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Work Session - Tuesday, October 10 - 4:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next **Tuesday** in a scheduled work session at **4:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the work session was posted to the electronic agenda management system Thursday.

Public Comment Session - Tuesday, October 10 - 7:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will also meet next **Tuesday** in the scheduled public comment session which begins at **7:00 P.M.**

INFORMATION:

Innovation Team Survey

Staff Resource: Travis Crane, Planning and Development, 996-2656, travis.crane@raleighnc.gov

The Planning and Development Department has recently established an innovation team with the purpose of exploring improvements related to the permitting and approval process. The team began work at the end of July and has primarily focused on conducting research and reviews. The staff has recently designed and launched a survey for external stakeholders, which will be open until October 14. Following the survey close, staff will organize a few focus groups to gain a better understanding of the survey results.

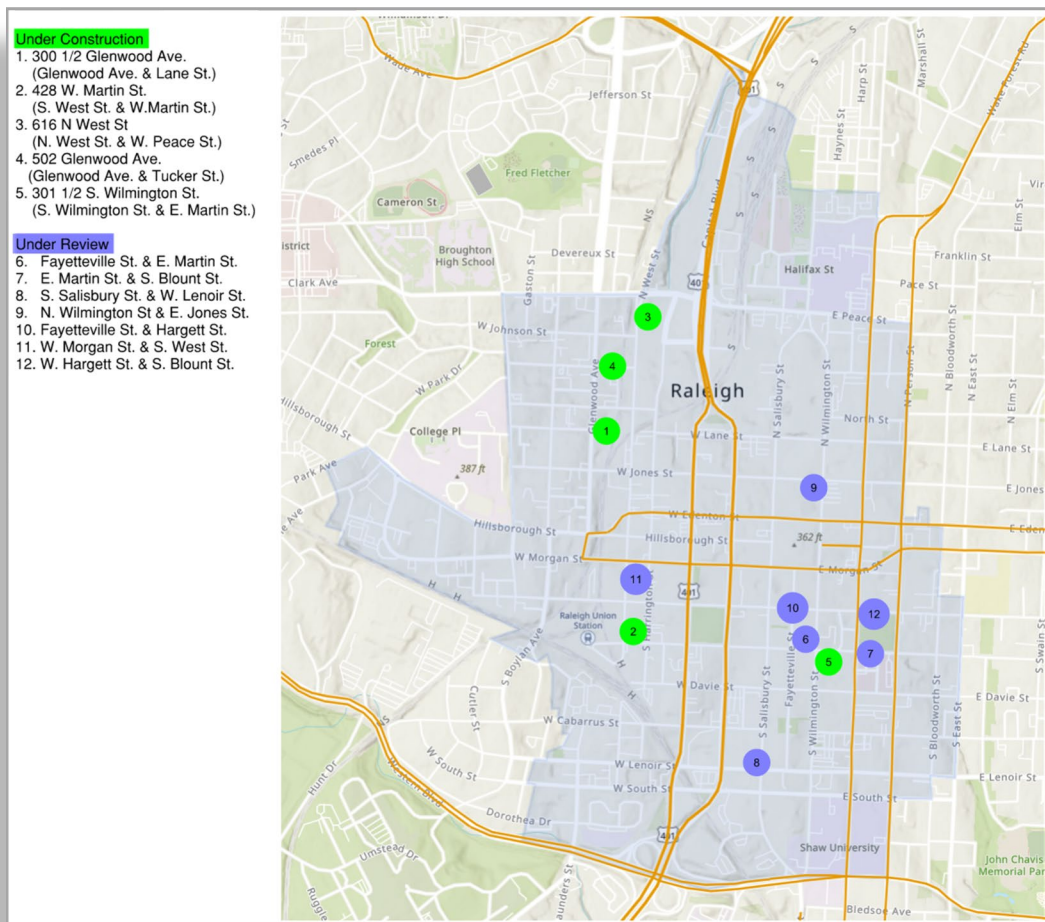
Additional information may be found in the staff memorandum included with the *Update* materials. (Attachment)

