

## Legislation Text

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### NC 27 Route Change Request

#### **Action:**

- A. Adopt a Resolution endorsing rerouting a portion of NC 27 along 7<sup>th</sup> Street, McDowell Street, and Morehead Street to I-277, between the Freedom Drive access ramp and Independence Boulevard, and support the North Carolina Department of Transportation's amendment to the official United States and North Carolina highway system maps accordingly, and**
- B. Approve a Municipal Agreement to reimburse the North Carolina Department of Transportation up to \$40,000 for rerouting signage.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

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#### **Explanation**

- NC Route 27 is a North Carolina primary highway that runs through southern and central North Carolina, including Uptown Charlotte along 7<sup>th</sup> Street, McDowell Street, and Morehead Street in Council Districts 1, 2, and 3.
- Rerouting this portion of NC 27 would align the route to the John Belk Freeway (I-277), which would allow for more streamlined travel through the city and may alleviate some traffic from Uptown surface streets.
- The change would transfer maintenance of the segments of 7<sup>th</sup> and McDowell streets from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to the Charlotte Department of Transportation and would allow for:
  - Streamlined permitting and management of the public right-of-way in Uptown, and
  - Greater design flexibility and accelerated project delivery of the Uptown Cycle Track Phase II project, which is planned along the affected portion of McDowell Street.
- The city will reimburse NCDOT for the overhead and ground-mounted street signs indicating the new route alignment.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Capital Investment Plan

#### **Attachment(s)**

Map  
Resolution