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Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, April 20; Work Session at 11:30

Council will meet Tuesday in work session at **11:30 A.M.** via remote electronic format. The agenda for the lunch work session is included with the regular meeting agenda and may be accessed via the BoardDocs electronic agenda system:

<https://go.boarddocs.com/nc/raleigh/Board.nsf>

The **regular** Council meeting begins at **1:00 P.M.**

Reminder: If there is an item you would like to pull from the consent agenda for discussion, please e-mail mayorstaff@raleighnc.gov by 11 A.M. the day of the meeting.

You will be receiving information on joining the WebEx Events session on Monday; staff will be available to assist with log ins and joining the virtual City Council meeting.

INFORMATION:

Vendor Selection - Dockless E-Scooters

Staff Resource: Barbara Godwin, RDOT, 996-2504, barbara.godwin@raleighnc.gov

As Council was made aware earlier in the week, staff is announcing the selection of electronic scooter (E-Scooter) companies Bolt, Lime, and Spin to enter into Master Encroachment Agreements for the operation of dockless e-scooters in Raleigh. Staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for dockless scooter vendors in February of this year and received seven strong proposals. After a thorough review and a recommendation by an interdepartmental selection committee, Bolt, Lime, and Spin were selected based upon the scoring criteria listed in the RFP.

Kick-off meetings with Bolt, Lime, and Spin were held April 12-14 to strategize for initial deployment details and to proceed with execution of the Master Encroachment Agreements. Transportation staff and operators also discussed techniques for encouraging responsible ridership and parking behavior, enhanced safety measures for all users, and overall efforts to ensure the success of micromobility in Raleigh. All stakeholders agreed that success for this program is reliant on strong and collaborative partnerships between the City and all operators.

Staff would like to thank all vendors that responded to the RFP. The selected vendors will launch their scooter fleets sometime in the early part of May 2021.

(No attachment)

Chavis-Dix Strollway

Staff Resource: Joe Michael, Planning and Development, 996-4639, joe.michael@raleighnc.gov

Staff in the Urban Design Center (UDC) have investigated ways to leverage funds available from the Façade Grant program to create a more expansive Creative Placemaking initiative, by working with partner departments, neighborhood groups, and business alliances to identify opportunities for public realm enhancements.

The UDC is proposing to partner with the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources and Transportation departments on the Chavis-Dix Strollway project. Façade Grant funds will be used to support retail and small businesses near the strollway project through creative placemaking strategies. The project will also serve as a pilot for potential future funding of a Creative Placemaking Program. Existing appropriations will be utilized for the initiative.

(Attachment)

I-540 Ramp Metering Update

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

In September 2017, NCDOT activated a ramp metering system at four interchanges, specifically the westbound movement on I-540 at Falls of Neuse Road, Six Forks Road, Creedmoor Road, and Leesville Road (see below). The intent of these signals is to space out the number of vehicles attempting to merge onto the interstate, easing congestion on I-540. By controlling the number of merging vehicles, ramp metering

lessens congestion on the main travel lanes (I-540) and reduces the number of crashes. The ramp meters were in operation for approximately two years until the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

With stay at home orders in place to combat COVID-19, normal traffic volumes patterns changed. With traffic volumes low enough, NCDOT suspended the use of the signals used for ramp metering. Since then, traffic volumes have slowly increased. The established thresholds (set by NCDOT) where ramp metering provides a benefit have been occurring during the peak hours with regularity. NCDOT engineers have notified City staff of plans to resume operation of the signals effective next Wednesday morning, April 21. Previous information regarding this issue may be found in the *Weekly Report Issue 2017-36* (September 22).



I-540 Ramp Meter Locations

(No attachment)

Summer Camp Registration Update

Staff Resource: Oscar Carmona, Parks, 996-4815, oscar.carmona@raleighnc.gov

As previously reported to Council, on April 4 the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department put its new recreation management system to the test by opening registration for the 2021 summer camp season. Camp registration is going very well on multiple fronts. The new system was more than capable to manage the volume of participants registering and the public was very responsive to the various summer programs available; the latter point evidenced by reaching 60% capacity by the end of the first week. Registration was staggered over a five-day period, with different camp locations opening for registration at 6:30 am each morning.

As of April 12, a total of 7,610 camp slots were filled out of 12,537 available; popular locations for Summer X-Press camp include: Optimist Community Center, Lake Lynn Community Center, Laurel Hills Community Center, and Millbrook Exchange Community Center. Some locations have been booked at 100% capacity for the entire nine weeks in as little as 6 minutes.

A few data points of interest regarding camp registrations:

Total Weeks of Available Camps	505
Total Weeks of Full Camps	88
Total Registration Fees Paid	\$250,275
Unique Households Registered	1,229
Average Camper Age	9.0 years

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Transit Management Services – GoRaleigh

Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation (Transit), 996-4040, david.eatman@raleighnc.gov

The GoRaleigh Transit management contract with Transdev North America, Inc. is scheduled to expire December 31, 2021. Staff is finalizing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit proposals for the management of GoRaleigh. The selected management firm will oversee all fixed route operations, vehicle, and facility maintenance (including shelters), act as the employer and provide supervision of all union and non-union employees at GoRaleigh.

The RFP is being developed to align performance indicators of service quality with the GoRaleigh priorities of providing safe, convenient, reliable, courteous, efficient, and clean transportation. The selected contractor should bring added value in providing insight in maximizing ridership, regional accessibility and enhancing the customers' experience.

As with the current contractual arrangement, the future management contract will operate as a Management Fee contract. The RFP and defined Management Fee structure requires that the selected Management Company provide the following:

- General Manager
- Maintenance Manager
- Human Resources
- Payroll
- Accounts Payable and Receivable
- Federal Compliance / Reporting
- Collective Bargaining

All expenses associated with the functions listed above are expenses of the selected management company; remaining expenses such as bus driver wages and maintenance expenses are a direct pass-through cost to the City.

