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Work Session - Tuesday, January 14 - 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 has been posted to the electronic agenda management system.

Public Comment Session - Tuesday, January 14 - 7:00 P.M.

Reminder that Council will meet next Tuesday in a scheduled public comment session at 7:00 P.M.

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Bikeshare Program Survey Announcement

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

Staff is excited to announce the launch of the Bikeshare Program Survey, which will be open to participation from January 13 - February 14. The survey is viewed as a vital step in shaping the future of the bikeshare system to better align with the needs of the public and to create a program that most effectively serves the community.

The purpose of the survey is to gather feedback from residents, frequent users, and first-time riders to better understand experiences, preferences, and concerns with the bikeshare program. Insights provided via the results of the survey will help guide the development of a forward-looking plan that prioritizes safety, accessibility, and convenience while improving and fostering sustainable transportation options.

Transportation staff will distribute the survey through various channels, including social media, a blog post, and outreach via community partners, to ensure broad engagement and to maximize its reach. The goal is to amplify the reach of this initiative and a commitment to ensure the bikeshare program continues to evolve as a valuable resource of Raleigh.

The survey can be accessed and shared through this link: https://publicinput.com/s31758. (No attachment)

Affordable Housing - Area Median Income (AMI) Reference

Staff Resource: Annie Baumann-Mitchell, H&N, 996-6948, annie.baumann-mitchell@raleighnc.gov

Eligibility for most affordable housing programs is determined by the Area Median Income (AMI) under the purview of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Affordable housing programs are targeted to households earning up to 80% AMI, with some programs intended for lower AMI levels.

HUD releases new income level thresholds on an annual basis. City staff posts the applicable income and rent information on <u>our website</u>. HUD typically updates the income and rent information sometime in the late Spring for the current year.

An overview of the 2024 Area Median Income based on household size illustrated in the table below:

Household Size	Family of 1	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4
Area Median Income	\$85.700	\$97.900	\$110.100	\$122.300

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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)

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Council Member Follow Up Items

Follow up from January 7 Council Meeting

Five Points Streetscape and Safety Study Project (Council Member Jones)

Staff Resource: Adil Cheema, Transportation, 996-2476, adil.cheema@raleighnc.gov

During the meeting, Council requested staff provide an update on the Five Points Streetscape and Safety Project.

As part of the FY23 Capital Improvement Program, the Five Points Streetscape and Safety Study, initiated in Spring 2022, is dedicated to enhancing safety and accessibility at the intersection of Glenwood Avenue, Whitaker Mill Road, Fairview Road, and Glenn Avenue. Over the past two and half years, collaboration with our contracted consultant Kittelson & Associates, residents, and stakeholders in the Five Points area has assessed conditions, identified operational and safety issues, and engaged the public in narrowing down potential options for this intersection.

The Five Points Streetscape and Safety Study has been completed and a final report identifying future considerations for this intersection is being prepared by Kittelson & Associates, Inc. and will be completed in Spring 2025.

Through coordination with the Five Points CAC Chair, Ms. Edie Jeffreys, staff will provide an update on the project to the community at the upcoming CAC meeting scheduled for Monday, January 13. In addition, the city will hold an in-person community touchpoint meeting in early- to mid-March that will be well noticed once details (time and location) are finalized.

It should be noted that this project was only funded for an initial feasibility study; implementation will require funding in future budgets. The recommendations in the final report will identify options for future conversations with the community and with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), as they maintain and administer Glenwood Avenue in this area.

The city has continued to make several improvements that have focused on addressing prevalent crash patterns at this intersection, employing a low-cost, high-impact approach which has had demonstrable safety benefits. This includes:

- Addition of a protected left-turn signal phase
- Addition of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI)
- Extension of pedestrian walk times during pedestrian cycles
- Directional arrows on the signal heads
- Flashing chevron signs
- Speed feedback sign
- Lighting upgrade at the intersection of Glenwood Avenue and White Oak Road

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Speed Feedback Sign

Directional Arrows on Signal Heads



Flashing Chevron Signs

A before-after data analysis of the crash reports shows a significant ($^{\sim}60\%$) annual reduction in run-off-road (ROR) crashes post-implementation.

To increase pedestrian visibility and shorten crossing distances on side streets, the city has proposed a design for enhanced pavement markings at this intersection and is supported by NCDOT. The city tentatively plans to implement these pavement marking changes in Spring 2025. This will be shared with the community during upcoming touchpoints.

Previous information may be found in *Update Issue* 2024-04.

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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, January 10 - Thursday, January 16

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Permitted Special Events

No permitted special events are scheduled during this time.

Other Upcoming Events

Vancouver Canucks vs. Carolina Hurricanes

Friday, January 10 Lenovo Center

Po' Ramblin' Boys - PineCone

Friday, January 10 Fletcher Opera Theater

Dvorák Violin Concerto – NC Symphony

Friday, January 10 & Saturday, January 11 Meymandi Concert Hall

Downtown Raleigh Home Show

Friday, January 10 – Sunday, January 12 Raleigh Convention Center

Family Fun Day

Saturday, January 11 City of Raleigh Museum

North Carolina vs. NC State

Saturday, January 11 Lenovo Center

Holly Jolly Raleigh Adult Prom

Saturday, January 11 The Chapel at Dix Park

Anaheim Ducks vs. Carolina Hurricanes

Sunday, January 12 Lenovo Center

2025 Hurricanes Alumni Game

Monday, January 13 Lenovo Center

The Rink

Through Monday, January 20 Red Hat Amphitheater

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.

<u>Road Closure and Road Race Map</u>: 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.