“IKE” Kiosk Deployment Update:

Staff Resource: Ken Dunn, Transportation, 996-6810, ken.dunn@raleighnc.gov

Raleigh Transportation is coordinating with IKE Smart Cities, LLC (IKE) and the Downtown Raleigh Alliance (DRA) on the deployment of smart kiosks in multiple locations within the downtown area. This initiative was approved by City Council at the April 19, 2022, meeting. Agreements were subsequently executed between the City, DRA, and IKE in November 2022 and per these agreements, a network of 15 to 20 kiosks will be located within the public right-of-way. The kiosks are to be placed within the service area as defined in the agreement (shaded area on map) with IKE installing and maintaining the kiosks and DRA managing informational content.

The map below shows a list of current sites under construction and review. The agreement does not permit kiosks to be located on NCDOT maintained streets; NCDOT streets are shown in orange on the image below. Also indicated are locations under review by the City and various partners, including DRA, adjacent property owners, and businesses. Additional locations are being explored with an anticipated 15 sites to be completed with this phase, including at least one additional site along Fayetteville Street.



The five sites under construction have recently had the kiosk installed and plan to be energized and activated in the coming days. Each site is only under construction for a few days and impacts to the public have been minimal.

A ribbon cutting ceremony to highlight this new interactive information system for Downtown Raleigh is being planned and information on this will be forthcoming from the partnership.

Previous information regarding this item may be found in *Update* [Issue 2023-08](#) (March 3, 2023).

(No attachment)

Weekly Digest of Special Events

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

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

(Attachment)

Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow up from the August 15 Council Meeting

Launch of Social District Registration and Business Interest Form (Council Member Melton)

Staff Resource: Whitney Schoenfeld, Office of Special Events, 996-2204, whitney.schoenfeld@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting, staff was asked to establish provisions in anticipation of future requests for the expansion of the current downtown social district. Since this time, staff has worked to develop a process to address potential expansion based on business interest.

A [Social District Business Interest form](#) will allow businesses adjacent to the boundaries of a current social district to express interest in being a part of the district. Staff will collect submissions on the City's [Sip n' Stroll website](#). Submissions and potential new boundary lines will be brought to City Council for consideration on an annual basis each Spring for an effective implementation date in the Summer.

In addition to this, a separate process and [Social District Registration form](#) have been developed to anticipate future requests of new social districts in other parts of the city. Staff will launch this form on the City's [Sip n' Stroll website](#), accept registration materials, and guide applicants on all necessary state and local requirements. When eligible applicants have successfully completed all requirements, staff will present the social district request to City Council for authorization.

Each applicant will be responsible for providing the following:

- Proposed area, boundaries, and map
- Proposed hours of operation
- Participating and non-participating locations
- Signage plan
- Management and maintenance plan

Earlier this week, North Hills announced the launch of their own “Sip & Stroll” program. While the names are similar, we expect this is being done under other provisions of what is called a “common area entertainment permit.” Common area entertainment permits and social districts serve similar purposes, but a common area entertainment permit is for a multi-tenant establishment, and specifically excludes the public right-of-way.

(No attachment)

Follow up from the September 5 Council Meeting

BikeRaleigh Plan Progress Update (Mayor Baldwin)

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

During the meeting, Council requested staff provide an overview on how the update to the BikeRaleigh Plan will continue forward.

The BikeRaleigh Plan, adopted in 2016, is the framework for expanding Raleigh’s bikeway network and improving safety, comfort, convenience, and accessibility for bicyclists of all ages and abilities.

The BikeRaleigh Plan includes a ten-year priority plan, recommending implementation of selected greenways, side paths, separated bikeways, conventional bike lanes, and neighborhood bikeways. These projects were selected using criteria such as park and greenway access, population served, need and equity, access to destinations, crash data, and existing service levels. The chart below outlines the project type and status for all projects identified in the Ten-Year Priority Plan.

