

Transportation Department

Office of Transportation Planning

Street and Sidewalk Improvement Petition Request

Community Meeting July 20, 2021

Petition Issued July 23, 2021

Carolina Avenue

Street & Sidewalk Improvement Petition

Petition #1363

From Western Blvd to Powell Drive



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Street Improvement Petitions

- ❖ Petitions issued for local streets upon request
- ❖ Assessments for curb and gutter:
 - ❖ \$32 per linear foot of residential frontage
 - ❖ \$64 per linear foot of non-residential frontage
- ❖ *Can* Include Sidewalks, not required
- ❖ Only Property Owners can Sign Petition
- ❖ Threshold: Majority of Properties AND Majority of Frontage



Requesting Street Improvements

Some streets in the City of Raleigh have never been paved to City standards. Why? Because at the time the subdivision or area was developed, it may have been outside the City limits, or even outside the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction, therefore, the streets were not required to be built to City of Raleigh standards. Over the years, many such non-standard streets have been brought into the Raleigh City limits.

- The street is not wide enough
- The street does not have an acceptable pavement and/or base structure
- The street does not have curb, gutters and drains

Street Improvements may be initiated by City Council action or by petition of citizens. Either improvement process may include resurfacing a paved street that does not have existing curb and gutter, improving a non-standard street to a standard city street with curbs, gutters and drains or installing sidewalk along existing curbed and guttered streets.

For street improvement and street resurfacing projects, City policy, in conjunction with NC General Statutes, require assessment to the abutting properties. Assessment indicates that property owners along the improvement will share in the cost of construction.

Current assessment rates are:

- Resurfacing \$8.50 per abutting foot/per side
(*non-standard UresidentialU streets only – applies each time the street is resurfaced*)
- Street Improvements \$32.00per abutting foot/per side
(*residential zoning*)
\$64.00 per abutting foot/per side (*non-residential streets with non-residential zoning*)

Pursuant to City Code Section 6-2025, assessments shall be payable in cash, or if any property owner should so elect and give notice of the fact in writing to the City of Raleigh, in accordance with the provisions of Section 160A-232 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, such property owner shall have the option and privilege of paying the assessment annually in ten (10) equal installments, such installments to bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum (*simple interest*) from the date of confirmation of the assessment by City Council.

*Streets improved to meet City standards subsequently allow the street to have full maintenance, including future resurfacing, at no additional expense to the abutting property owners.



City of Raleigh Street Improvement Petition Policy

Requesting Street Improvements

City Council Initiative

The City Council may initiate street and/or sidewalk improvements as an assessable project. With City initiated projects, the City Council will adopt a resolution of intent for the proposed improvements and notify the abutting property owners. Advertisements, public meetings within the community and letters by mail are normal methods of notifying property owners in the area about the intended project as well as postings to the City's website. The City Council will hold a formal public hearing to receive comments from property owners and other interested parties before deciding whether or not to continue with the project.