It is envisioned that the review of proposals received will utilize a panel of transit professionals to assist with the selection of the next management company. A thorough review of all proposals will be completed and interviews will be conducted with a minimum of two (2) firms. The table below lists a draft sequence of events schedule:

DATE	EVENT
June 30	<i>Issuance of RFP. The City issues RFP</i>
July 21	<i>Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference</i>
July 28	<i>Submission of Written Questions / Clarifications regarding the RFP</i>
August 12	<i>Proposal Submission</i>
Month of September	<i>Proposal Review / Scoring / Interviews</i>

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Trenton Road Trail Connector Project Update

Staff Resource: David Bender, Parks, 996-4798, david.bender@raleighnc.gov

The Trenton Road Trail Connector Project originated from a citizen-led request from the residents within communities in the vicinity of Trenton Road between Interstate 40 and Reedy Creek Road. Residents requested a way to provide improved bicycle and pedestrian access along Trenton Road and a physical connection to the Reedy Creek Trail and entrance into Umstead State Park.

As a result of this citizen-led request, the 2014 Parks Bond Referendum included the Trenton Road Trail Connector project. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum which provides additional information and details.

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Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Derrick Remer, Special Events Office, 996-2200, derrick.remer@raleighnc.gov

Included with the *Update* materials is the special events digest for the upcoming week.

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Council Member Follow Up Items

General Follow Up Items

Transit Stops at Walnut Terrace

Staff Resource: David Eatman, Transportation (Transit), 996-4040, david.eatman@raleighnc.gov

Council is aware of a recent media report regarding the bus stop on McCauley Street at McLendon Street (stop #8825), which was recently put into the design process for a bus shelter based on ridership of 13 boardings

per day, meeting the new threshold of 10 boardings per day set by the Raleigh Transit Authority (RTA). The Transit Division has received several requests from the residents of Walnut Terrace to improve this bus stop, as it is centrally located in the community. Included with the *Update* materials is a staff memorandum which contains additional information.

(Attachment)

Wakefield Small Area Study – Issues and Opportunities

Staff Resource: Hannah Reckhow, Planning and Development, 996-2622, hannah.reckhow@raleighnc.gov

In follow up to information provided earlier this week, the Wakefield Small Area Study is starting the first phase of public engagement. This phase will focus on gaining a deeper understanding of the issues and opportunities in the study area. Due to guidelines associated with the public health pandemic, this phase will use an online survey and interactive map to collect input from the public. In addition, a virtual “Ask-a-Planner” event will be held on Monday, May 3 at 7 PM to introduce the project and answer questions from the public. The virtual meeting will be streamed online [here](#); advance registration is not required to participate. Additional details about this phase of engagement and other public outreach activities may be found in the staff memorandum which is included with the *Update* materials.

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Follow Up from the April 6 City Council Meeting

Downtown Raleigh Text Alert Notification System (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resource: Jim Greene, City Manager’s Office, 996-3070, jim.greene@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council accepted the recommendation of the Economic Development & Innovation Committee and directed staff to partner with the Downtown Raleigh Alliance (DRA) to begin a pilot program for the Downtown Raleigh Text Alert Notification System. The system will be piloted in the downtown for 90 days and subscribers to the system will receive text message notifications of protest events in the downtown. A new webpage will provide updates if warranted. Announcement for this communication system was emailed today by the DRA to about 3,000 downtown residents, business owners and employees in the DRA database. The system will go live this Monday. Included with the *Update* materials is the information that was emailed earlier today to the DRA database.

(Attachment)

Public Comment – Rezoning Case Z-48-20 Bloodworth Street (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resources: Ira Mabel, Planning and Development 996-2652, ira.mabel@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council held the public hearing for the following item – Z-48-20: 501, 507-507 ½, 511 & 513 S Bloodworth Street, approximately 0.53 acres located at the southeast corner of S. Bloodworth Street and E. Cabarrus Street.

The item was deferred for two weeks by request of Council Member Branch to allow time for further discussion with the applicant. City Council also asked staff to follow up with Ms. Rose Morales, one of the

speakers in opposition during the public hearing. Ms. Morales had previously spoken during Planning Commission's discussion of the case on February 9. On both occasions Ms. Morales spoke about the displacement of her business located on the rezoning site and about her frustration using iMaps to find a new location.

Staff investigated iMaps data and Ms. Morales' concerns. Staff had reached out to Ms. Morales prior to the public hearing but was unable to connect with her. Since the date of the public hearing, staff has met with Ms. Morales to learn more her issues and to offer assistance. Changes to the city's [supportive housing residences webpage](#) may be forthcoming to make this process clearer for others in the future.

(No attachment)

Follow Up from the April 13 Work Session

Park Project Planning - Council District B (Council Member Branch)

Staff Resource: Oscar Carmona, Parks, 996-4815, oscar.carmona@raleighnc.gov

During the work session Council received a presentation on park capital maintenance needs and bond scenarios should a dedicated funding source be implemented for maintenance needs. During discussion, Council requested that staff compile information on the vision for projects in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources capital program that are to be located in Council District B.

A staff memorandum is included with the *Update* material which outlines the requested information.

(Attachment)



memo

To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Patrick O. Young, AICP, Director
From	Joe Michael, AIA, Planning Manager
Department	Planning and Development
Date	April 16, 2021
Subject	Chavis-Dix Strollway and Transfer of Façade Grant Funds

Background on the Façade Grant Program

The Façade Grant was created by the City of Raleigh in the 1980's as an economic development resource. The grant has assisted many business and property owners in Raleigh's Downtown and in older commercial districts. Since 2004, the grant has assisted over 175 businesses and awarded around \$1 Million in funds for over \$5 Million in investments.

The program receives \$50,000 per year in funding. Grants have a matching requirement and funds are capped at \$5,000 per applicant. They are administered on a first come, first serve basis. Over the last decade, there has been inconsistent demand for the grant year to year (*Figure 1*). This has resulted in supplemental funds within the Façade Grant budget which have accumulated over time.

