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INFORMATION:

Work Session – Tuesday, October 8 - 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 8 - 7:00 P.M.

In addition, Council will also meet **Tuesday** for the scheduled public comment session at **7:00 P.M.**

Art in the Public Right-of-Way: Downtown Raleigh

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Raleigh Transportation in collaboration with Raleigh Arts is implementing several new public street artwork and pedestrian safety initiatives in Downtown Raleigh.

The first new artwork installation, a mural by local artist Lidia Churakova, will be installed this weekend weather permitting on Wilmington Street at the One Exchange Plaza (OEP) mid-block crosswalk to GoRaleigh Station. This has been an area of priority focus over the last several years to improve pedestrian safety,

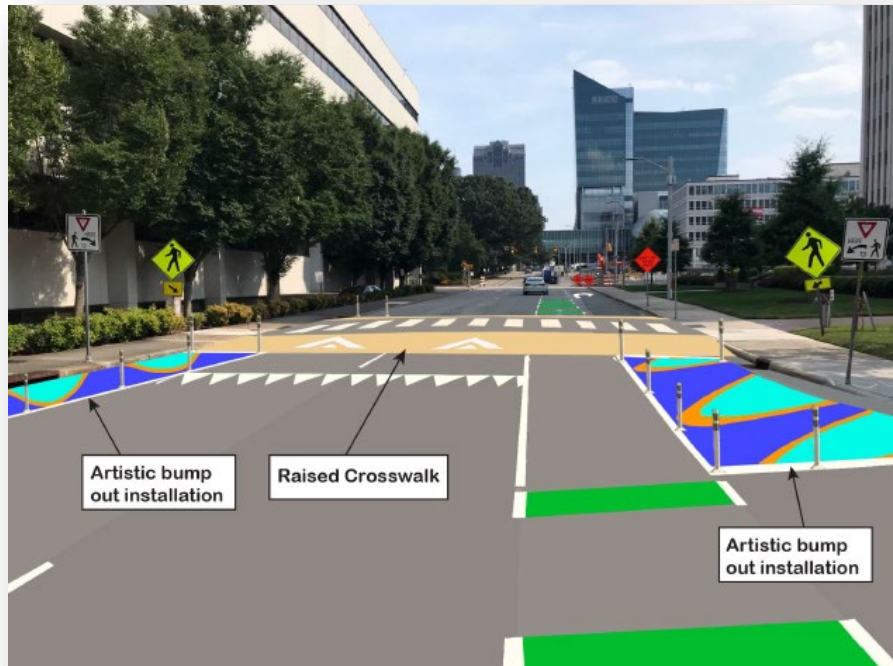
given a number of incidents and near-misses with people crossing between GoRaleigh Station and OEP. Most recently, Raleigh’s Transportation Department installed concrete islands so a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) could be mounted to improve pedestrian safety. The new artwork will be installed on these concrete islands leading up to the crosswalk.

City staff have also worked with NCDOT to get approximately \$1.2M in federal funds to improve safety at uncontrolled mid-block crosswalks in the downtown area. This federal funding will pay for the design and construction of raised crosswalks at several of these uncontrolled crossings, many of which will also be supplemented with public art. These art installations will be funded with \$150K of unused general capital reserves as directed by Council back in May.

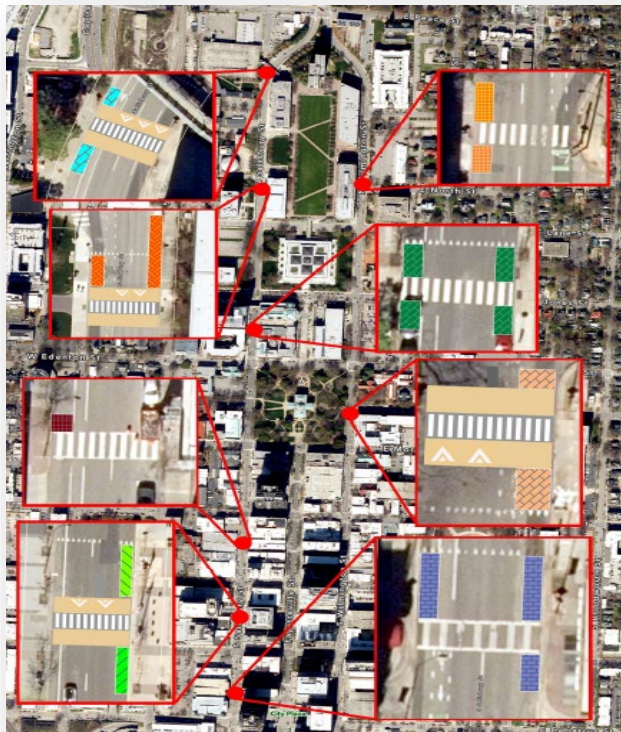
Below are renderings of the planned artwork installation on Wilmington Street, an example of a proposed raised crosswalk with artwork and a map of 8 planned crosswalks with artwork installation.



