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INFORMATION:

Street Closure Petition STC-05-2023: Woodside Drive

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As Council may recall, during the July 1 City Council meeting a public hearing was scheduled for September 2 to consider Street Closing STC-05-23, Woodside Drive, for which staff had received a non-standard request to close a portion of the public right-of-way.

Staff has received a withdrawal of the Woodside Drive street closure petition from the original petitioner, Justin Mason. The petition was to close .124 acres of right-of-way on the southside of Dartmouth Road, adjacent to Mr. Mason's property which is located at 300 Dartmouth Road.

Woodside Drive is currently configured as 60' of unimproved right-of-way, dedicated in 1955 and platted as part of the Farrior Hills subdivision. The petitioned closure request was half of the right-of-way, on the east side. The remaining right-of-way would remain open for future use.

Background Information

The petition to close Woodside Drive was received September 11, 2023. Staff reviewed the proposal and supporting materials and were unable to recommend the street closure application proceed. Policy T2.7, Conditions for Roadway Closure, from the adopted Comprehensive Plan denotes specific findings for all requests to abandon public right-of-way, most notably that the "proposed closure is in the public interest";

the language regarding the public interest in the Comprehensive Plan is also a required finding under North Carolina law. Since the closure could not meet that policy, staff could not recommend moving the closure forward but kept the application active so the petitioner could provide further information to demonstrate means by which the closure petition aligned with the public interest.

Earlier this year, Council referred the petition to the Transportation and Transit Committee, which considered the matter during the April 24 committee meeting. Staff requested guidance on how to proceed since the request does not align with prior approvals. The matter was held in committee to allow staff time to bring additional background information. The committee again discussed the item on May 22, where information was provided that the petitioner intended to amend the original petition to request only one-half of the original petition area. Additionally, the petitioner provided an offer of compensation to the City in the amount of \$128,000 for consideration of the closure, equivalent to half of the \$256,000 appraisal value that had been calculated by an outside appraiser retained by the City.

The item was reported out of the Transportation and Transit committee meeting during the June 3 City Council meeting. At the direction of Council, the petition was brought back to the July 1 Council meeting and a public hearing was scheduled for September 2.

Withdrawal of Street Closure Petition

Staff received an email from the petitioner July 28 withdrawing the street closure petition. Mr. Mason stated that upon further research, the Farrior Hills neighborhood has a restrictive covenant requiring a minimum lot frontage of 100 feet and only getting half of the right-of-way, as proscribed by the statute which provides for a municipality to close public right-of-way, renders his proposed subdivision infeasible.

No further action is required from the City Council.

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Wake Bus Rapid Transit Update: New Bern Avenue - Construction Package Two

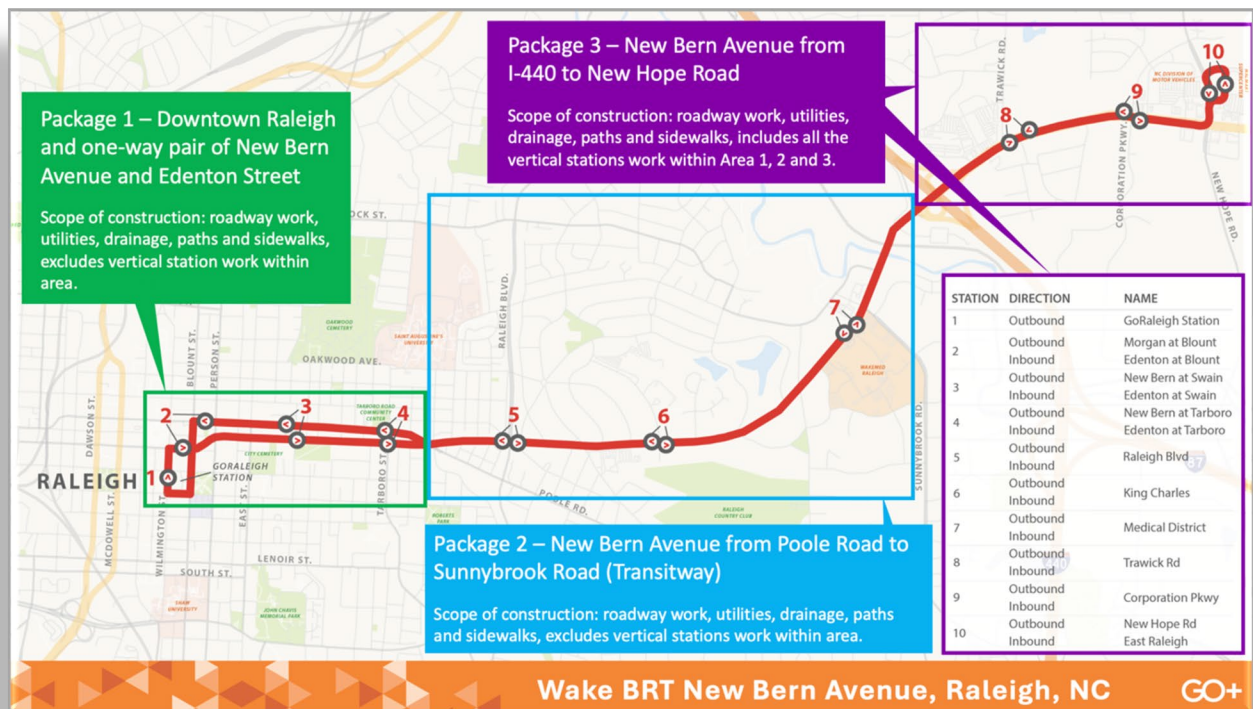
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During the July 1 City Council meeting a contract was awarded for the Wake Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) New Bern Avenue Construction Package One, to advance implementation for the New Bern Avenue BRT Corridor. An Advertisement for Bids for Construction Package Two was posted July 25 to the North Carolina Electronic Vendor Portal and can be viewed at the following link: [Wake BRT New Bern Avenue - Advertisement for Bids - Package 2](#). The North Carolina electronic Vendor Portal (eVP) is the State of North Carolina's system to connect vendors with government organizations that purchase goods and services.

