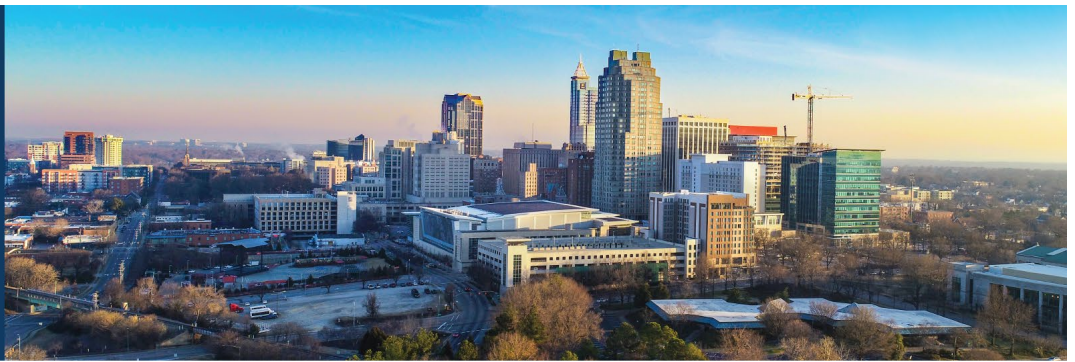


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INFORMATION:

Downtown Weekend Street Closures for Signage Installation

Staff Resource: Rob Murray, Transportation, 996-4991, rob.murray@raleighnc.gov

As part of the 301 Hillsborough Street office project, signage contractors will conduct a full closure of Hillsborough Street between N. Dawson Street and N. Harrington Street, and a significant partial closure of Dawson Street at Hillsborough Street, beginning 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22 thru 6 a.m. on Monday, October 25 for crane setup and signage installation. Dawson Street will be restricted to a single lane during the same time period. Traffic message boards will be in place to assist drivers with early notification before approaching this area.

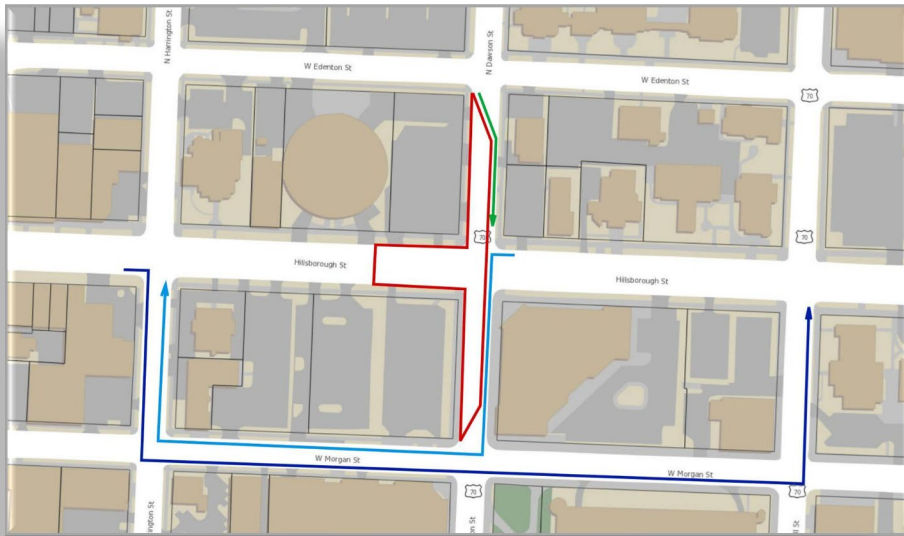
Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes and exercise caution in the work and detour zones.

This is the second attempt to complete the signage installation. The first closure was scheduled the weekend of Oct. 8 but cancelled due to inclement weather. This schedule is also subject to change pending weather or other unforeseen conditions.

Detour around work area:

- Motorists traveling westbound on Hillsborough Street will take a left on S. Dawson Street and then a right onto W. Morgan Street.

- Motorists traveling eastbound on Hillsborough Street will take a right on S. Harrington Street and then a left on W. Morgan Street.



