

DMV Site Project Working Group- Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2025

Members Present:

Tara Minter | Dr. Shawn Singleton | Dr. Ajamu Dillahunt-Holloway | Helen Tart | Clark Rinehart |
Desmond Dunn

Members Absent:

Tolulope Omokaiye | Felts Lewis | Harold Mallette | Karen Haynes | Anthony Pope | Harolynn Coplin

Staff Present:

Community Engagement: Tiesha Mosley | Nadia Moreta | Shakera Vaughan
Manager's Office: Niki Jones
Planning & Development: Jake Levitas | Mary Elizabeth Russell
Transportation: Het Patel

i. Welcome (6:10 – 6:12 pm)

- a. Welcome and Distribution of Engagement Report
 - i. Staff welcomed attendees and distributed the Former [DMV Site Community Engagement Report](#).

ii. City Updates (6:12 – 6:42 pm)

- a. Community Engagement Report
 - i. Staff provided an overview of key engagement efforts.
 - 14 Project Working Group Meetings
 - 55 Community Events
 - 12 Office Hour Sessions
 - 5,100+ Printed Materials Distributed
 - 7,131 Webpage Visits
 - 700+ Survey Responses
 - 4 Site Signs w/ Project Info and QR Code
- b. Site Stabilization and Demolition Update
 - i. Staff outlined the site's stabilization and demolition timeline
 - In Progress: Abatement underway
 - i. Annex Building: Hazardous materials being sealed and removed.
 - ii. Main Building Preparation: Prep work begun; full abatement set for late October.
 - iii. Furniture Removal: Ongoing to prepare spaces for containment
 - Upcoming: Demolition
 - i. December 2025: Demolition of annex building
 - ii. Early 2026: Demolition of main building
 - iii. July 2026: Projected completion
 - ii. Communication planning for providing notice to surrounding neighbors

- Staff will coordinate with Engineering Services to notify nearby residents about potential impacts.
 - iii. Fencing Art
 - **Presenter:** *Kelly McChesney*, Raleigh Public Arts
 - Temporary fencing will feature community art.
 - PWG suggestion: Create a web page highlighting the displayed artwork and artist profiles.
- c. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update
 - i. **Presenter:** *Het Patel*, Transportation
 - Key features: Dedicated lanes, enhanced stations, articulated buses, signal priority, frequent service, and off-board fare collection.
 - ii. Corridor/Route Summaries
 - New Bern Avenue Corridor
 - i. 3.3 of 5.4 miles in dedicated lanes
 - ii. 10 new stations (Downtown → New Hope Rd)
 - iii. 7 articulated Compressed Natural Gas buses
 - iv. Packages 1 & 2 awarded (July & Oct 2025); Package 3 to bid late 2025
 - Southern Corridor
 - i. 3.8 of 5.1 miles in dedicated lanes
 - ii. 9 new stations (Downtown → Garner)
 - iii. 7 articulated Compressed Natural Gas buses
 - Western Corridor
 - i. 7.5 of 12 miles in dedicated lanes
 - ii. 18 new stations (Downtown → Cary)
 - iii. 10 articulated Compressed Natural Gas buses
 - Northern Corridor
 - i. Planning study underway (Summer 2022–Spring 2025)
 - ii. Goal: Connect Downtown → Midtown → Triangle Town Center
- iii. **Meet the Artists** (6:42 – 6:58 pm)
 - a. **Presenter:** *Deborah Aschheim*, Artists for Tarboro Road Community Center.
 - i. Planned public art installation to include art glass windows and metal signage along the “Past to Present Promenade” connecting to the Teen Center.
 - b. **Presenter:** Lamar Whidbee, Artists for Rose Court Project.
 - i. Planned mural comprised of various leaders within the Southeast Raleigh community.
- iv. **Meet the Consultants** (6:58 – 7:35 pm)
 - a. Presenters: RCLCO Real Estate Consulting
 - i. Scope of Work: Market analysis, conceptual site planning, financial feasibility, partnership strategy.
 - ii. Timeline & Methodology
 - Aug–Oct 2025: Market analysis, developer outreach, financial testing, affordable housing analysis, and site massing (with LS3P)

- Nov 2025: Draft site strategy and implementation recommendations
 - iii. Goals
 - Integrate affordable and market-rate housing
 - Include community space
 - Ensure revenue-neutral and cohesive design
 - Incorporate moderate neighborhood-scale retail
 - iv. Preliminary Takeaways
 - Strong opportunity for mixed-income housing along the New Bern Corridor
 - Market-rate density remains financially challenging short-term
 - Higher-density affordable housing requires greater subsidy but increases site yield
 - Limited but viable retail potential—likely subsidy-dependent
 - b. PWG comments
 - i. Members emphasized evaluating parking and long-term access strategies near the site.
- v. **Closing Thoughts & Final Q&A (7:57 – 7:35 pm)**
 - a. Final questions addressed; meeting adjourned.