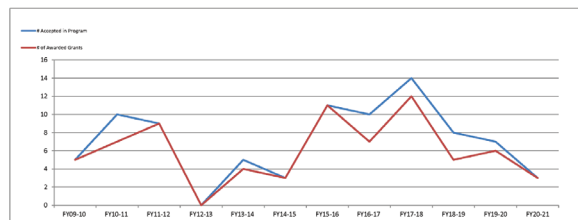


Figure 1: Façade Grants administered over the last 10 years.

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Enhancements to the Façade Grant Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed a renewed focus on the need for quality amenity and gatheringspaces outdoors in the public realm for the benefit of citizens and small businesses. At the same time, demand for façade grants has been declining over the past three fiscal years, leaving funds unused; the size of the grants has not tracked increases in construction costs; and outreach to the Downtown Raleigh Alliance and others indicate that generating activity through placemaking is more critical to business success post-COVID than a small number façade enhancements.

Staff in the Urban Design Center have investigated ways to leverage funds available from the Façade Grant Program towards a Creative Placemaking Program in order to best respond to the current needs and ambitions of Raleigh today. Peer cities, such as Charlotte and Atlanta, have recently developed robust placemaking programs that expand upon traditional beautification efforts. These programs receive funding in the range of \$150,000 - \$200,000 per year.

Chavis Park to Dix Park Strollway Project

The Chavis Park to Dix Park Strollway is a Council-requested initiative that is charged with strengthening the connection between the two parks. The effort is a partnership between Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, and the Raleigh Department of Transportation. The project currently has \$50,000 in funding from PRCR and RDOT. At a recent collaborative work session, led by *880 Cities*, the consultants emphasized the need for creative placemaking as a critical part of the Chavis-Dix Connector project.

A major component of a successful placemaking project is turning ordinary places into destinations and enhancing those destinations with a great public realm, oftentimes focusing on retail corridors that lack ample public amenity space. There are significant gaps of activity between the existing retail clusters along the route from Chavis Park to Dix Park. As part of the Chavis / Dix Strollway, enhancing or creating new retail opportunities along the corridor can fill these gaps and increase foot traffic into and between the parks. There are traditional brick and mortar retailers near both Dix and Chavis parks, as well as locations to create pop-up and mobile retail destinations, all which need to be supplemented by placemaking strategies (*Map 1*).

Supporting Small Businesses Through Placemaking

Placemaking in the public realm can support small businesses by encouraging people to move to as opposed to through spaces. The most obvious strategy is expanding areas for outdoor dining through parklets or pedlets. These can add valuable outdoor spaces to brick and mortar retail where sidewalk space may be limited. Other types of strategies, like introducing play

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areas, both for children and adults, encourage people to stay in an area, instead of making a single purchase and leaving.

Mobile retail can bring complimentary goods and services through permanent or pop-up strategies and create new or temporary retail nodes. Pairing mobile retail with placemaking strategies both activates an area and creates a place by providing public amenities.

By enhancing areas that encourage people to extend stays in the public realm, dynamic and active urban environments are created. Wayfinding combined with transportation infrastructure, such as Bikeshare, encourages people to connect to other nearby amenities, like parks or neighboring districts.

Three areas have been identified as good opportunities to use placemaking to enhance retail and encourage connections to Chavis and Dix Parks. They are outlined below.



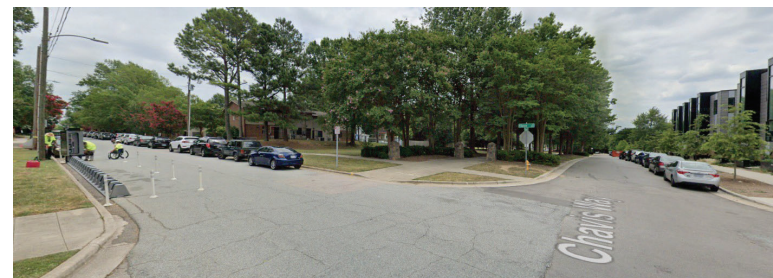
Map 1: Proposed Chavis – Dix Strollway Map

Retail Section 1: South Street Businesses



Businesses at the intersection of South Street and South Saunders have narrow sidewalks and lack sufficient infrastructure for outdoor dining. Food trucks have used this section of street in the past; however, it lacks places for people to sit and stay comfortably. A lack of street trees makes the sidewalk uncomfortable in the warmer months. This area is near the entry to Dix Park to the south, frequented by residents across Raleigh, and is served by Bikeshare at the intersection.

Retail Section 2: Chavis Way



Adjacent to Transfer Company Food Hall is Chavis Way, a greenspace that runs north-south and connects directly to Chavis Park. This area is well served for dining but could accommodate complimentary retail and other activation strategies. Leveraging wayfinding and Bikeshare can encourage people to access Chavis Park, located only a few blocks to the south. This will also support the multi-department effort to initiate implementation of the South Park Heritage Walk, a plan that celebrates the area's rich cultural history.

Gaps



There are long stretches of inactive blocks (parking lots, back-of-house areas, etc.) on the route from Chavis Park to Dix Park. Many of these areas could support pop-up placemaking and retail strategies, however, Lichtin Plaza offers a great opportunity. With ample public space (which is often underutilized), Bikeshare, adjacent parking, and proximity to Fayetteville Street, Lichtin Plaza can draw people from Downtown to the Chavis-Dix Strollway. Lichtin Plaza is roughly midway between Chavis and Dix Park, its location offers an opportunity to employ mobile and pop-up retail, art, play spaces, and other placemaking strategies to activate the space.

Transfer of Funds from the Façade Grant Program

At the time of this memo, the Façade Grant has \$82,310 in funding, which includes \$50,000 from FY21. Due to budget constraints caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Façade Grant is not being funded with \$50,000 for FY22.

Planning and Development is proposing to transfer \$45,000 to the Chavis-Dix Strollway project to support small businesses and Downtown through placemaking. This will leave approximately \$37,310 of funding for the remainder of FY21 and FY22 for Façade Grants.