Wilmington Street Artwork: Before -- After



Proposed Raised Crosswalk with Artwork (300 N Salisbury Street)



Proposed Location of Crosswalks with Future Artwork

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Strickland Apartments Affordable Rental Development Update

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Background

On September 17, 2024, City Council approved the conditional commitment of \$4,000,000 in gap financing funds to support Strickland Apartments (which has subsequently been renamed Barton Oaks), a proposed 148-unit 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit development for low- and moderate-income households.

Revised Development Proposal

A few days after Council authorized the gap financing for Strickland Apartments, the developer, Oppidan Investment Company, informed staff that it had been determined that the project could support an additional four affordable units, bringing the total unit count to 152 units. The development team was able to rearrange the site layout and use the topography to their advantage. The addition of the four units would not impact the gap financing request to the City of Raleigh. The revised proposal would create affordable housing for an additional four Raleigh households. As a result, the Housing and Neighborhoods Department intends to proceed with the revised unit mix.

A comparison of the original and proposed unit mix can be seen below.

Original Unit Mix:

Unit Type	20% AMI	30% AMI	60% AMI	70% AMI	Total
1 BR	3	3	18	13	37
2 BR	3	3	53	16	75
3 BR	2	2	21	11	36
Total Units	8	8	92	40	148

Proposed Unit Mix:

Unit Type	20% AMI	30% AMI	60% AMI	70% AMI	Total
1 BR	3	3	17	15	38
2 BR	3	3	55	15	76
3 BR	2	2	23	11	38
Total Units	8	8	92	40	152

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Scooter Parking Corral Upgrades along the Glenwood South Corridor

Staff Resource: Hannah Dos Santos, Transportation, 996-2165, hannah.dossantos@raleighnc.gov

Later this month, Transportation will begin improvements to the 13 existing scooter parking corrals along the Glenwood South Corridor between Peace Street and Hillsborough Street. Originally [launched in October 2021 as a pilot](#), these corrals resulted in a high compliance rate for Lime and Spin scooter trips, meaning most rides ended in the designated corral areas for the duration of the pilot (October 2021 - June 2022). During the pilot, geofencing technology, in-app parking guidance, and financial penalties for improper parking were implemented to promote compliance.



This upgrade will include reactive geofencing technology, paired with new signage, wheel stops, and painted visual designs. Research shows that combining clear visual markings with geofencing technology significantly improves parking behavior, ensuring strong compliance. Some corrals will also feature bicycle racks to allow cyclists to make use of this updated infrastructure.



Corral Update Design Concept

Context for Project

The Glenwood South scooter corrals were installed as a pilot to help mitigate poor parking behavior along the corridor. Scooter parking corrals were installed in areas where parking is prohibited, including near fire hydrants, in visibility clear zones, and at intersections. Repurposing these spaces as scooter parking corrals enhances the visibility for all road users along the corridor by keeping these areas clear of obstructions.

Following the pilot's completion, Transportation has received valuable feedback from the public regarding scooter parking compliance. Building on the success of the pilot, we aim to enhance this project by incorporating proven corral upgrades from other cities. Our goal is to use this corridor as a model for testing and refining scooter parking solutions that can be implemented across the city.

Next Steps

This project offers an opportunity to test new materials and designs, which will inform plans for expanding corrals to other parts of downtown. Inspired by New York City's Asphalt Art Activations, this provides an opportunity to collaborate with internal and external partners to develop a design concept with vibrant, custom colors for improved visibility and ease of implementation. This project builds on the success of painted curb bump outs at W. Hargett St. and Salisbury St. by using similar materials (see below). As a learning opportunity, we will evaluate how different paint pigments perform and inform future designs based on their popularity and effectiveness. The selected colors aim to enhance visibility, drawing inspiration from similar projects done in cities like New York City and Washington, D.C.