Facility Type	10-Year Priority Plan	In-Progress	Under Construction or Completed	Not Started
Paved Greenway Trail	6 projects	1 project (17%)	4 projects (66%)	1 project (17%)
Separated Bikeway	9 projects	4 projects (44%)	3 projects (33%)	2 projects (23%)
Neighborhood Bikeway	24 projects	6 projects (25%)	4 projects (17%)	14 projects (58%)
Conventional Bikeway	19 projects	---	8 projects (42%)	11 projects (58%)
Side path Updates	9 projects	3 projects (33%)	---	6 projects (67%)

Since the 2016 BikeRaleigh Plan was adopted, approximately 68 miles of bike infrastructure has been completed, including 10 miles (15%) of ten-year priority projects. All bike infrastructure projects are managed and delivered through a variety of ways, including City of Raleigh and NCDOT annual resurfacing programs, private development coordination, standalone bike projects through Raleigh’s Capital Improvement Program, and the Complete Streets Implementation Program. The chart below outlines bike facilities completed since 2016 that were not identified in the ten-year priority plan.

Bike Project Delivery Through Other Programs	
Facility Type	Completed
Separated Bikeway	Along 4 corridors
Neighborhood Bikeway	Along 31 corridors
Conventional Bikeway	Along 36 corridors
Buffered Bikeways	Along 35 corridors

Transportation staff consistently partners to align implementation of the BikeRaleigh Plan into various programs, plans, and projects, which vastly enhances the ability to deliver bike projects and build strategic connections.

The BikeRaleigh Plan’s current priority plan was adopted with an anticipated completion year of 2026. In preparation for completing implementation of the ten-year priority plan, the City of Raleigh’s FY2021-FY2025 Strategic Plan includes an initiative to update the BikeRaleigh Plan with a focus on equitable outcomes and bike lane implementation focused on linking strategic connections. Prioritizing equity and connectivity in the upcoming plan update will result in project recommendations that are both strategic and constructable.

In August 2023 the City of Raleigh was notified of award for a bicycle plan update from NCDOT’s Multimodal Planning Grant Program. NCDOT is expected to send Municipal Agreements for the City of Raleigh’s approval in October 2023. The BikeRaleigh Plan update will kick off in Winter 2024.

Transportation staff is also pursuing an update to the Downtown Transportation and Operations Study. This study was originally completed in 2018 and focused on evaluating the downtown transportation network’s ability to accommodate multimodal infrastructure and services, such as fixed route transit, bus rapid transit, and bike infrastructure.

The pending update to this study will evaluate downtown’s multi-modal transportation network, and additionally provide recommendations on how to accommodate a diverse and connected spectrum of transportation needs in downtown including automobile, bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation users.

Staff has identified a consultant to assist with this effort and will bring a contract for services for City Council’s consideration at the November 7th City Council meeting. Pending approval, the Downtown Transportation and Operations Study will kick off in November 2023.

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Follow up from the September 19 Council Meeting

Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Units in the Transit Overlay District (-TOD) (Council Member Black)

Staff Resource: Justin Rametta, Planning and Development, 996-2665, justin.rametta@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting Council requested staff to provide information regarding the feasibility of allowing single-room occupancy (SRO) units in the Transit Overlay District (-TOD). The request followed public comment from Octavia Rainey.

The current -TOD regulations were adopted in 2021, with minor revisions to those regulations considered and approved by Council during the October 3, 2023 City Council meeting. The most recent update removed the prohibition on single and two-unit living in the “-TOD” district, among other minor clarifications and changes. Regardless of any policy discussions related to SROs, any text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) would require careful consideration and significant revisions due to how the UDO currently regulates residential uses. Staff can provide additional context and options through several ongoing and upcoming projects, including a pending external text amendment (TC-7-22, Co-living) and planned updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

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To	Marchell Adams-David, City Manager
Thru	Patrick O. Young, AICP, Director
From	Travis R. Crane, Assistant Director
Department	Planning and Development
Date	October 6, 2023
Subject	City Council Follow Up Item/Innovation Team

Staff has recently informed the City Council about a transformative effort to examine and alter the permit review process. An Innovation Team has been formed, consisting of staff across our building safety, customer service, and planning groups with the charge to:

- Simplify, combine, or eliminate unnecessary process components
- Increase coordination between departments
- Redefine and improve review benchmarks
- Create clear communication for staff and customers; and
- Standardize laws and codes when necessary

The group began to meet almost daily on July 31, 2023 and continues to review processes, formulate and test ideas, and gain feedback. Much of the work has been internally focused; however, staff has now launched two surveys. The first survey is targeted for Express Service clients, which closed on September 22. The second survey is open for all customers that use the permit services. The surveys are intended to capture feedback from users of the permit submittal and approval process. To date, staff has received almost 170 responses to the external survey.