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MEMO

TO: Marchell Adams-David, City Manager

FROM: David Bender, Capital Projects Manager, PRCR

CC: Oscar Carmona, Director, PRCR
Stephen Bentley, Assistant Director, PRCR

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources

DATE: April 16, 2021

SUBJECT: Trenton Road Connector Project

Background

The Trenton Road Trail Connector Project originated from a citizen-led request from the residents within communities in the vicinity of Trenton Road between I-40 and Reedy Creek Road. Residents requested a way to provide improved bicycle and pedestrian access along Trenton Road and a physical connection to the Reedy Creek Trail and entrance into Umstead State Park. As a result of this citizen-led request, the 2014 Parks Bond Referendum included the Trenton Road Trail Connector project.

In a Feasibility Study completed in 2019, the consultant evaluated the constructability of a 5' and 8' sidewalk or multi-purpose path constructed along the right of way and behind the existing road ditch in addition to crosswalk improvements. The recommendation from the Study included to construct a 5-foot-wide sidewalk, primarily because it was within the existing project budget.

In 2020, the project team further explored additional options for a facility that would fit within the project budget but would match the 10-foot width of the existing greenway facility located along Reedy Creek Road (Reedy Creek Trail). This would provide continuity of like to like greenway facilities and provides for future expansion of the greenway system, connections to Cary and the future I-40 Triangle Bikeway project. Staff is currently proposing a 10-foot-wide bike and pedestrian path separated by a cast in place divider and vertical flexible bollards. Staff is proceeding with design for this facility which will also include safe crossing between the adjacent communities to the Reedy Creek Trail and Umstead State Park.

The 10-foot-wide bike and pedestrian facility will have less impact than a 5-foot sidewalk previously proposed. The 10-foot path will utilize some of the existing pavement width and will be in from the existing road ditch. Additionally, there will be less impact on utility relocation, individual property impacts to existing vegetation and less need for right-of-way acquisition. The 10-foot-wide facility type will better accommodate bicycle use as Trenton Road is designated within a 10 Year Priority, separated bikeway in the City' Bike Plan and will provide a future connection to the I-40 Triangle Bikeway. It will also provide a more efficient and safer connection for new crosswalk construction at Manorbrook

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Road, Trinity Farms Road and Silent Stream Court intersection and Windy Woods Drive.

Trenton Road is designated as a sensitive-area avenue in the Raleigh 2030 comprehensive plan. This designation is applied on streets within watershed areas and adjacent to designated Metro Park Overlay Districts such as Umstead State Park. The standards for a sensitive area avenue included in the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) are applied to new development along such streets with respect to travel lanes, sidewalk placement, and right-of-way dedications.

City of Raleigh capital projects within public rights-of-way are not subject to the UDO; the UDO prescriptions of cross-sections provide a starting point for the city's design processes, however the city has the latitude to customize the application of those cross-sections as part of any public capital project. This allows for context-sensitive street design within the confines of existing right-of-way and previously developed property.

Public Engagement

Beginning May 4 through May 31, 2021, a virtual recorded presentation on the design proposal will be available for public viewing. Additionally, on May 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm, a live virtual open-house presentation with project staff available for questions and answers will be conducted.

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, April 16 – Thursday, April 22

City of Raleigh Office of Emergency Management and Special Events
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**All permitted special events are subject to mass gathering limitations and Statewide requirements for face coverings and social distancing. For questions regarding the safe return of special events, please contact the Office of Emergency Management and Special events at 919-996-2200 or specialevents@raleighnc.gov.*

Permitted Special Events

Dine Out Downtown Warehouse District

Glenwood Avenue

Saturday, April 17

Event Time: 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: S. West Street between W. Morgan Street and W. Hargett Street will be closed from 3:00pm until 11:00pm.

Raleigh Union Station Community Yoga Programs

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, April 18 through Thursday, April 22

Event Times: 5:00pm – 8:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays; 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesdays; and 9:30am – 11:00am on Sundays

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the events. Raleigh Union Station Plaza will be used during the above dates and times from 3-22-21 until 11-24-21. Details regarding class registration can be found through [Yoga Soul·lect·tive](#) for Mondays, [Oak City Yoga](#) for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and [Current Wellness](#) for Thursdays and Sundays.

Other Upcoming Events

Mako Medical Sk8te Raleigh

Friday, April 16 – Sunday, April 18

Raleigh Convention Center

Community Fitness Class – Yoga Flow

Saturday, April 17 & Wednesday, April 21

Moore Square

Appalachian Spring – North Carolina Symphony (streaming)

Saturday, April 17

Streaming from Meymandi Concert Hall

Hurricanes vs. Predators

Saturday, April 17

PNC Arena

In Remembrance of Daunte Wright Vigil and Abolition Expression

Sunday, April 18

Moore Square

Black Canvas Dance Co Semi-Annual Showcase

Sunday, April 18

Fletcher Opera Theater

[Talk Inclusion: Uplifting Asian Voices](#)

Wednesday, April 21
Virtual

[Mozart: Symphony No. 40 – Carolina Ballet \(streaming\)](#)

Wednesday, April 21 & Thursday, April 22
Streaming from Fletcher Opera Theater

[Raleigh's Community Climate Action Plan Kickoff](#)

Thursday, April 22
Virtual

[NC State LIVE @ the Lot](#)

Thursday, April 22
Spring Hill Park and Ride Lot

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 Office of Emergency Management and Special Events. We will use this helpful information in future planning.

[Road Closure and Road Race Map](#): A resource providing current information on street closures in Raleigh.

[Online Events Calendar](#): View all currently scheduled events that are regulated by the Office of Emergency Management and Special Events.

