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INFORMATION:

Passport Parking Mobile Software Application

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Following successful Hillsborough Street pilot testing, the City will launch the Passport Parking mobile software application (app) throughout downtown beginning Monday, March 25th. Passport will allow customers to pay for on-street metered parking by utilizing a smartphone application. The new parking app is an easier, more convenient option for customers.

The Passport software is used widely and can be found in cities such as Austin, Durham, Boston, Asheville, Chicago and Detroit. Like other payment convenience fees, Passport will charge the customer 25¢ per transaction; users are notified of the fee upon acceptance of a session.

Users can manage everything from their smartphone while also helping avoid receiving parking citations. Traditional forms of payment such as credit card and coins will still be accepted at the pay stations.

Other benefits of the Passport Parking mobile software app include:

- Extend parking sessions remotely (up to the maximum allotted time);
- Receive reminders when a parking session is about to expire;
- Keep track of all parking history;

- Receive email receipts; and
- Receive updates and alerts.



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US House of Representatives Appropriations Committee Testimony - Capital Boulevard Corridor Study

Staff Resource : Wayne Miles, Engineering Services, 996-3964, wayne.miles@raleighnc.gov

The City received a positive reference during recent testimony to the US House of Representatives, House Committee on Appropriations. The testimony was given by Laura Lightbody, who oversees the Pew Charitable Trust (PCT) flood-prepared communities initiative. The Pew initiative is “aimed at reducing the impact of flood-related disasters on the U.S. economy, communities, and environment.” Her testimony was in related to making needed investments in infrastructure and other approaches to mitigate the potential future impacts of flooding while providing other quality of life benefits to the community. The Capital Boulevard Corridor Study, including the hazard mitigation buy-outs of flood-prone properties and the coordinated planning of transportation improvements, park site, greenway improvements and other environmental improvements including stream restoration was cited as a proactive and forward-thinking example of how infrastructure planning should be addressed in conjunction with flood mitigation planning.

The testimony reference stemmed from a meeting and several conversations between PCT representatives and staff. During these recent discussions staff was asked about City policies example projects related to flood control and floodplain management best practices. PCT was impressed by the Capital Boulevard Corridor Study and asked permission to mention it in testimony as an example of progressive floodplain management practices.

Text of the full testimony can be found [here](#). Raleigh is referenced towards the end of testimony, near the conclusion.

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Community Engagement Consultant Services

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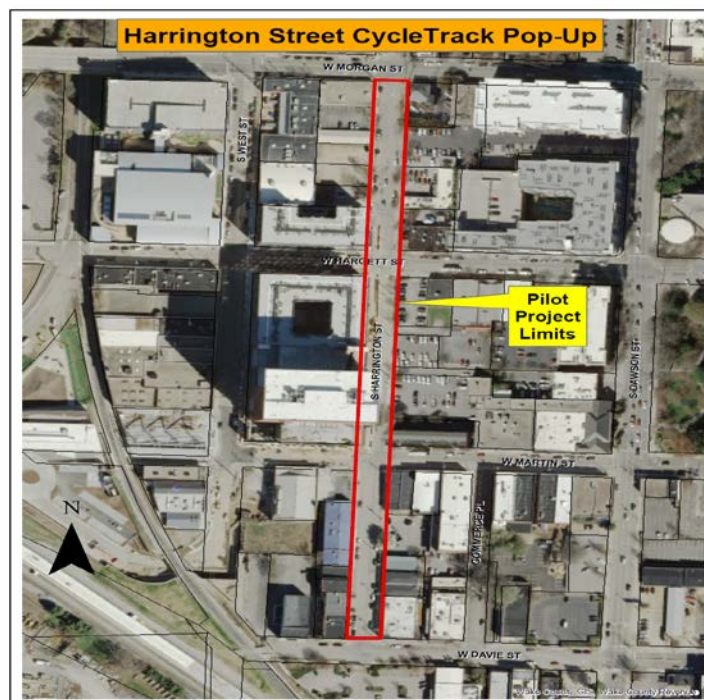
As may recall, Council appropriated \$150,000 for a study of best practices in community engagement as part of the FY2018-19 operating budget. Staff has prepared a *Request for Qualifications* solicitation, which will be posted to various planning and community engagement outlets, as well as posted to the City website in accordance with standard procurement procedure. The selection process and the project scope will be managed by City Planning staff. It is anticipated the study will examine current departmental practices, assess the engagement preferences of residents, review best practices for planning engagement, and make recommendations for improving community engagement in planning projects. Specific deliverables will include a playbook of templates for future engagement efforts as well as staff training in engagement and facilitation techniques.