Citizen's Initiative by Petition

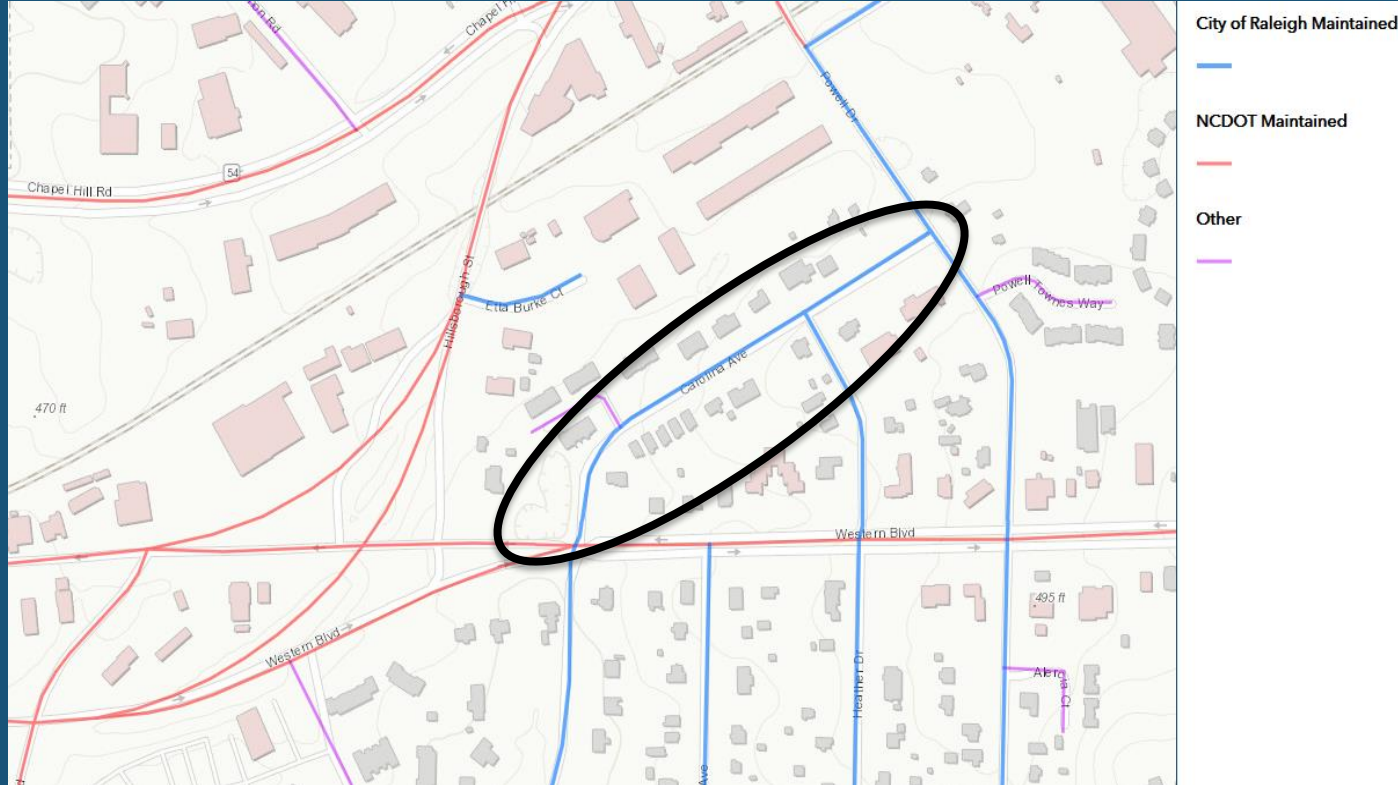
For public City streets inside the city limits, classified as "neighborhood/residential" streets, citizens may petition the City Council for street and/or sidewalk improvements. In order to submit a petition for street improvements to the City Council for consideration, a sufficiency requirement must be met as required in Article 10 and section 160A-217 of the NC General Statutes. **This sufficiency requirement being signatures from a majority in number of the owners of property to be assessed and who represent at least a majority of all the lineal feet of frontage of the lands abutting on the street or portion thereof to be improved.** When a valid petition is returned it will be submitted to the City Council for consideration. The City Council will adopt a resolution of intent for the proposed improvement and notify the abutting property owners by letter. A formal public hearing will be held to receive comments from the property owners affected by the request before deciding whether or not to continue with the project. Valid street improvement petitions that are returned will go through a prioritization process and will be ranked according to City Code/Policy criteria and availability of funds. The prioritized petitions, along with staff recommendations for approval, will be submitted semi-annually to the City Council through the City Manager's office.