The advertisement for bid focuses on Package Two, which includes horizontal roadway, utilities, drainage, and multi-use paths/sidewalks along New Bern Avenue from Poole Road to I-440. Sealed bids will be received until 1 p.m. on September 19, 2025, at the Raleigh Municipal Building, when bids submitted will be publicly opened and read aloud. A pre-bid submittal meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 14 at the GoRaleigh Operations Facility (4104 Poole Road, Training Room 123). Complete bidding documents may be reviewed online and obtained from Accent Imaging beginning July 25.

Advertisement for Construction Package Three, which includes horizontal roadway work along New Bern Avenue from I-440 to New Hope Road as well as vertical station construction for all areas, is anticipated to be issued later this year.



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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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Weekly Events Digest

Friday, August 1 – Thursday, August 7

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Permitted Special Events

Raleigh Shop & Rock

City Plaza

Friday, August 1

Event Time: 2:00pm - 9:00pm

Associated Road Closures: Fayetteville Street between Davie Street and the south end of City Plaza will be closed from 11:00am until 11:00pm.

First Friday at The Times

Hargett Street

Friday, August 1

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.

People for Democracy

Halifax Mall & Route

Saturday, August 2

Event Time: 10:00am - 12:45pm

Associated Road Closures: The march route will be closed from 10:30am until 12:45pm. Note that all cross-streets will be detoured during the event, and see below for turn-by-turn details:

- Start at Halifax Mall
- Left onto N. Wilmington Street
- Right onto Polk Street
- Right onto N. Blount Street
- Right onto E. Jones Street
- Right onto N. Wilmington Street
- Left into Halifax Mall

The Left Hook Wrap Party

State Street

Saturday, August 2

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

Associated Road Closures: S. State Street between E. Hargett Street and the parking lot entrance to the south of The Left Hook Coffee will be closed from 11:00am until 7:00pm.

South Atlantic Fire Rescue Expo

Raleigh Convention Center & Cabarrus Street

Friday, August 8 & Saturday, August 9

Event Times: 9:00am - 5:00pm on 8-8-25 & 9:00am - 2:00pm on 8-9-25

Associated Road Closures: Cabarrus Street between S. McDowell Street and S. Salisbury Street will be closed from 7:00am on 8-8-25 until 6:00pm on 8-9-25.

Other Upcoming Events

First Friday Raleigh

Friday, August 1

Downtown Raleigh

First Friday Market & Movie: Inside Out 2

Friday, August 1
Moore Square

The Flaming Lips & Modest Mouse

Saturday, August 2
Red Hat Amphitheater

AR Rahman

Saturday, August 2
Lenovo Center

An Evening with Dan Carlin – Host of Hardcore History

Saturday, August 2
Meymandi Concert Hall

Food, Memory and Nostalgia: Collective Writing Workshop

Sunday, August 3
The Chapel at Dix Park

Boots on the Ground Back to School Extravaganza

Sunday, August 3
Worthdale Park

Summer Concert Series

Sunday, August 3
Fred Fletcher Park

Kesha and Scissor Sisters

Sunday, August 3
Coastal Credit Union Music Park at Walnut Creek

Lord Huron

Tuesday, August 5
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The Midweek Market

Wednesday, August 6
Moore Square

Rob Thomas

Wednesday, August 6
Red Hat Amphitheater

Jazz in the Square

Thursday, August 7
Moore Square

Blackberry Smoke

Thursday, August 7
Red Hat Amphitheater

Hadestown: Teen Edition

Through Sunday, August 10
Raleigh Little Theatre

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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 & 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 Dix Park.