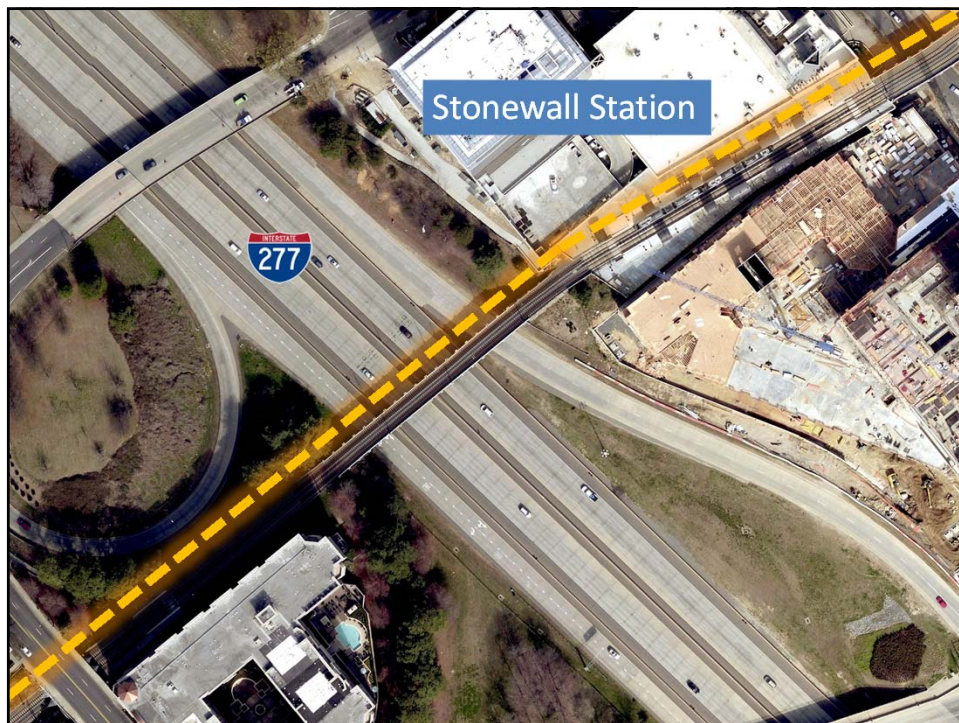
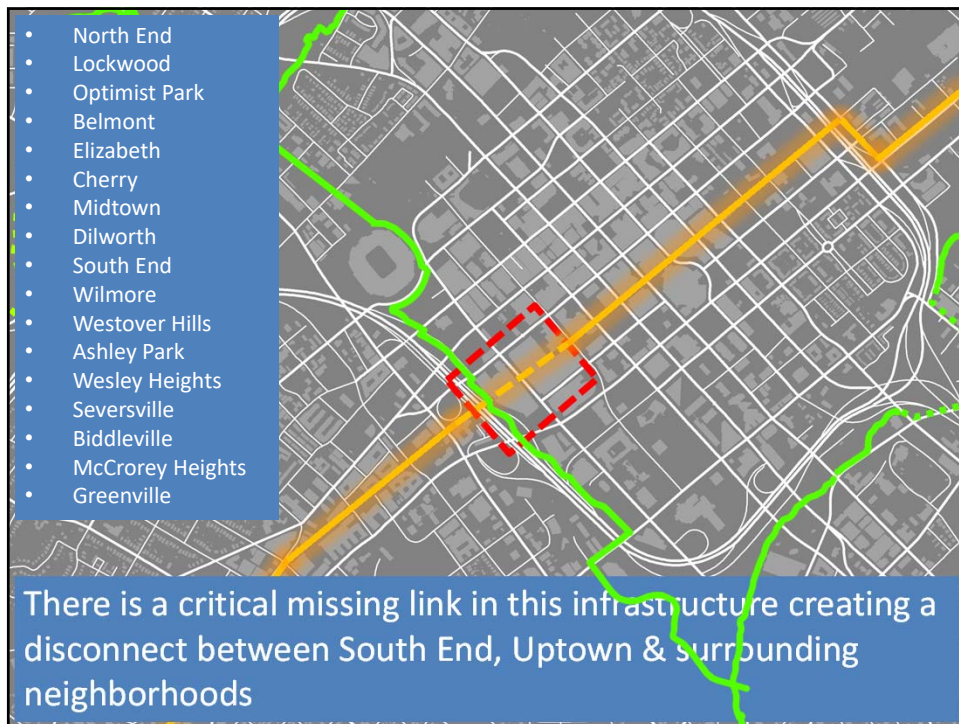