W Hargett & Salisbury Street Art Map

The success of the Glenwood South corral pilot in 2021 has laid the foundation for this new initiative, which integrates best practices from other cities and lessons learned over the years. We are confident these upgrades, including vibrant painted designs, will enhance both compliance and the overall experience for residents and visitors using the corridor. Recognizing that addressing scooter parking behavior is an ongoing process, we appreciate the public's patience and input as we continue exploring solutions. As the project progresses, we will actively seek feedback from both the community and other key stakeholders to refine and expand these efforts beyond the Glenwood South corridor.

Transportation has notified the Glenwood South Neighborhood Collaborative as well as the Downtown Raleigh Alliance of these upcoming upgrades. Once the project is implemented, we will seek feedback from stakeholders and the public to assess what is working, identify areas for improvement, and apply these insights as we plan for expansion beyond the Glenwood South corridor. Transportation staff anticipates upgrades to all 13 scooter parking corrals to be completed by the end of this year.

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Connected Triangle+ Summit II

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Smart Raleigh is an integral part of a larger collaboration across communities in the Triangle Region, aimed at building a "smart" or Connected Triangle. Our vision recognizes that issues and opportunities do not adhere to city or town boundaries. The City is hosting the Connected Triangle+ Summit II and the [All Things Open Conference](#), taking place in Raleigh from **October 27-29**. This year, the City will again host a unique

opportunity for regional leaders and stakeholders to engage in discussions focused on regional digital equity and inclusion, and to issue two regional smart city challenges.

Additional information about the City's regional effort may be found [here](#), and the full agenda for the Connected Triangle+ Summit II is available on [the City website](#).

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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 to the November 15, 2022, Council Meeting

Traffic Update - Vicinity of Sherman Oaks Place (Council Member Branch)

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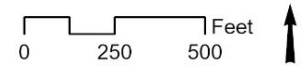
Sean Driskill, Transportation, 996-4088, sean.driskill@raleighnc.gov

After the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment CP-8-22, which removed a street plan designation extending Sherman Oaks Place to Six Forks Road, the Council requested a review of traffic in the area. Staff have completed a safety and traffic review and coordinated with NCDOT to explore any appropriate traffic control changes.

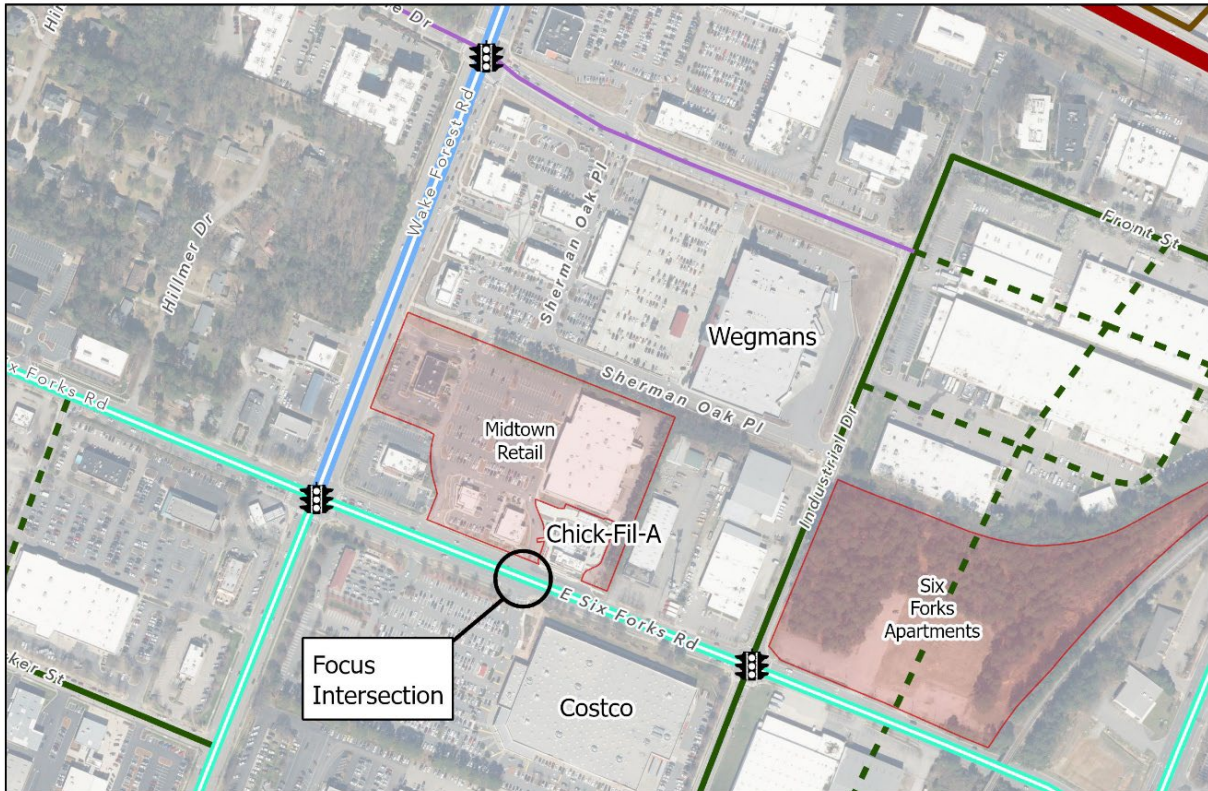
Staff specifically focused their review on the intersection of Six Forks Road and the commercial driveway located at the entrances to Costco and Chick-Fil-A midway between Wake Forest Road and Industrial Drive. A 5-year crash analysis of this location demonstrated no change in the crash pattern since the Chick-Fil-A opened in late 2022. Staff also completed a preliminary traffic analysis exploring partial signalization and access changes at this intersection, which showed initial potential should a safety issue arise. Both analyses were discussed with NCDOT and both agencies determined that no change was appropriate at this time. Staff will continue to monitor the intersection and broader area and recommend appropriate mitigations if any safety issues arise. A vicinity map displaying the situation follows:

