

Western Station Area Planning

Community Leader Group Meeting

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Welcome & Introductions

Sarah Shaughnessy (Raleigh Planning & Development) welcomed the group and led a round of introductions of the project team and Community Leader Group (CLG) members.

Engagement Round 1 Summary

Simone Robinson (P3) summarized feedback we heard from individual stakeholders and at open houses.

Sarah asked if any of the feedback Simone shared resonated with the group.

- Members confirmed that I-440 interchange is very challenging and unsafe for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Members noted a general desire for natural elements and hoped that would translate to nice multimodal paths leading to the stations.

Station Area Connections

Adam Meyer (AECOM) shared the approach to first and last mile mobility projects for the areas around future BRT stations.

- Are there any specific locations in mind for grade-separated crossings?
 - Not specifically on the Raleigh section of the Western corridor. We are recommending a grade separate at Chapanoke Rd on the Southern corridor. There might also be opportunities to add bike lanes and sidewalks to bridges that are slated for reconstruction on the Western corridor.
- The I-440 bridge might be a good candidate
- Grade separation should fit the natural topography and not make it so that cyclists and pedestrians have to go out of their way to cross. They shouldn't inconvenience non-car modes.
- It is encouraging to see some emphasis on high-level interventions. The city has a lot of bike lanes that are currently not safe to use.
- Safety to access is a key part of this component. We are working on creating and completing a network so it's safe to get to a bike lane and safe to get to stations.
- The Sullivan/Gorman intersection would be good to look at

Housing Market Analysis and Strategies

Caren Kay (SB Friedman) shared housing market analysis for Wake County and the Western corridor.

- There was some discussion about the valuation of housing development on Kent Road. It seems high (around \$4 million) but the development includes 64 units across 8 buildings.
- There was a recommendation to update the colors on slides different categories of housing are represented with the same color across the presentation. We will make this change.
- It would be helpful to show the income range for each AMI category. We will add this to the table.

Information about Engagement Round 2

Chris Hall (SOM) explained the design of the next round of open houses and encouraged CLG members to attend with their friends and family.

Sarah reviewed the roles of the community leader group and community connectors and thanked everyone for their participation. The next scheduled meeting is February 22.