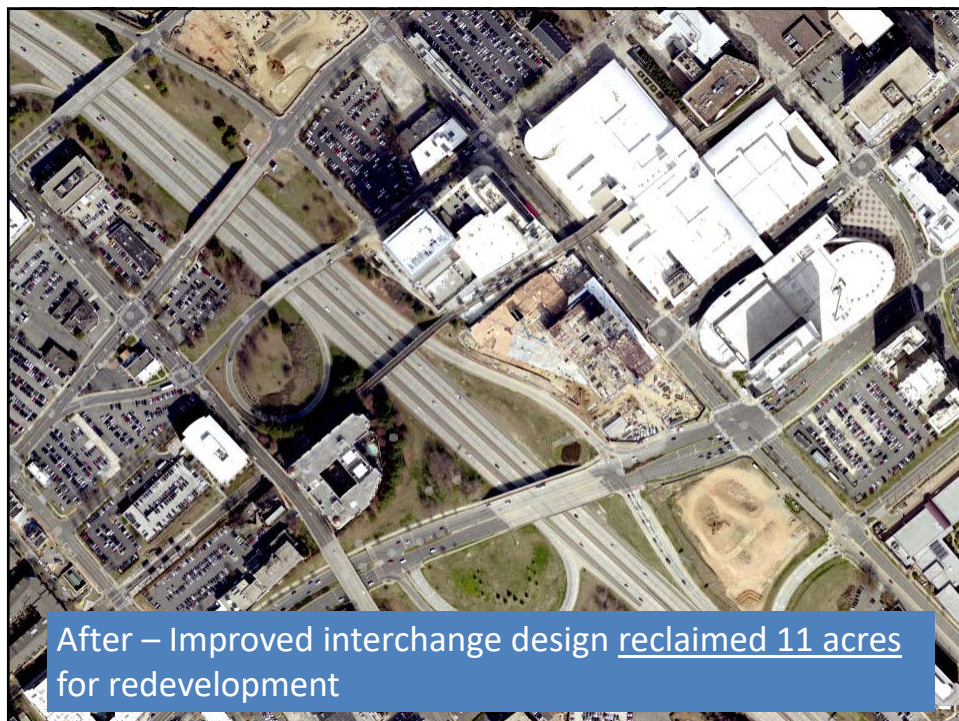
Rail Trail connects our residents & stitches together numerous neighborhoods

