

City of Raleigh  
Transportation Department  
&  
Engineering Services Department

Carolina Avenue Street and Sidewalk  
Improvement Petition

From Western Boulevard to Powell Drive

City Council Meeting Public Hearing  
December 7, 2021





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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
- ❖ Complete streets policy requires sidewalk
- ❖ Only property owners can sign petition
- ❖ Being majority of property owners and representing a majority of frontage being improved



# 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](mailto:PetitionSpecialist@raleighnc.gov).**



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❖ Council District: D

❖ Scope:

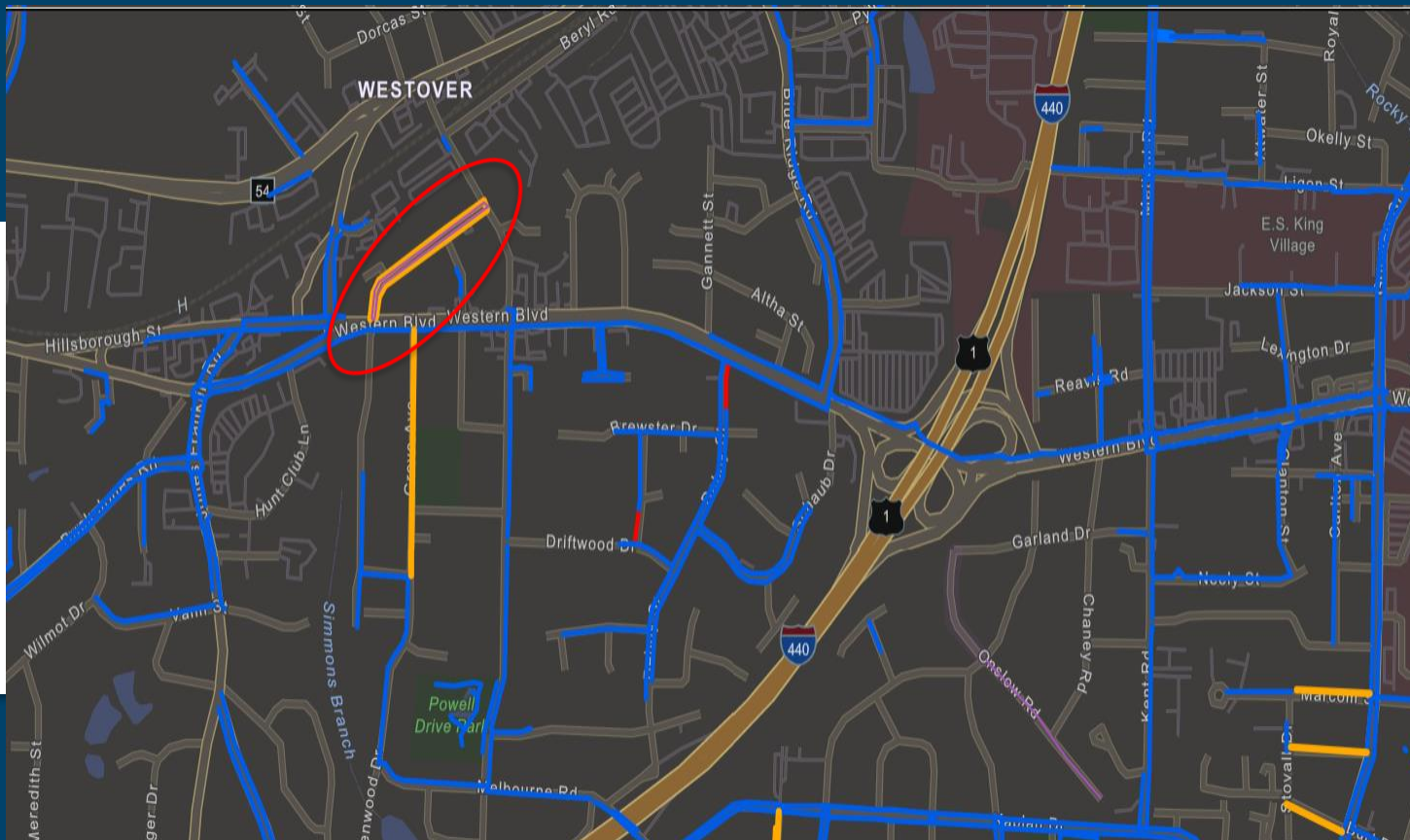
- Project length: approximately 2,460 linear feet along both sides
- 31 foot wide street with curb and gutter along both sides
- 5 foot sidewalk on 3 ½ foot setback from curb on both sides
- Estimated cost \$3,600,000
- Assessment:
  - \$32 per linear foot
  - Estimated total: \$79,796