Council Member Follow Up



Raleigh

MEMO

TO: Michael Moore, Transportation Director
FROM: David Eatman, Assistant Director, Transportation
DEPARTMENT: Transportation
DATE: April 16, 2021
SUBJECT: Walnut Terrace Bus Stops

The bus stop on McCauley St at McLendon St stop #8825 was recently put into design for a bus shelter based on ridership of 13 boardings per day, meeting the new threshold of 10 boardings per day set by the Raleigh Transit Authority (RTA). The Transit Division has also received several requests from the residents of Walnut Terrace to improve this bus stop as it is centrally located in the community.

The survey necessary for design and build of any new shelter will be completed at this location within the next two weeks. The design process will then begin and take approximately one month. We will also need to receive an easement from the property owner at this location. The build will take up to three months. The hope is to have this location completed this fall.

Two additional bus stops are located within Walnut Terrace, Levister Ct at Fayetteville St stop #8826 (referenced in N&O article) and Keeter Center Dr at McLendon St stop #8823. Stop #8826 is approximately 750 ft from the proposed new bus shelter and has an average daily boarding of less than or equal to 5. #8823 is approximately 1000 ft from the proposed new bus shelter and has an average daily boarding of less than or equal to 5. All residents of Walnut Terrace will be less than one-quarter mile walking distance of the proposed new bus shelter.

In October 2019, the RTA modified the daily boardings requirement for a bus shelter to 10 boarding per day from 25 boardings formerly required. This action was taken in recognition of the progress made in providing bus shelters at bus stops with 25+ boardings and made an additional 100 bus stops eligible for a bus shelter. At full build out, it is estimated that 86% of all boardings will occur at a bus stop with a shelter and other amenities.

A map of the current inventory of bus shelters and sites in development is available at raleighnc.gov/busmap. Locations and details of all bus stops and shelters are available on [Raleigh Open Data](#).

Inventory:

Bus Stops with:	
Shelter & Bench	234
Improved Bench	45
Unimproved Bench	78
Landing pad	40
No amenity	1,001
Total Managed Bus Stops	1,398

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Built new in 2020 (included in the table above):

Transit Division Builds	22
Engineering Services Builds	9
Total new Bus Shelters	31
New landing pads	17

In development (not included in the table above):

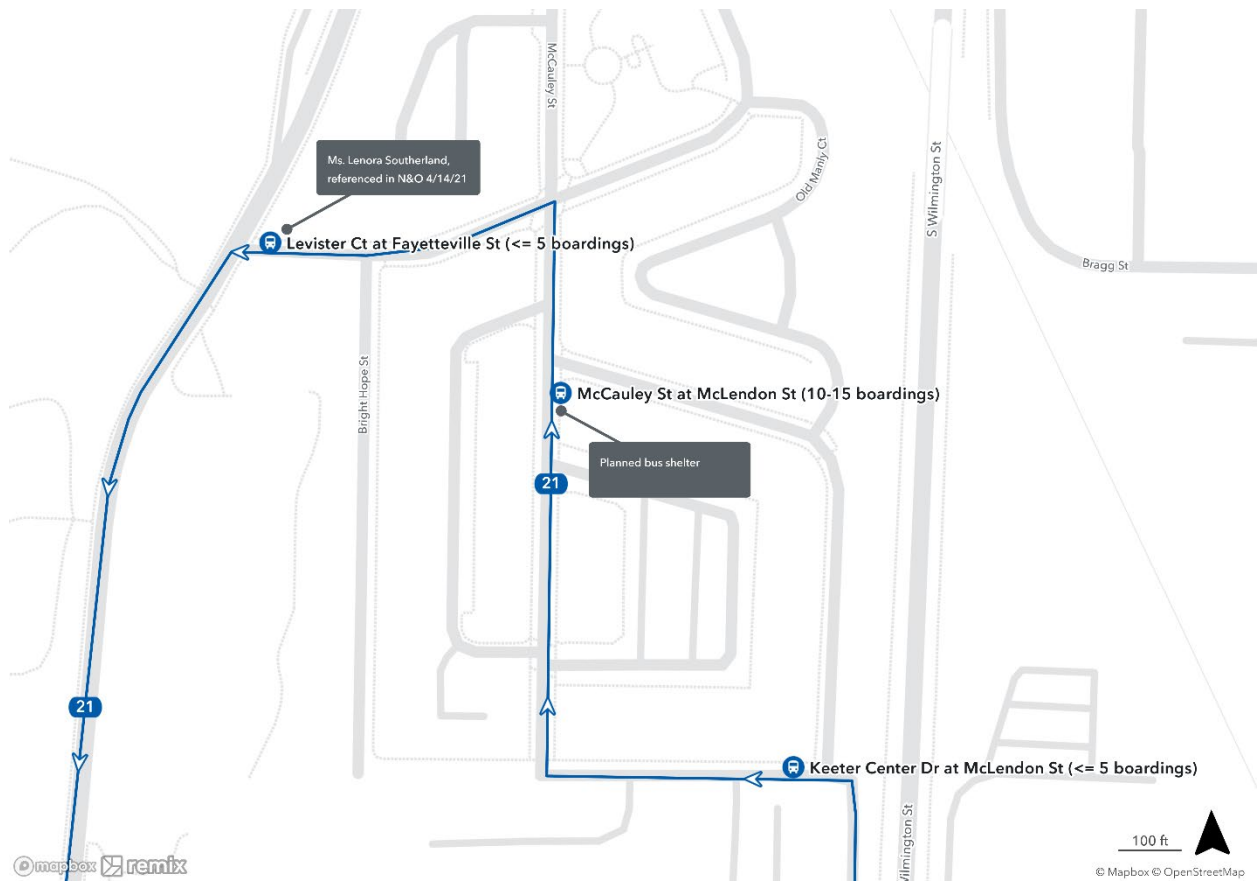
Bus Shelter Sites ready for Construction	12
Bus Shelter Sites in Property Acquisition	13
Bus Shelter Sites in Design	68
Total Bus Shelter Sites in Development	93

31 New Bus Stop and Shelter Improvements – Summary

The Transit Division applied for and was awarded \$1.1M in FY19 and \$2M in FY20 from the Locally Administered Projects Program grant. Using these funds along with funds from the Wake Transit Plan, the Transit Division has added 22 bus shelter sites evenly distributed throughout the City. In 2021, the Transit Division plans to build an additional 30 to 40 bus shelters. Recently, a contract amendment was executed to add 12 new bus shelters and 32 ADA landing pads to an existing construction contract with Whitley Construction.