[Click here](#) to access our customer survey. It will remain open until October 14. Once the survey has closed, staff will conduct small focus groups with permit users to gain specific feedback.

Weekly Events Digest

Friday, October 6 – Thursday, October 12

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Permitted Special Events

[First Friday Market](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, October 6

Event Time: 7:00pm - 11:00pm

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 6:00pm until 11:59pm.

[Falling for Local](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, Big Field

Saturday, October 7

Event Time: 11:00am - 6:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Big Field will be used, and the following roads will be closed from 6:00am until 8:00pm:

- Blair Drive between Umstead Drive and Centennial Parkway
- Hunt Drive between Soccer Field entrance and Umstead Drive
- Barbour Drive/Biggs Drive between Umstead Drive and Goode Street
- Umstead Drive between Ruggles Drive and Blair Drive

[Honey & Art Fair](#)

Vanderbilt Avenue

Saturday, October 7

Event Time: 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Vanderbilt Avenue between Horne Street and Pogue Street will be closed from 12:00pm until 7:00pm.

[Band Together's Mighty Giveback](#)

Red Hat Amphitheater & Lenoir Street

Saturday, October 7

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

Associated Road Closures: Lenoir Street between S. Dawson Street and S. McDowell Street will be closed, and the gravel parking lot across from Red Hat Amphitheater will be used from 8:00am on 10-6-23 until 12:00pm on 10-8-23.

[35th Annual Thad & Alice Eure Walk for Hope](#)

Glenwood Avenue

Sunday, October 8

Event Time: 7:00am - 3:00pm

Associated Road Closures: East-bound Glenwood Avenue between the Angus Barn and Umstead Parkway will be closed from 7:00am until 3:00pm. Note that one lane of east-bound Glenwood Avenue will remain accessible to traffic during the event, and view the [walk route](#) for more details.

[Triangle Heart Walk](#)

PNC Arena & Trinity Road

Sunday, October 8

Event Time: 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Associated Road Closures: One lane of Trinity Road between Youth Center Drive and Peter Karmanos Junior Drive will be closed from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Note that Trinity Road will remain accessible to traffic during the event.

Black Flea Market

Raleigh Union Station Plaza

Sunday, October 8

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.

Other Upcoming Events

First Friday Raleigh

Friday, October 6

Smoky Hollow

First Friday Market & Movie: The Mummy

Friday, October 6

Moore Square

Preseason: Nashville Predators vs. Carolina Hurricanes

Friday, October 6

PNC Arena

The Music of Billy Joel and Elton John – NC Symphony

Friday, October 6 & Saturday, October 7

Meymandi Concert Hall

Scarecrow Festival

Saturday, October 7

Pullen Park Amusements

Fire Prevention Week Fall Festival and Chili Cook Off

Sunday, October 8

Fire Station 22

Sensory Friendly Sunday: Spooky Spectacular

Sunday, October 8

Greystone Recreation Center

Moore Square Market

Sunday, October 8

Moore Square

Downtown Raleigh Restaurant Week 2023

Through Sunday, October 8

Downtown Raleigh

Kirk Franklin

Tuesday, October 10

PNC Arena

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical – North Carolina Theatre

Tuesday, October 10 – Sunday, October 15

Memorial Auditorium

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Ottawa Senators vs. Carolina Hurricanes

Wednesday, October 11
PNC Arena

Frankenstein – Carolina Ballet

Thursday, October 12 – Sunday, October 29
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 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.