Red: Closure Area
Green: SB Dawson St Traffic Flow
Dark Blue: EB Detour Route
Light Blue: WB Detour Route

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Farmer's Market Pilot Program

Staff Resource: Oscar Carmona, Parks, 996-3285, oscar.carmona@raleighnc.gov

In April 2021, City Council approved the recommendation by the Economic Development and Innovation Committee that included direction to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department (PRCR) to create a pilot Farmer's Market program:

"The Committee also recommends that Council direct staff to develop the next steps for a pilot program using City parks for neighborhood healthy food access with farmers' markets. Before developing a pilot program, staff from Parks and Recreation must:

- *Work with the City Attorney's Office and Risk Management on liability question*
- *Identify where to host the markets*
- *Establish the agreement tool*
- *Identify the partner(s)*

It is also understood the pilot program would begin in Fall 2021 at one park location; however, staff is encouraged to explore the possibility of having the farmers' market pilot program at 2 park/community center locations."

With guidance provided by City Council, staff created an internal team to research procedures and protocols to meet the fall target. This included connecting with other municipalities, learning from departments across the country and connecting with staff that operate the market at Moore Square (delivered in partnership with DRA). As summer progressed, dedicating resources to the research and development of the pilot program became increasingly difficult. As the pandemic persisted with the increased impact attributed to the delta variant, PRCR experienced significant difficulty in its ability to recruit and retain personnel needed to sustain summer operations. Additionally, PRCR learned that they were not alone in the struggle to deliver programs and services due to limited resources as many potential partners were unable to dedicate resources to this proposed pilot program. Regrettably, staff will not be able to meet the goal of a fall 2021 implementation.

Recognizing that the need for healthy food options is a primary component to community health, PRCR is working on an interim step as energy is refocused to deliver the markets in the spring of 2022. Staff are engaged with a local delivery service, Produce Project (<https://www.produceproject.org/>) where extra food is donated to local non-profit organizations that serve the community. Staff will investigate options to deliver this program out of the community center at John Chavis Memorial Park and to use the Produce Project as a bridge to get to the next step of a pilot farmer's market program.

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Weekly Digest of Special Events

Staff Resource: Sarah Heinsohn, Special Events Office, 996-2200, sarah.heinsohn@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 Item

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission - Bus Rapid Transit - New Bern Avenue (Mayor Baldwin)

Staff Resource: Mila Vega, Transportation - Transit, 996-4123, mila.vega@raleighnc.gov

Kenneth Ritchie, Engineering Services, 996-4112, kenneth.ritchie@raleighnc.gov

During the October 19 City Council Meeting, the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) presented review and comments on the 65% design plans for the New Bern Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, including recommendations. Following the presentation, Council requested that staff review and provide response to BPAC recommendations as a *Special Item* for the November 2 City Council agenda.

In order to be comprehensive and thorough, staff will need additional time to coordinate between multiple affected agencies and provide a response. This item will instead be included with the November 16 meeting agenda.

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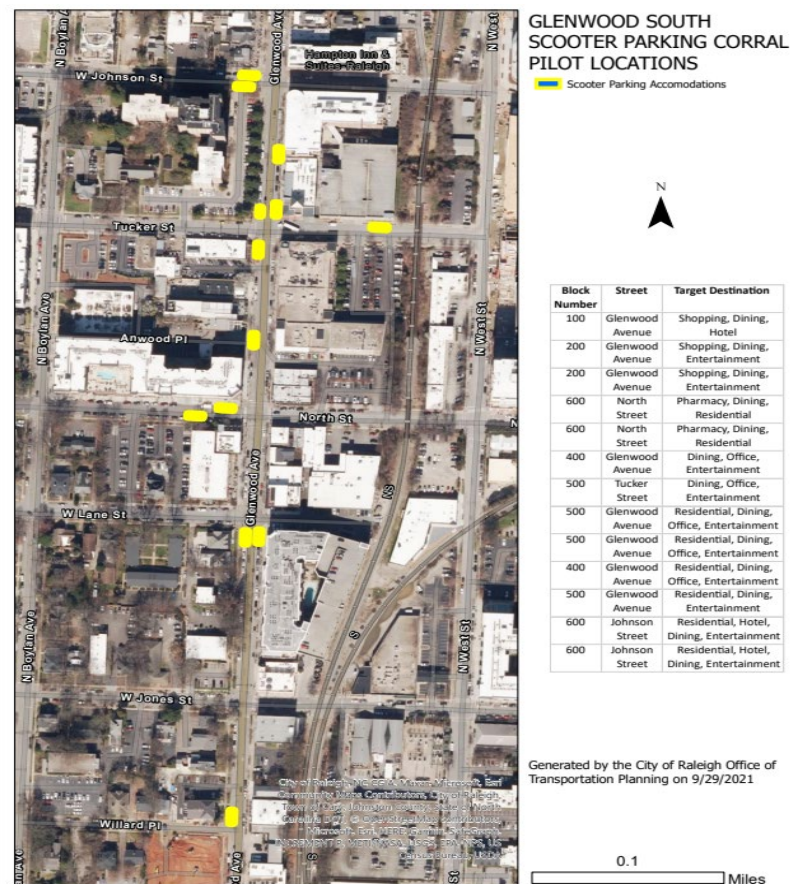
Follow Up from the September 14 Work Session

