

## Legislation Text

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### **Charlotte Gateway Station Project - Century Link Utility Relocation Agreement**

#### **Action:**

**Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a utility relocation agreement with Century Link for the Charlotte Gateway Station project.**

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#### **Explanation**

- Part of the 2030 Transit System Plan, the Charlotte Gateway Station (CGS) project is the future rail passenger and bus station embedded in a newly created mixed-use development district in Uptown Charlotte. The rail and bus components will include:
  - Inter-city Passenger Rail (Amtrak/NCDOT),
  - Inter-city Bus (Greyhound and other inter-city carriers),
  - Future Commuter Rail Services (NCDOT or CATS),
  - Modern Streetcar (CityLYNX Gold Line), and
  - Regional Express and Local Bus (CATS).
- In 2015, the Federal Railway Administration selected the City to receive \$30 million in grant funding for Phases 1a and 1b of the CGS project. The 2015 TIGER Grant was executed on August 17, 2017.
- The CGS will be completed in phases, using federal and state grant funding along with public private partnerships. Phases 1a and 1b are fully funded.
- The current phases of the project include:
  - Phase 1a: Track, structures and signals, and
  - Phase 1b: Intercity passenger rail platform and supporting improvements.
- Century Link fiber optic cable is currently in conflict with the project design near the Norfolk Southern right-of-way between West First Street and West Fourth Street and will need to be relocated to construct the Phase 1a and 1b improvements.
- This agreement will permit Century Link to design and construct the relocations. The estimated cost is \$400,000 to be paid by the City using grant funds, as utility relocation is an eligible expense under the TIGER grant.
- This cost is accounted for in the project budget.
- This agreement is required to be executed by the parties (City and Century Link) in advance of Phase 1a and 1b construction.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: CATS Community Investment Plan