All requests for petitions should be made through the Assessment staff in the Transportation Department Office of Transportation Planning. Staff will provide a petition packet consisting of a copy of the City of Raleigh's Street and Sidewalk Policies, a map showing the location and typical street section of the proposed improvements in relation to the adjacent properties and street right-of-way, the property owner's contact information for all abutting properties as is on file with the Wake County Tax Office and the petition forms for owner signatures. The time required to put together the petition packet is typically 8 - 12 weeks depending on the length and complexity of the proposed improvements and number of properties involved. Once issued, the petition will remain active for a 6 month period to allow the Petitioner to circulate the document for signatures.

If you are interested in additional information on the City's petition process for street and sidewalk improvements, **please contact the Transportation Department Office of Transportation Planning Staff by calling (919) 996-4054 to speak with a Petition Specialist or contact us via e-mail at PetitionSpecialist@raleighnc.gov.**



Carolina Avenue Street Improvement Petition





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❖ Council District: D

❖ Scope:

- Project Length: Approximately 1,285 linear feet
- 31 foot wide street with curb and gutter along both sides
- 5 foot wide sidewalk with a 3.5 foot setback on both sides
- Estimated Cost \$3,600,000

❖ Assessment:

- \$32 per Linear Foot
- Estimated Assessment Revenue - \$64,362



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Street and Sidewalk Prioritization Methodology Adopted 12/01/2021

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• Pedestrian Demand Generators	Proximity to School – 0 Points	
	Proximity to Park, Community Center, Library, Greenway – 0 Points	2 Points
	Proximity to Transit Service – 2 Points	
• Sidewalk Connectivity	Sidewalk Connectivity – 1 Points	
	Evidence of Foot Traffic– 0 Points	6 Points
	Existing Sidewalk on one Side– 5 Points	
• Safety and Need	Wake County Vulnerability– 1 Point	
	Years Since Successful Petition– 0 Points	1 Point
	Pedestrian Crashes– 0 Points	
• Funding Considerations	Estimated Cost Effectiveness– 0 Points	
	Project Partnering– 1 Point	1 Point
SCORING TOTAL TO DATE		10 Points