Scooter Parking Corrals - Glenwood South

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

During the work session several issues in the Glenwood South Hospitality District were discussed, including scooter user behavior in the Glenwood Avenue corridor. Transportation staff has worked with internal stakeholders, the Downtown Raleigh Alliance, and the Glenwood South Neighborhood Collaborative to pilot a total of 13 parking corrals for dockless scooters in the Glenwood South area.

Eight corrals will be installed on Glenwood Avenue, two on West Johnson Street, one located on Tucker Street, and two on West North Street. The planned corrals will be incorporated in curb space that is already zoned “no parking.” Fire hydrant, line of sight, and corner clearances will constitute the space that will absorb the dedicated scooter parking. A private parking deck entrance that is no longer in use will also be used for this new infrastructure. The image below provides an overview of the pilot locations:



Staff is coordinating with the authorized scooter companies (Bolt, Lime, and Spin) to use these locations as drop-off zones and is enhancing geofence technology that will enforce scooter users to park in these locations between the 00 and 600 blocks of Glenwood South. Geofencing uses GPS to create a virtual perimeter or boundary that can trigger a programmed reaction within the scooter, like to slow down or to park in certain areas.

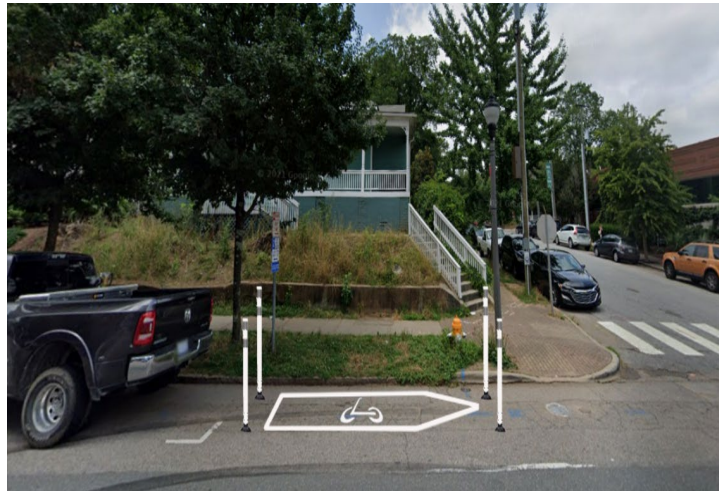
Staff and the scooter companies have collaborated on procedures to mitigate scooter-related issues on Glenwood South. These changes include:

- The creation of 339 feet of dedicated scooter parking on and around the Glenwood South area. Glenwood Avenue will gain a total of 221 linear feet of scooter parking, while 118 linear feet of scooter parking will be installed on Tucker, Johnson, and North Streets.
- No scooter parking on Glenwood South is permitted between Peace and Hillsborough Street, except for designated scooter parking corrals.
- Scooter companies will only deploy in designated scooter parking corrals on Glenwood South between Peace Street and Hillsborough Street.
- Available space in each corral will be divided into 12-foot parking zones. For fairness amongst the three companies, each company may deploy 3 vehicles per 12-foot zone. Outside of Glenwood Avenue, each company should still deploy 3 vehicles per block face.
- Parking will be enforced through geofence technology, showing Glenwood as a “no park zone” except for designated locations. Scooter users who ignore the “no park zone” will be charged by the operator until their trip is ended in a permitted space.
- Scooter companies will incentivize users to end trips correctly with the creation of “reward zones.” (Reward zones will coincide with the proposed parking corrals.) Incentives will differ based on the company but could include discounted or free rides.
- Between Peace Street, Boylan Avenue, Hillsborough Street, and West Street, speed will be reduced from 20 mph to 10 mph on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 7:00 PM - 4:00 AM.
- Each company will deliver monthly reports to staff that include heat maps and data on how many trips have started and ended in each location. Staff will evaluate data on a monthly basis to monitor progress along the corridor.

