Pre-Design Public Meeting
Atlantic Avenue Widening
From Highwoods Boulevard to New Hope Church Road
Green Road Community Center
4201 Green Street, Raleigh, NC 27614
Sponsored by: City of Raleigh and AECOM

April 10, 2019

Welcome!

Welcome to the pre-design public meeting for the Atlantic Avenue Widening project. This is a workshop sponsored by the City of Raleigh to gather public input prior to commencing project design. Please feel free to review the project location map and ask questions of members of the project team here tonight from the City of Raleigh and the City’s design consultant, AECOM. Team members will be available for questions between 6:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. Thank you for your participation.

Your Input is Important!

We value your contributions and suggestions pertaining to the plan. You are encouraged to complete the enclosed comment sheet today or mail your comments to the address at the bottom of the comment sheet. We request that you provide your input by April 24, 2019, in order for your comments to be incorporated into the planning process.

Project Details

- **Location:** The proposed widening of Atlantic Avenue will begin near Highwoods Boulevard and extend to near New Hope Church Road. See Figure 1 for an overview of the project limits.

- **Need/Benefit:** The project objective is to improve safety and mobility along this constricted area of the Atlantic Avenue. This section of Atlantic Avenue has very narrow lanes and lacks turn lanes at key locations. Construction of a median, turn lanes, sidewalks and an asphalt multi-use path would improve traffic safety and provide mobility enhancements for pedestrians and cyclists within the corridor.

- **Description of Roadway:** Existing Atlantic Avenue is primarily a four-lane undivided roadway with narrow travel lanes and some turn lanes at a few of the commercial drives. The proposed project would widen Atlantic Avenue to provide adequate travel lane width, raised medians, turn lanes at key intersections, sidewalk on the east side of the corridor and a 10’ multi-use path on the west side of the corridor.

- **Traffic Maintenance:** Due to the number of private driveways along the east side of Atlantic Avenue and the predominantly commercial uses along the west side of Atlantic Avenue, maintenance of traffic during construction will be critical. Traffic control plans will be prepared to maintain traffic during construction.
Project Schedule

- Comments from the meeting being held tonight will be carefully reviewed and incorporated into the preliminary design where possible.

- Hold **Design Public Meeting #1** in late Summer 2019 (tentative schedule) to present preliminary design and receive public input. This public meeting will include 25% design level drawings.

- Hold **Design Public Meeting #2** in Winter 2020 (tentative schedule) to review design and right-of-way impacts. This public meeting will include 65% design level drawings, drainage, utilities, and preliminary landscaping plans.

- Conduct a **Project Presentation** for Raleigh’s City Council to review the project and receive staff and public comments. This meeting is scheduled for Spring of 2020 (tentative schedule).

- Prepare the Final Engineering Designs taking into consideration comments received at Public Meeting #2 and the City Council Presentation.

- Acquire right-of-way and easements necessary to construct the project. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin after the Project Presentation at City Council in Summer 2020 (tentative schedule).

- Award the construction contract of the project in Spring 2021 (tentative schedule) once right-of-way and construction easements are acquired.

- Begin construction of the project in early Summer 2021 (tentative schedule).

- Potentially complete Construction in approximately two years (estimated).

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