In partnership with Engineering Services, construction was completed on an additional nine bus shelters during roadway and sidewalk project improvements. More than 40 concrete pads are included in plans for roadway and sidewalk projects to be completed in 2021 and beyond.

A total of eight new red GoRaleigh bus shelters have been installed throughout the City, 22 of the red shelters remain in inventory and will be installed as sites are readied with concrete pads and other transit supportive infrastructure.



To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Patrick O. Young, AICP, Director
From	Hannah Reckhow, AICP, Senior Planner
Department	Planning and Development
Date	April 14, 2021
Subject	Wakefield Small Area Study – Issues and Opportunities

Background

The Wakefield Small Area Study is a small area planning study focused on land use, transportation, urban design, and parks and greenways. A consultant team lead by Stantec has been identified to conduct the study. The consultant team includes Stantec and Catalyst Design.

Public Engagement – Issues and Opportunities

The Wakefield Small Area Study is starting the first phase of public engagement. This phase will focus on gaining a deeper understanding of the issues and opportunities in the study area. In accordance with City of Raleigh COVID-19 guidelines, this phase will use an online survey and interactive map to collect input from the public. Staff can also provide paper copies of the survey on request.

In addition to the survey, a virtual “Ask-a-Planner” event will be held on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 PM to introduce the project and answer questions from the public. The virtual meeting will be streamed online [here](#). During the meeting, participants may ask questions via the chat or by phone. The public may also ask questions in advance of the meeting by phone or email by using the number and email address provided on the event page. No registration is needed to participate in this event.

Moving forward, future phases of engagement include a virtual “open house” workshop on plan options in mid-June and a virtual meeting to discuss the draft recommendations with the public in late July.

Public Outreach

Staff will use several outreach activities to communicate with the public in advance of this phase of engagement. These include the project webpage, emails to GovDelivery subscribers, social media outreach, as well as a postcard mailing. The mailing will be sent to property owners and tenants in and around the study area, including residential and commercial properties on both sides of Falls of Neuse Road, the Wakefield

Plantation community, and other properties within Raleigh's jurisdiction north of the Neuse River. A map showing the full extent of the postcard mailing is attached.

To supplement outreach to the general public, the project team is holding meetings with stakeholders in the Wakefield area. Stakeholders includes other City departments, external agencies, community groups, churches, and schools. The intent of these meetings is to understand stakeholder perspectives as part the existing conditions research being conducted by the consultant team. The following stakeholder meetings have been scheduled thus far:

April 12, 9 AM – Ritchie Bazzell, Wakefield High School

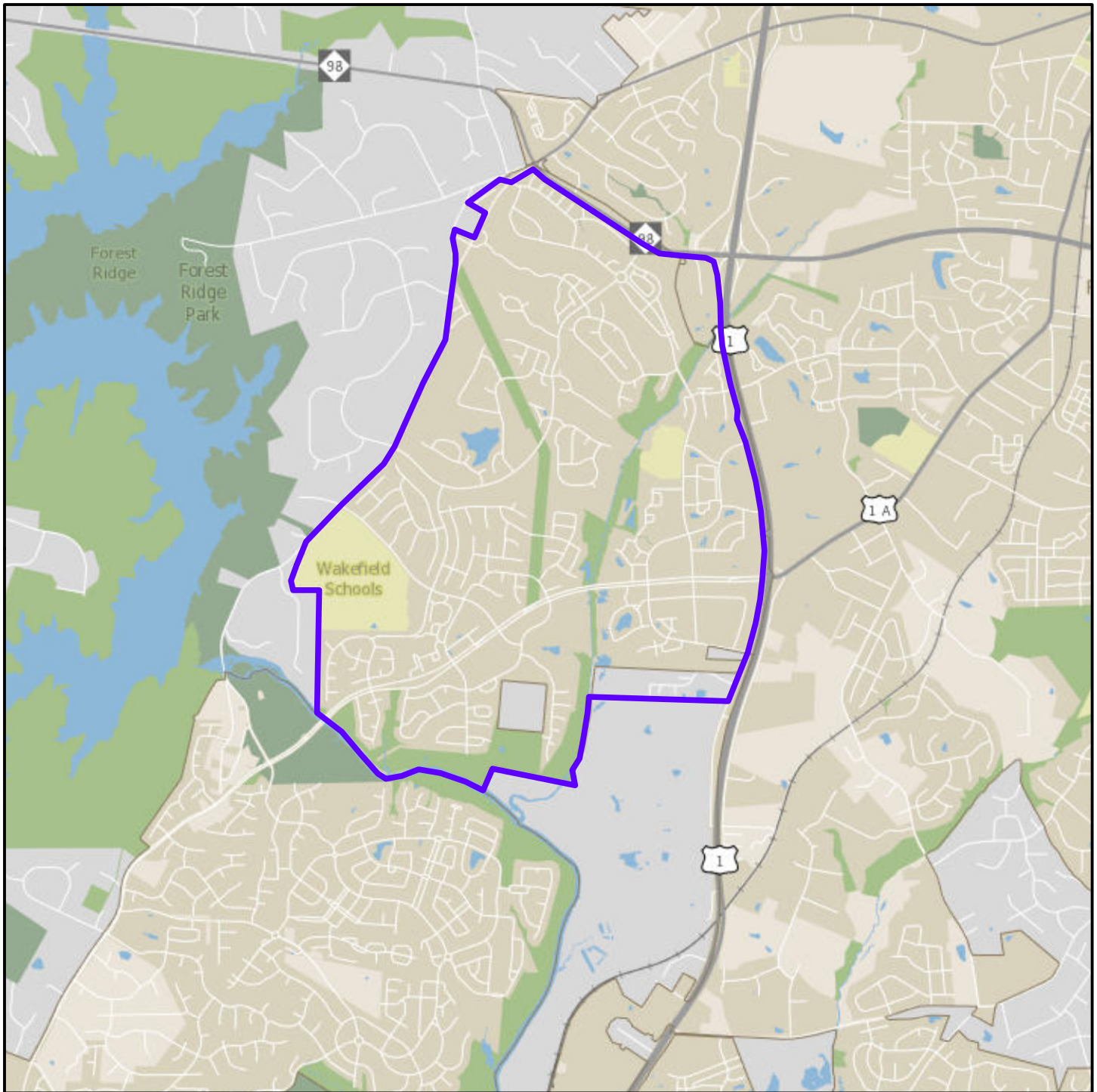
April 13, 2 PM – Michael Ballen, Raleigh Police
Lemuel Hubbard, Raleigh Fire
Ivon Johnson, Raleigh Fire