# Carolina Avenue Street & Sidewalk Improvement Petition

- Legend**
- Pending Sidewalks**  
Orange line
  - Existing Sidewalks**  
Blue line
  - Raleigh Greenway Trails**  
Green line
  - Existing**  
Green line





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## Street and Sidewalk Prioritization Methodology Scoring-Carolina Avenue

### Pedestrian Demand

Proximity to School – 0 Points

Proximity to Park, Community Center, Library, Greenway – 2 Points

4 Points

Proximity to Transit Service – 2 Points

### Sidewalk Connectivity

Sidewalk Connectivity – 0 Points

Evidence of Foot Traffic– 0 Points

5 Points

No Existing Sidewalk on one Side– 5 Points

### Safety and Need

Wake County Vulnerability– 0 Points

Years Since Successful Petition– 0 Points

0 Points

Pedestrian Crashes– 0 Points

### Funding Considerations

Estimated Cost Effectiveness– 0 Points

Project Partnering– 0 Points

0 Points

SCORING TOTAL TO DATE

9 Points

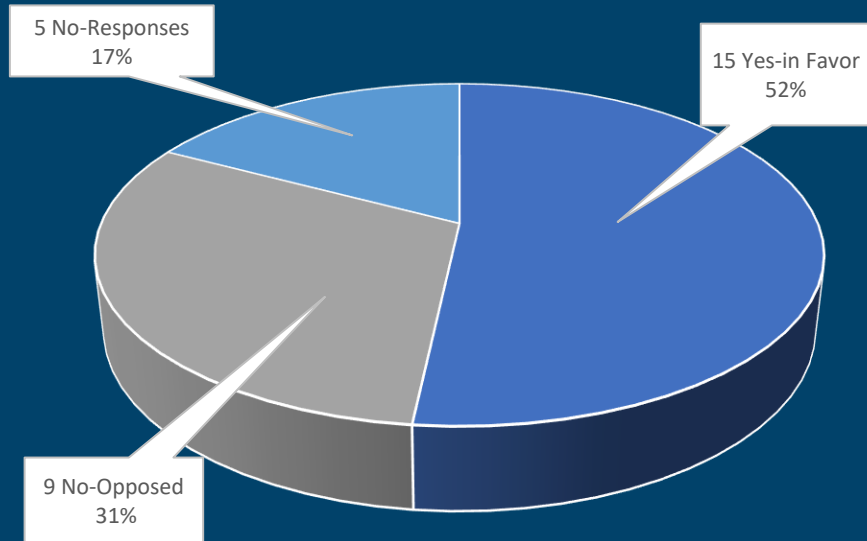


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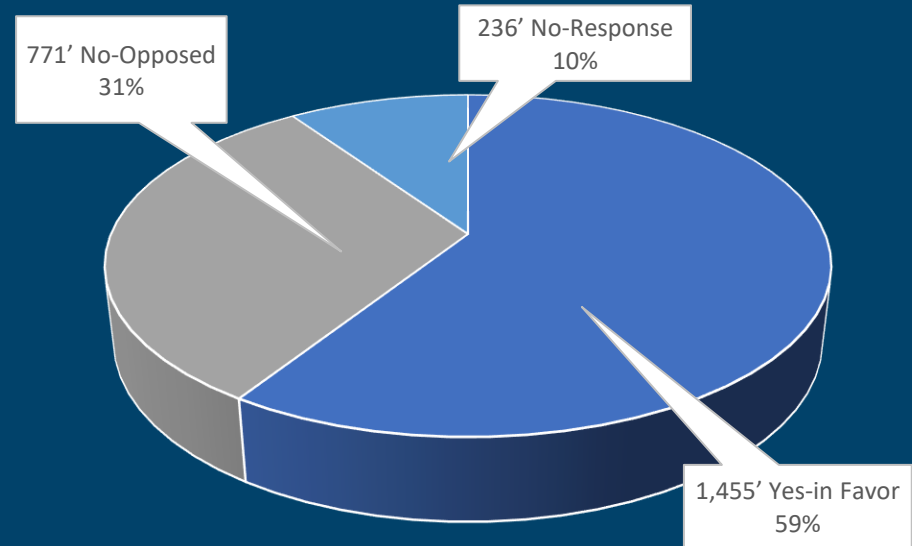
## ❖ 29 Properties Petitioned:

- 24 Responded to petition with 15 in favor and 9 opposed
- 1,455' of 2,462' of assessable linear footage in favor

Property Owner Support of 29 Petitioned



Linear Front Footage Support of 2,462'

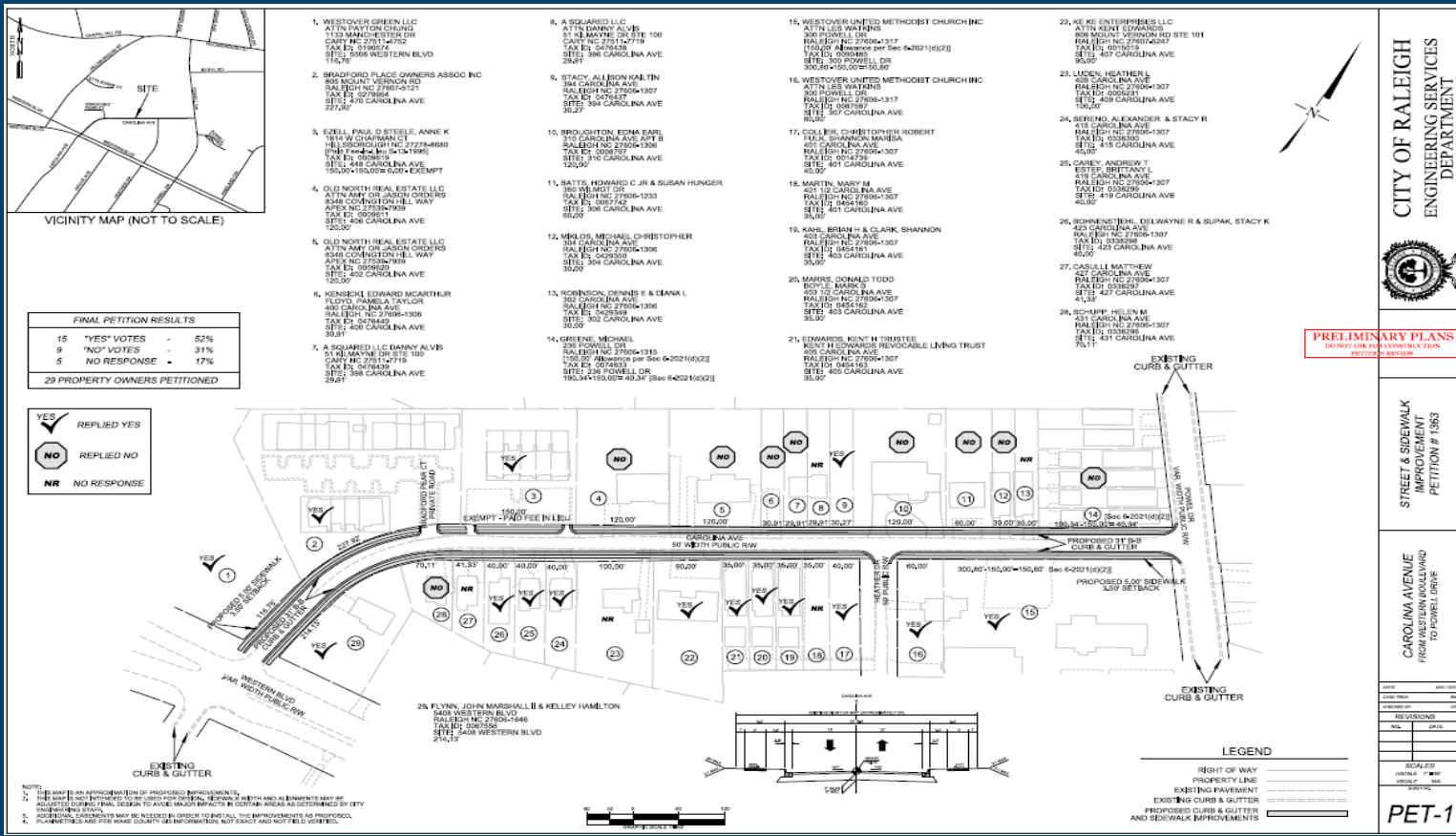




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Petition map illustrating improvements and petition results map 1 of 1





# Questions





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