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Harrington Street Temporary Pop Up Cycle Installation

Staff Resource: Paul Black, Transportation, 996-2476, paul.black@raleighnc.gov

In a first for the City, a cycle track – a two-way protected bike lane – will be temporarily installed along S. Harrington Street from April 5 to 7. The weekend pop-up cycle track will be installed on S. Harrington Street from Davie Street to Morgan Street. Bicyclists will be physically separated from traffic on the track, and a centerline will divide the track into two lanes to allow bicyclists to travel in opposite directions. The temporary bike lanes will be marked with spray chalk, and traffic cones will provide a barrier between bicyclists and motorists.



The temporary installation is meant to give citizens a chance to experience a cycle track, which has been used extensively in other US cities. The adopted bicycle plan recommends the use of these types of low-stress, separated facilities as a means of promoting cycling usage for transportation. Cycle tracks are one strategy for encouraging people who want to travel by bicycle but do not feel safe riding alongside automobile traffic.

The City's original effort to install a cycle track was centered around West Street, however staff encountered significant difficulty associated with the geometry of the street that would have prevented the extension of this concept north of Jones Street, as envisioned. Harrington Street has no such geometric constraints, and a future cycle track extension here would connect directly to the future Devereux Meadow Park and the planned Pidgeon House Branch Greenway. West Street has also been identified as a potential transit corridor in the development of the Downtown Transportation Plan; that ongoing process has identified Harrington Street as a suitable alternative for bicycle focus.

On November 21, 2017, the City Council authorized the receipt of up to \$20,000 in donations from a local nonprofit, Oaks & Spokes, towards the installation of a cycle track project. Staff has worked with volunteers from Oaks & Spokes to conduct additional community outreach regarding shifting the pilot application from West Street to Harrington Street. Oaks & Spokes will provide volunteers to assist City staff with the installation of the facility. Oaks & Spokes will also be providing volunteers to help collect user feedback and to observe the flow of traffic during the pilot installation.

Cyclists testing the pop-up lanes will be able to enjoy several events along Harrington Street, including a ribbon cutting scheduled for Friday, April 5 in front of CAM Raleigh. Also planned is a bicycle decorating station for kids; additional events will be announced via social media as these become finalized.



Example CycleTrack

Weekly Digest of Special Events

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Included with the *Weekly Report* packet is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

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Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from the March 19 City Council Meeting

Neighborhood Traffic Management Program - CAC Outreach (Council Member Mendell)

Staff Resource: Jed Niffenegger, RDOT, 996-4039, jed.niffenegger@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested staff to look into formal participation in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) by the various Citizen Advisory Councils (CAC). Council will recall the NTMP is a citizen driven program that offers three tools or options residents living on residential streets can pursue to seek assistance with speed compliance and safety improvements. The tools include speed limit reductions, multi-way stop evaluations, and traffic calming projects. Speed limit reductions and multi-way stops can be requested by anyone. The only requirement is returning a staff-provided petition with signatures of support. Following evaluation, staff will include the addition of speed limit reduction via the consent agenda. Installation of multi-way stops are not based on consensus or petition, but rather recommended based on an engineering evaluation which adheres to State and Federal guidelines.