April 13, 3 PM – Mary Sell, Oaks and Spokes
Michelle Bell, Forest Pines Elementary
Brad Hester, Creative Schools

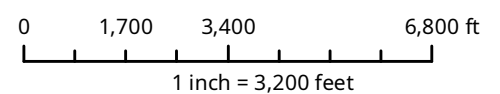
April 14, 1 PM – Hannah McManus, Wakefield UMC
Shane Brown, Kerr Family YMCA
John McNerny, Village of Wakefield
Yolanda Sanders, Wakefield Plantation
Bill Marley, Wakefield Plantation

April 15, 10 AM – Ben Brown, Raleigh Stormwater
Emma Liles, Raleigh Parks
John French, Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail
Smith Raynor, NC Parks

In addition to the meetings listed above, staff is initiating conversations with NCDOT and Wake Forest staff. Staff will continue to schedule meetings with stakeholders as they are identified.



Wakefield Small Area Study - Mailing Area



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Downtown Raleigh Text Alert Notification System – Pilot Project

At their April 6, 2021 meeting, Mayor Baldwin and members of City Council approved a pilot project to implement a Text Alert Notification System for downtown Raleigh. This action is in response from some downtown businesses requesting notification of protests and additional communication from the City. The new, expanded communication system will send a text message to businesses and residents to notify them of protests or other events in the downtown area. The City of Raleigh is partnering with Downtown Raleigh Alliance (DRA) to promote this pilot program and evaluate this system.

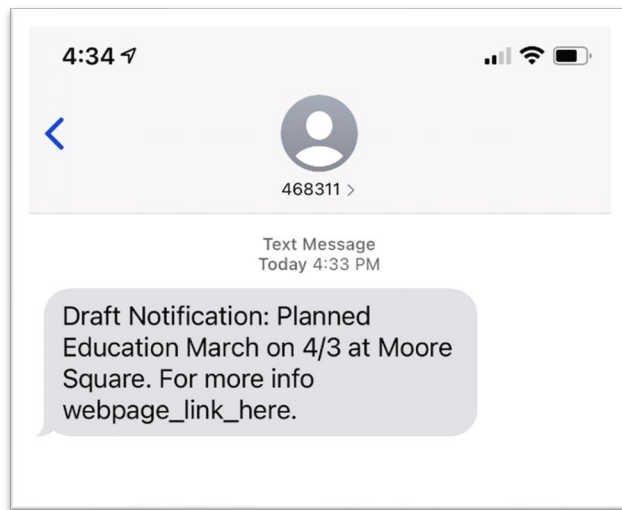
The City of Raleigh is an active, vibrant city and downtown is home to numerous planned and impromptu protests or marches that can happen at any time. The Text Alert Notification system will typically send one text message notifying subscribers of a protest in the downtown area. These messages are intended to increase awareness and direct those who are interested to a webpage that has the latest information. A text message does not indicate that there are concerns with the protests or that individuals should be alarmed.

It is important to note that the City will typically not send multiple text messages on any one protest event but leverage the new webpage and embedded City social media accounts to provide updates on protests, if any updates are warranted. The program's dedicated webpage can be viewed any time and will provide one-stop access to information on protests, safety tips, and updates as warranted and more.

If interested in signing up for the pilot Text Alert Notification System, please visit [<link to be inserted here>](#)

The City plans to launch this new system on April 19; sign up for this pilot text program can occur at any time. During the 90-day pilot, the City and DRA encourage feedback on the type and frequency of notifications received. DRA will assist the City in surveying users during the pilot.

See the following page for an example of what an Alert could resemble:



For questions, please contact the City at communications@raleighnc.gov.



Raleigh

MEMO

TO: Marchell Adams-David, City Manager

FROM: Oscar Carmona, Director, PRCR

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources

DATE: April 14, 2021

SUBJECT: District B Projects Vision Update

Background Information

As directed by the City Council, the Parks, Recreation and Greenway Advisory Board (PRGAB) undertook a process during January and February, 2021 to revisit the potential PRCR bond with key considerations of changes in community priorities, planning and organization, and financial situations due to the pandemic impact. Main observations and recommendations of PRGAB discussion include:

- Equity & Reinvestment remain top priorities
- Increase emphasis on HVAC / Building Systems
- Acknowledge growing need for outdoor recreation while still balancing investment in Indoor Facilities, Programming, etc.
- Difficulty of addressing all priorities without significant increases in funding

Proposed projects, particularly for the proposed PRCR bond, were considered accordingly which influences project planning prioritization in general.

District B Projects

On April 13, 2021, Council Member Branch requested information on the vision for a number of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources (PRCR) projects in District B.

Parks with partially implemented master plans

- Forest Ridge Park: Partial development funding is included in the latest proposed PRCR bond scenarios with an outdoor recreation focus on trails, primarily mountain bike trails. Staff is currently seeking grant opportunities to supplement City funds and maximize trail build out.
- Brentwood Park: Partial development funding is included in the latest proposed PRCR bond scenarios with an outdoor recreation focus on play court improvement and trail addition.