VICINITY MAP

- Recent/Current Development Plans
- Main Street, Parallel Parking Proposed
- Avenue 4-Lane, Divided
- Avenue 2-Lane, Undivided
- Avenue 6-Lane, Divided
- Main Street, Parallel Parking
- Industrial Street
- Limited Access Highway



Raleigh Department of Transportation
October 2024



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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, October 4 – Thursday, October 10

City of Raleigh Office of Special Events
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Permitted Special Events

[First Friday @ The Times](#)

Hargett Street

Friday, October 4

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

Associated Road Closures: E. Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and S. Wilmington Street will be closed from 5:30pm until 11:59pm.

[Falling for Local](#)

Dorothea Dix Park, The Big Field

Saturday, October 5

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

Associated Road Closures: The Big Field will be used, and the following roads will be closed from 7:00am until 10:00pm:

- Blair Drive between Umstead Drive and Centennial Parkway
- Hunt Drive between the soccer field and Umstead Drive
- Barbour Drive/Biggs Drive between Dorsett Drive and Goode Street
- Umstead Drive between Ruggles Drive and Barbour Drive

Other Upcoming Events

[Lake Street Dive](#)

Friday, October 4

Red Hat Amphitheater

[First Friday – Market and Movie Night: Twilight](#)

Friday, October 4

Moore Square

[Tampa Bay Lightning vs. Carolina Hurricanes](#)

Friday, October 4

Lenovo Center

[First Friday Raleigh](#)

Friday, October 4

Downtown Raleigh

[Fall Arts Fair](#)

Saturday, October 5

Fred Fletcher Park

[Post Malone](#)

Saturday, October 5

Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

[Young People's Concert: To Space & Beyond! – NC Symphony](#)

Saturday, October 5

Meymandi Concert Hall

[Rubberside Down Exhibit Opening](#)

Saturday, October 5
Birdland

[Nicki Minaj](#)

Tuesday, October 8
Lenovo Center

[2024 Raleigh Medal of Arts Awards](#)

Tuesday, October 8
Raleigh Little Theatre and Rose Garden

[MED Week Celebration](#)

Wednesday, October 9
John Chavis Memorial Park Historic Carousel House

[Vampire Weekend](#)

Wednesday, October 9
Red Hat Amphitheater

[Speakeasy Players Showcase](#)

Thursday, October 10
Five Points Center for Active Adults

[Jazz in the Square](#)

Thursday, October 10
Moore Square

[The Awakening Tour](#)

Thursday, October 10
Lenovo Center

[Movies in the Garden: Hocus Pocus](#)

Thursday, October 10
RLT's Stephenson Amphitheatre

Public Resources

[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.