Traffic Calming projects are more complex, and the process starts with a request or concern from a citizen. Staff conducts an evaluation that results in an objective score based on collected traffic data. The highest scoring streets get the first opportunity for a traffic calming project. The NTMP policy, formally revised and adopted by Council in April 2017, specifies the public involvement components. At present CAC's are not required to be involved in the evaluation or design processes. To require CAC involvement would require a policy revision by the City Council. Every year staff is invited to numerous CAC meetings to discuss the NTMP and answer any questions about the program.

The current NTMP policy does not specifically require CAC approval for speed limit reductions, multi-way stops or traffic calming projects. Staff would not recommend any additional steps or thresholds for speed limit reductions and multi-way stops. In most situations, since residents residing on streets with poor compliance experience the greatest impacts, care should be given to not diminish the concerns of those experiencing the greatest impact. Staff believes the current NTMP policy strikes a proper balance between involving the greater neighborhood and the interest of residents on problematic streets; staff is always willing to coordinate with CAC chairs or designates to promote awareness of the first introductory traffic calming project meeting in a CAC district.

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Special Events Weekly Digest

Friday, March 22 – Thursday, March 28

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Permitted Special Events

Walk MS: Raleigh 2019

PNC Arena & Blue Ridge Road

Saturday, March 23

Event Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: The following route will be closed from 9:00am until 10:30am. Note that one lane of impacted roads will remain open to vehicular traffic for the duration of the event, [view route here](#), and see below for turn by turn details:

Start on PNC Arena property; Head east on Westchase Boulevard; Right onto Blue Ridge Road; Right onto Trinity Road; Right at Gate B to enter PNC Arena property to finish.

St. Paddy's 4 Miler

Glenwood South, Cameron Park, & Route

Saturday, March 23

Event Time: 10:30am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Johnson Street between Boylan Avenue and Glenwood Avenue and Boylan Avenue between Johnson Street and Tucker Street will be closed from 8:00am until 1:00pm. Note that all cross streets one block in each direction will be detoured during the event, [view route here](#), and see below for turn by turn details of roads that will be closed from 10:20am until 12:00pm to facilitate the route:

Runners will line up on Johnson Street and continue line up onto Boylan Avenue; Head east towards Glenwood Avenue; Right onto Glenwood Avenue; Right onto Jones Street; Right onto Boylan Avenue; Left onto North Street; Left onto St. Mary's Street; Right onto College Place; Right onto Calvin Road; Left onto St. Mary's Street; Left onto Johnson Street; Left onto E. Forest Drive; Right onto Forest Drive; Left onto Park Drive; Left onto Groveland Avenue; Left onto Benehan Street; Left onto Hillcrest Road; Right onto Park Drive; Right onto W. Park Drive; Loop around to E. Park Drive; Right onto Park Drive; Right onto St. Mary's Street; Right onto Calvin Road; Left onto College Place; Left onto St. Mary's Street; Right onto North Street; Left onto Boylan Avenue; Right onto Johnson Street to finish.

Other Events This Weekend

Winter Jam 2019

Friday, March 22

PNC Arena

Music of Queen – NC Symphony Special

Friday, March 22 – Saturday, March 23

Meymandi Concert Hall

Where Words Once Were – Theatre Raleigh

Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24

Kennedy Theatre

Rodgers & Hammerstein's The King and I

Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24

Memorial Auditorium

Hurricanes vs. Wild

Saturday, March 23
PNC Arena

An Evening of Bernstein and Robbins – Carolina Ballet

Saturday, March 23 – Sunday, March 24
Fletcher Opera Theater

Hurricanes vs. Canadiens

Sunday, March 24
PNC Arena

Public Resources

Event Feedback Form: Tell us what you think about Raleigh events! We welcome citizen and participant feedback and encourage you to provide comments or concerns about any events regulated by the Special Events Office. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

Temporary Road Closures: A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

Online Events Calendar: View all currently scheduled events that are regulated by the City of Raleigh Special Events Office.