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Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

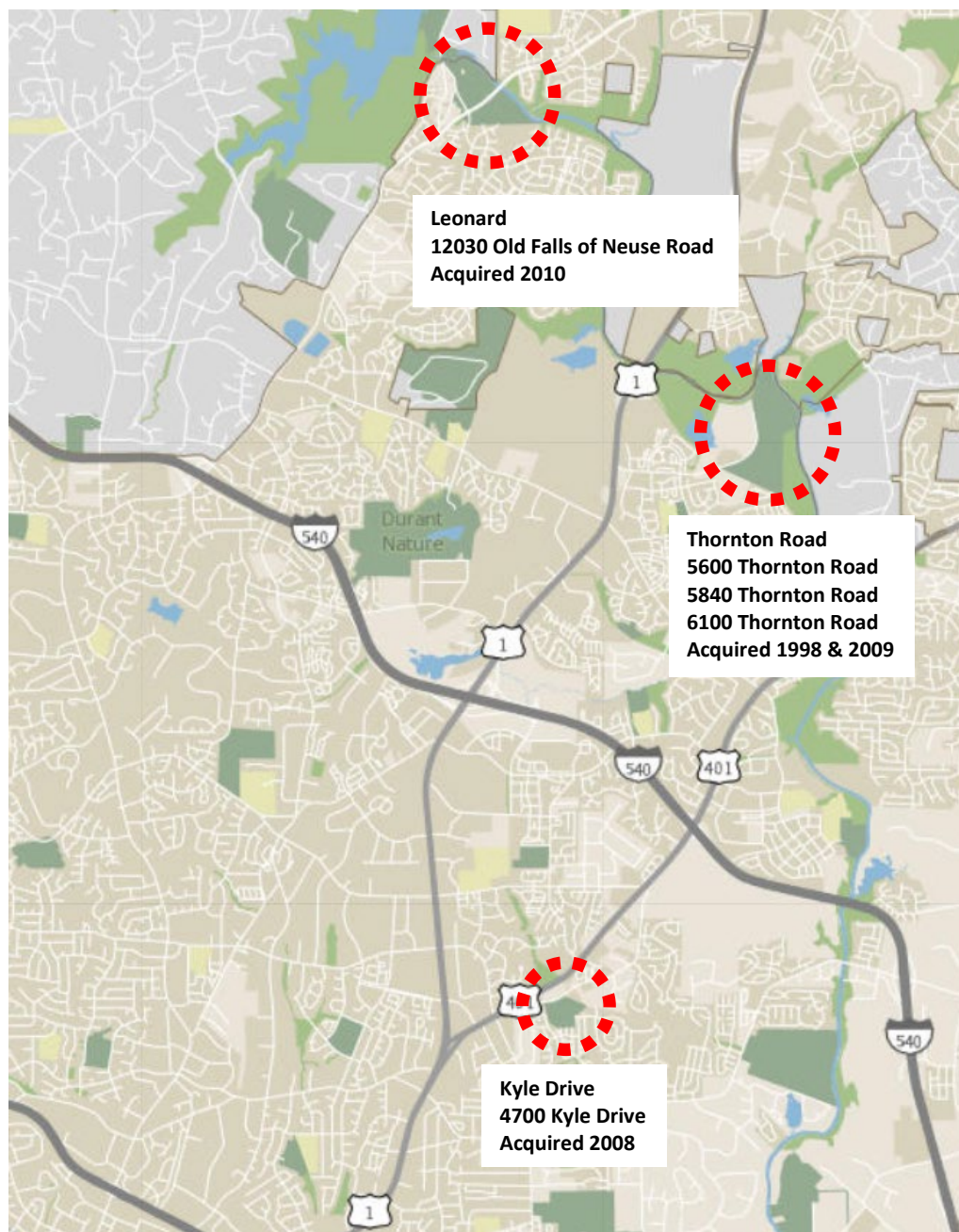
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1 Exchange Plaza,
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

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Manager's Update

- River Bend Park: The first phase of development was recently completed featuring a variety of amenities including a gated entry road, restroom with outdoor changing area, a playground, open lawn area, access to the Neuse River Greenway, a kayak launch, a kayak loading/unloading area, and associated car and kayak trailer parking., Currently no additional funding is planned for the remaining elements recommended by the master plan:
 - a park center with elevated deck
 - a second restroom building
 - an amphitheater
 - a shelter and open picnic areas
 - open play area
 - additional sidewalks and trails
 - additional parking, landscaping, and additional stormwater control measures

Tracts designated for future parks (in need of master plans)



- Master planning for Leonard Tract and Thornton Road Tract is currently not budgeted.
- Kyle Drive Property master plan is included in the latest proposed PRCR bond scenarios. This will fulfill the park access need in the underserved area as indicated in the parks equity analysis. Proposed scope includes master planning and community engagement as well as initial park development based on master plan recommendations.

Parks in need of renovations

Funding for Green Road Park improvements is included in the latest proposed PRCR bond scenarios. Proposed scope includes site accessibility improvement and construction of a central activity area with a new picnic shelter and reconstructed comfort station. Air-conditioning of the first gymnasium is currently in design phase.

Greenway needs

Connector to the Neuse River Greenway was completed in 2020. This project includes a newly constructed boardwalk and trail that connects to the Neuse River Trail, Horseshoe Farm Nature Preserve, River Bend Park and the greater Capital Area Greenway System.

Neuse River Blueway

Funding was allocated for the master plan of the Neuse River Blueway. Since staff performed the master planning in-house including community engagement, the available planning funds will support some of the near-term improvements as recommended by the Blueway Plan, such as erosion control and reinforcement of ramps at existing boat launch locations. Proposed launch sites, such as the new river access at Thornton Road tract, would require master planning of associated park properties or development of support amenities and infrastructure. Currently no additional funding is planned for future launch facilities.