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## INFORMATION:

### **Weekly Digest of Special Events**

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

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## Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow Up from the July 5 City Council Meeting

### **New Bern Avenue Bus Rapid Transit – Transit Overlay Engagement**

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During the meeting Council requested a follow-up related to engagement activities around New Bern Avenue Corridor planning focused on Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) design and Transit Overlay District (TOD) rezoning process.

Since calendar year 2019, a total of thirteen (13) open house style meetings have occurred and included survey feedback opportunities. These open house style meetings were advertised using mailers, yard signs,

newsletters/email listservs, via the City website, and social media. Additionally, numerous (more than 150) formal and informal presentations were completed to City Council, Council's Advisory Boards and Commissions, citizen organizations including Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs), [BRT Stakeholder Committee](#) and other stakeholder organizations. Staff has put together the following resources related to the engagement efforts to date along New Bern Avenue Corridor:

1. Initial Phases: Prior to the City of Raleigh becoming a project sponsor, engagement occurred through the initial planning phase of [2016 Wake Transit Plan](#) and was followed by public engagement during the [2018 Major Investment Study](#) for Wake Transit Plan BRT projects.
2. Preliminary BRT Design (pre-pandemic): In June and October of 2019, after the City of Raleigh became the BRT project sponsor, two (2) design open houses were conducted at Martin Street Baptist Church detailing the 10% and 30% preliminary design milestones for the project, respectively. A summary report for the public engagement conducted during preliminary design phase was produced in March 2020.
  - a. [New Bern BRT Engagement Summary – Spring 2020](#) – this document contains summary of activities from the two public open houses as well as links for various Council presentation and updates and stakeholder presentations. It also includes results from initial surveys completed during the preliminary design phase and the consultant summaries from each open house event.
3. Equitable Development Around Transit (pre-pandemic): This citywide planning study kicked off in June of 2019. Two (2) interactive public workshops were held in October of 2019 on the topics of Affordability and Equity and Growing around Transit. A final presentation on the draft plan was held in February of 2020. Online surveys and pop-up engagement events occurred throughout all phases of the project.
  - a. The final [Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Guidebook](#) describes the results of the engagement activities.
4. Final BRT Design (during pandemic): Additional engagement and outreach occurred during the pandemic through virtual open houses in Fall 2020, [Spring 2021](#) and [Fall 2022](#). Also, business outreach and one-on-one meetings were conducted during 60% design phase. Summary Report for the activities during each Virtual Open Houses are linked to this update:
  - a. [New Bern BRT Engagement Summary – Fall 2020 Virtual Open House](#) – this document contains summary of activities during virtual open house, ask-a-planner event, and survey conducted around station design.
  - b. [New Bern BRT Engagement Summary – Spring 2021 Virtual Open House](#) – this document contains summary of activities during virtual open house including online survey results and polling board results for bus shelters along the corridor.
5. New Bern Station Area Planning (during pandemic): This study began with a public survey in October of 2020 before the consultant team was selected. RFQ submittals were required to respond to questions generated by the community.
  - a. Engagement activities held during the study included:
    - Scoping survey
    - Two (2) kickoff meetings, plus survey
    - Interviews for The Story of New Bern Avenue

- Affordable Housing Summit
  - Walking and Biking Safety Summit
  - Three (3) design workshops, plus survey
  - Draft Recommendations Meeting, plus survey
  - Draft Recommendations Check-In, plus survey
  - Informal meetings with stakeholders
- b. Additional detail about the engagement process can be found in the Engagement Summary and in the Final Corridor Plan.
6. Public Art (during pandemic): In Fall 2020, an [Artist-In-Residence Program](#) included public engagement around history, culture, and developing themes for art concepts for New Bern Avenue was completed. [Eleven \(11\) artists](#) of various disciplines were selected and are currently working on manufacturing art pieces to be integrated into New Bern Avenue BRT station design.
7. Rezoning Case Z-92-22 New Bern Station Area Rezoning: This rezoning request was authorized by City Council in the summer of 2022. Following the UDO requirements for all rezoning petitions, staff held the following public events:
- Pre-application neighborhood meeting: November 2022; 89 attendees
  - Online engagement portal: 968 views, 120 comments as of July 2023
  - Second neighborhood meeting: February 2023; 99 attendees

Additionally, staff hosted four (4) total *Ask-a-Planner* sessions in December of 2022 and March of 2023, and has attended six (6) community meetings organized and hosted by members of the public.

- The most recent [engagement summary was presented to Planning Commission in June](#)

*(No attachment)*

# Weekly Events Digest

## Friday, July 28– Thursday, August 3

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### Permitted Special Events

#### [GalaxyCon](#)

Cabarrus Street & Raleigh Convention Center

Friday, July 28 - Sunday, July 30

Event Time: 11:00am - 8:00pm on 7-28-23, 7-29-23, & 7-30-23

Associated Road Closures: Cabarrus Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Salisbury Street will be closed from 6:00am on 7-27-23 until 1:30am on 7-31-23.

#### [Taste of Soul NC](#)

City Plaza

Saturday, July 29

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

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza will be closed from 9:00am until 8:00pm.

#### [The Throwdown](#)

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Saturday, July 29

Event Time: 12:00pm - 6:00pm

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 9:00am until 7:00pm.

#### [Black Flea Market](#)

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, July 30

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

Associated Road Closures: No roads will be closed for the event. Union Station Plaza will be used from 12:00pm until 6:00pm every Sunday through 10-29-23.

#### [Raleigh Night Market](#)

City Market

Wednesday, August 2

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

Associated Road Closures: Parham Street between Martin Street and Wolfe Street, and Wolfe Street between Blount Street and Blake Street will be closed from 3:00pm until 10:00pm.

### Other Upcoming Events

#### [Foodie Friday](#)

Friday, July 28

Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

#### [Walker Hayes with Ingrid Andress and BRELAND](#)

Friday, July 28

Red Hat Amphitheater

#### [Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins – North Carolina Theatre](#)

Friday, July 28 - Sunday, July 30

Memorial Auditorium

**[Counting Crows with Dashboard Confessional](#)**

Saturday, July 29  
Red Hat Amphitheater

**[Guided Trolley Tour](#)**

Saturday, July 29  
Dorothea Dix Park, Chapel

**[Summer Concert Series](#)**

Sunday, July 30  
Pullen Park

**[National Night Out](#)**

Tuesday, August 1  
Locations Citywide

**[Sam Smith](#)**

Tuesday, August 1  
PNC Arena

**[Jazz in the Square](#)**

Thursday, August 3  
Moore Square Park

**[Carolina Academy of Performing Arts – Between the Lines](#)**

Thursday, August 3 - Saturday, August 5  
Fletcher Opera Theater

**[Tessellate: Light & Shadow Installation](#)**

Ongoing through Monday, August 28  
Dorothea Dix Park, Flowers Field

**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 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.