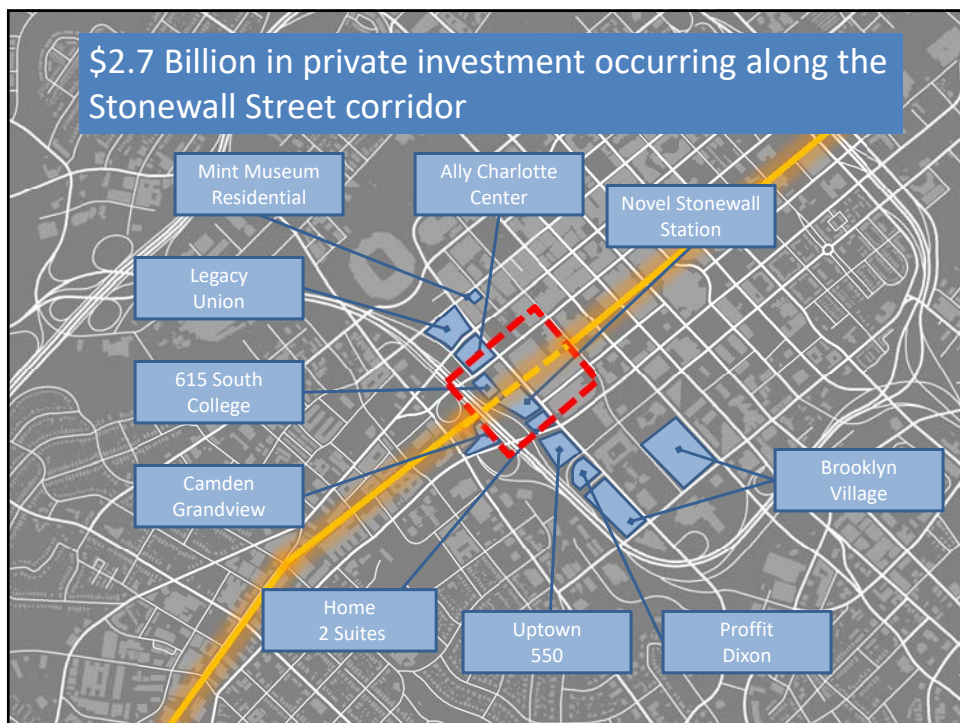
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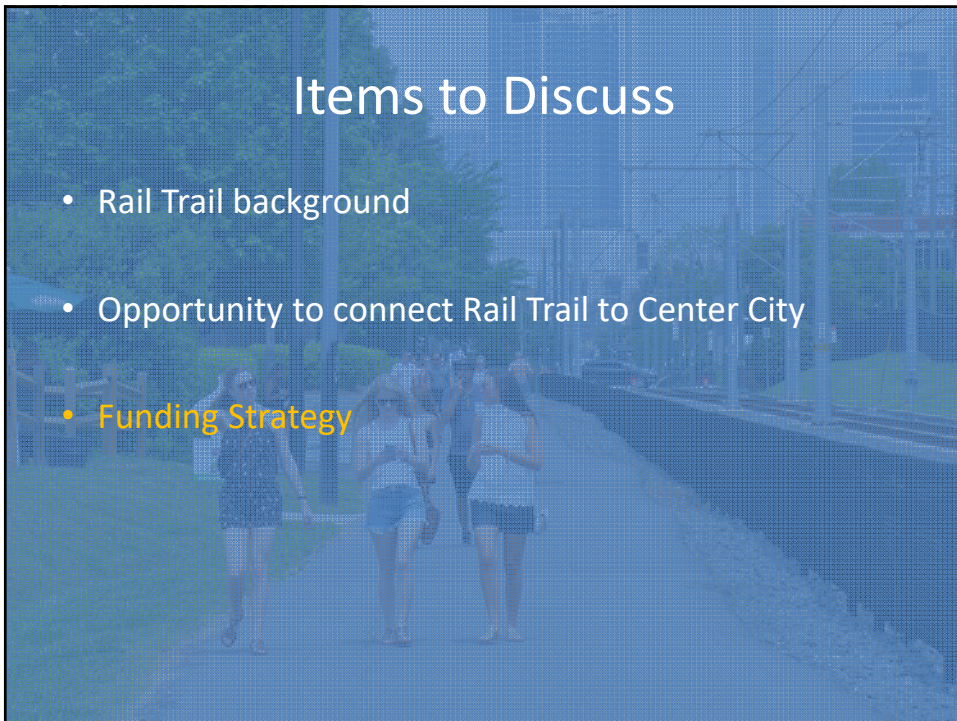


Stonewall corridor is transforming rapidly



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Funding Strategy to Connect Rail Trail to Center City

Public Sector

City of Charlotte (I-277 land sale proceeds)	\$3,103,953
NCDOT	\$3,288,105
Mecklenburg County	\$3,100,000

Public Subtotal	\$9,492,058
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Private Sector, Non-Profit, & Grants

Private, Non-Profit & Grants Subtotal	\$1,507,942
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Total Public & Private	\$11,000,000
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Project Schedule

- Planning/Design – 2018/19
- Real Estate - 2019
- Construction begins - 2021

Scheduled for Council consideration on 6/11/18