Glenwood Avenue stakeholders were notified of these changes two weeks prior to installation through a letter from staff and an enclosed map of the new scooter parking locations. Staff has added messaging to the City of Raleigh Dockless Scooter page and pushed information out through social media platforms to inform users and stakeholders of these upcoming changes. Scooter companies have communicated these changes to their users via email and in-app messaging platforms.

Staff will continuously monitor behavior and progress on the Glenwood South corridor over the next several months and make changes to the program as necessary. If successful, expansion to Fayetteville Street, Hillsborough Street, and other popular destinations is likely.

The scooter parking infrastructure is planned to be installed in early November. The image below approximates what these scooter parking corrals may look like in the Glenwood South area.



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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, October 22 – Thursday, October 28

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Permitted Special Events

Outdoor Office 2021

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Friday, October 22

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

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Raleigh Union Station Plaza will be used from 8:00am until 6:00pm.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of the Triangle

Brier Creek Shopping Center & Route

Saturday, October 23

Event Time: 7:30am - 12:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Roads will be closed along the route from 7:20am until 9:00am. [View route here](#) and see below for turn-by-turn details:

Start on Brier Creek Shopping Center property; Right onto Arco Corporate Drive; Make a U-turn on Arco Corporate Drive at Lumley Road; Return by the same route

LGBTQ+ Community Health Fair

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Saturday, October 23

Event Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 11:00am until 7:00pm.

Milk Bar Oktoberfest

Tucker Street

Saturday, October 23

Event Time: 2:00pm - 10:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Tucker Street between Glenwood Avenue and the 510 Glenwood parking deck will be closed from 8:00am until 11:00pm. Note that local traffic will have access to and from the parking deck.

Comeback Fest

Red Hat Amphitheater & Lenoir Street

Saturday, October 23

Event Time: 5:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Lenoir Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Dawson Street will be closed from 10:00am on 10-22-21 until 12:00pm on 10-24-21.

Black Flea Market

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, October 24

Event Time: 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 11:00am until 7:00pm.

Noon Tunes - XOXOK

City Plaza

Wednesday, October 27

Event Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. The off-street portion of City Plaza will be used from 10:30am until 1:30pm every Wednesday through 11-10-21.

Trunk or Treat

McDonald Lane

Wednesday, October 27

Event Time: 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Associated Road Closures: McDonald Lane between Oberlin Road and Colonial Road will be closed from 4:00pm until 8:30pm.

Other Events This Weekend

Cinema in the Square – Pitch Perfect

Friday, October 22

Moore Square

For King & Country

Friday, October 22

Red Hat Amphitheater

Ignorant Elegance “Laugh Out Loud” Comedy Show

Friday, October 22

Kennedy Theatre

Gilberto Santa Rosa

Friday, October 22

Memorial Auditorium

Mendelssohn & Brahms – North Carolina Symphony

Friday, October 22 & Saturday, October 23

Meymandi Concert Hall

2021 NC State Fair

Friday, October 22 – Sunday, October 24

North Carolina State Fairgrounds

Black Flea Market

Saturday, October 23

Moore Square

Bike-Walk-Rail Event

Saturday, October 23

Village District Citrix Cycle Station

Ask-A-Planner – Capital Blvd. North Corridor Study

Saturday, October 23

Virtual

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St. Monica Teen Center Fall Festival

Saturday, October 23
Saint Monica Teen Center

Civil War History Hike

Saturday, October 23
Meet at the Chapel at Dix Park

Guided Walking Tour

Saturday, October 23
Meet at the Chapel at Dix Park

Los Tigres del Norte - La Reunión Tour

Saturday, October 23
Memorial Auditorium

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow – Carolina Ballet

Saturday, October 23 & Sunday, October 24
Fletcher Opera Theater

Public Resources

Pilot Text Alert Program: Sometimes spontaneous events happen downtown and in other areas that could affect local businesses. If you'd like to receive notifications when those events happen, including unpermitted ones, sign up for text alerts.

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 impact City streets, public plazas, and Dorothea Dix Park.