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Legend

Pending Sidewalks



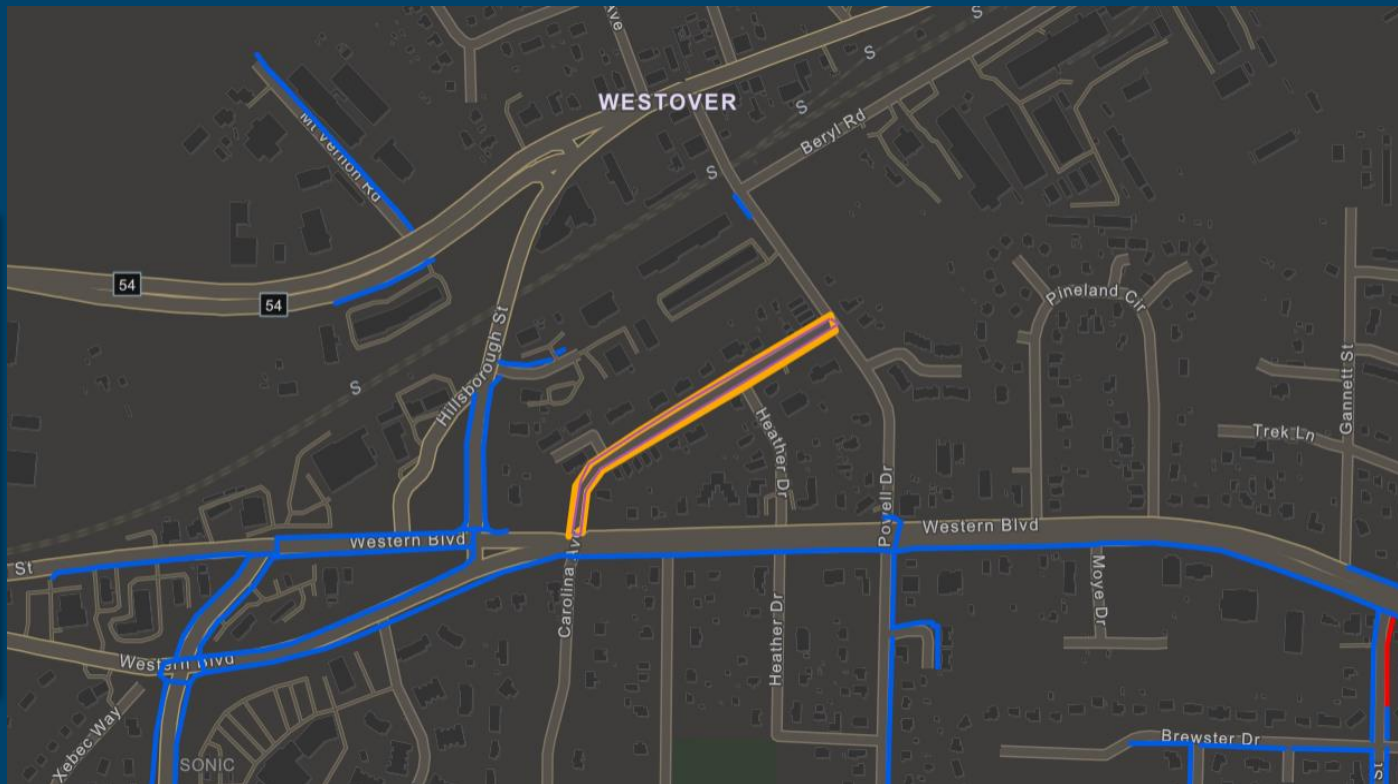
Existing Sidewalks



Raleigh Greenway Trails



Existing



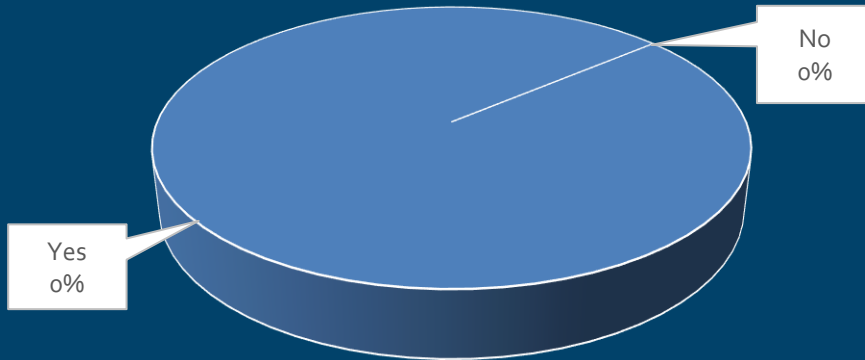


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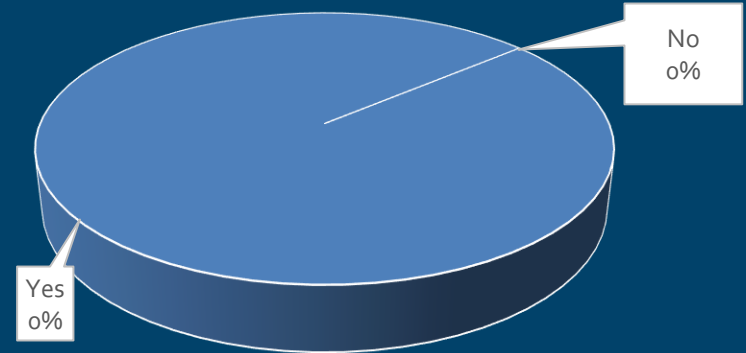
❖ 29 Properties Petitioned:

- 0 Signed Petition
- 0% Linear Footage

Signed Petition: Properties



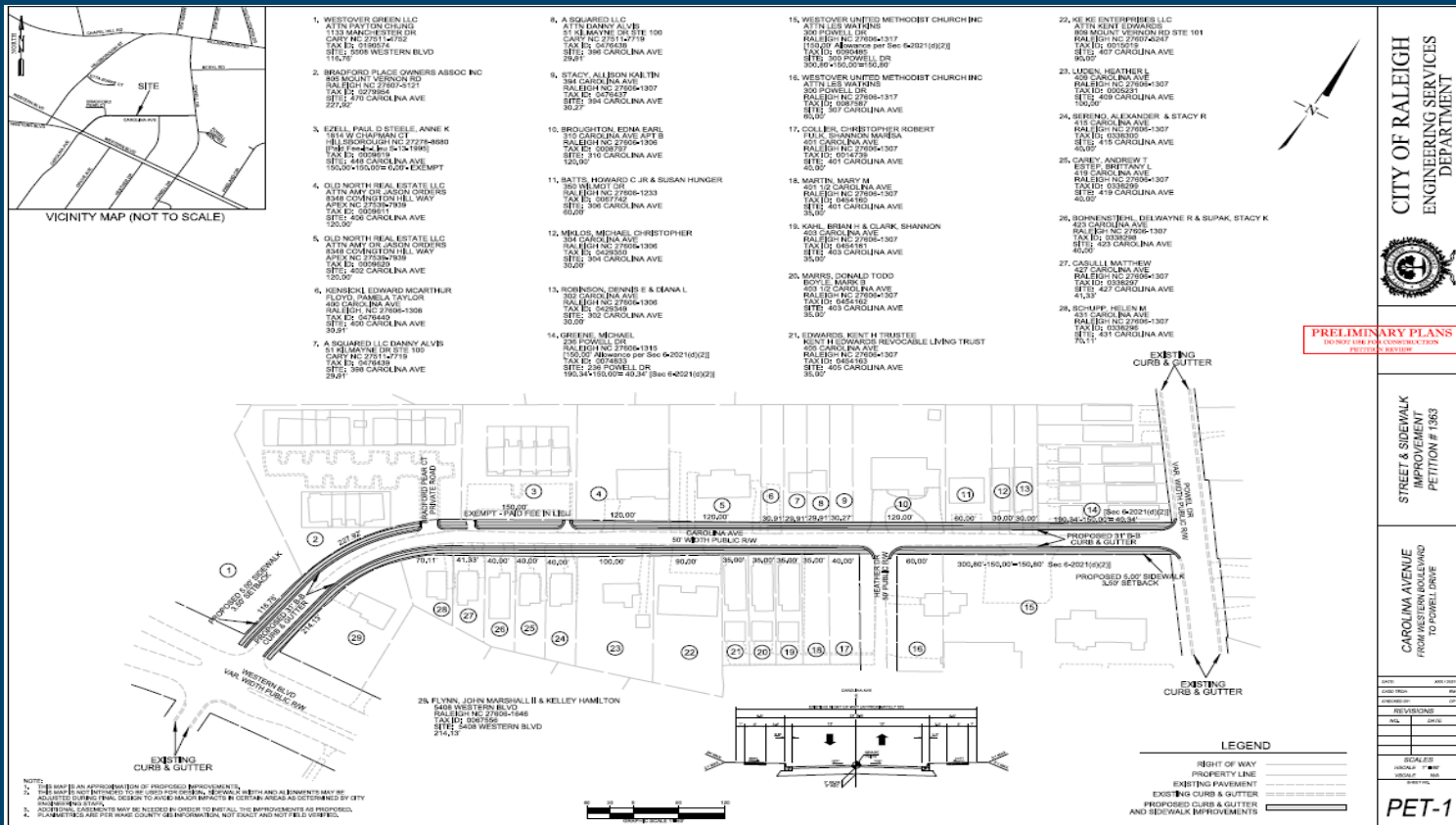
Signed Petition: Frontage





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Petition map illustrating improvements



Questions





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