



DESIGN PUBLIC MEETING

April 18, 2012

Lake Wheeler Road Pedestrian Improvements

Welcome!

Thank you for attending the Public Meeting for the Lake Wheeler Road Pedestrian Improvements project. This meeting, sponsored by the City of Raleigh, will provide an overview of the project, answer your questions, and gather comments for design purposes. Please feel free to review the project maps and direct questions to the project team from the City of Raleigh.

The informal review will begin at 6:00 P.M. A presentation will be made at 6:30 P.M. This presentation will discuss the need for the project, describe the proposed improvements, and present the upcoming project schedule. Following the presentation, any questions or comments concerning the designs will be received by the City of Raleigh.

Project Details: The overall project calls for the addition of a left turn lane at the Lake Wheeler Road/Sierra Drive and Lake Wheeler Road/Carolina Pines Avenue intersections and pedestrian accommodations along the western side of the roadway corridor.

Approximate Cost: The estimated construction cost of this project is \$2,150,000.

Length of Project: The project length is approximately 1.6 miles. Adjacent connecting roadways along the sections where a left turn lane is proposed will be adequately adjusted to tie with its widened section of Lake Wheeler Road. Some pavement overlay as well as some storm drainage modifications and connections will be done to accommodate the turn lanes and pedestrian accommodating features.

Purpose of the Project: The primary purposes of the proposed project are:

- **Improve operational safety and connectivity for vehicles and pedestrians.** The addition of left turn lanes combined with the pedestrian connectivity were planned with this project to provide an improved transportation facility that is safe and addresses both vehicle and pedestrian modes of transportation.
- **Address congestion issues related to increased growth and travel demand in the southern section of Wake County.** This growth is placing increasing demands on the surface roadway infrastructure in this area of the county. The project is being designed to help alleviate the existing congestion by providing storage capacity for Lake Wheeler Road traffic needing to make left turns at Sierra Drive as well as Carolina Pines Avenue. The additional capacity would enable left turning traffic to move into a new left turn lane while waiting for the opportunity to turn and at the same time also enable the other through (straight) and right turning traffic movements to keep flowing.

Proposed Typical Sections: The typical section for this project will include a left turn lane at the Lake Wheeler Road/Sierra Drive and Lake Wheeler Road/Carolina Pines Avenue intersections as well as a concrete sidewalk or an asphalt path along the west side that will connect with existing sidewalk sections previously built as a part of past developments' construction. Where curb and gutter is currently installed or proposed to be installed, either a 6-foot or 5-foot wide sidewalk will be constructed. Along areas where curb and gutter is not installed, a 5-foot wide asphalt path will be constructed. The proposed sidewalk and asphalt path will provide connectivity for pedestrians from Centennial Parkway to Tryon Road.

Proposed Right-Of-Way: The existing right-of-way along the Lake Wheeler Road corridor is variable. Additional right-of-way and/or easements will be acquired on the east and west sides of Lake Wheeler Road as needed to construct the project's slopes and utilities specifically along the areas where the turn lanes are being proposed and pedestrian accommodations are being provided.

Assessments: A formal Public Hearing will be held for the Lake Wheeler Road Pedestrian Improvement project through Raleigh's City Council to authorize this project as an assessable project. Assessments for curb and gutter will be at an anticipated rate of \$32.00 per linear foot of frontage for residentially zoned properties, and \$64.00 per linear foot of frontage for non-residentially zoned properties.

Project Schedule:

Council Public Hearing	May 1, 2012
Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition	May 2012
100% Plans Complete	September 2012
Contract Award	December 2012
Complete Construction	Late Summer 2013

Public Involvement: This meeting is a continued part of a public involvement program for the proposed project and its purpose is to address the concerns of local citizens during the design process. Participation by all interested parties is encouraged and all comments will be taken into consideration during the design of the project.

The Raleigh City Clerks' office will notify property owners adjacent to the project of the upcoming Council Public Hearing by letter. Project real estate negotiations will commence shortly following the public hearing.

A pre-addressed comment sheet is part of this handout and is for your use in providing us with your input regarding the proposed project. Please leave the comments with a representative of the City of Raleigh, or mail your comments to Mr. Sylvester Percival at the following address by April 25, 2012:

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Thank you for your participation this evening. The City of Raleigh appreciates your feedback and look forward to working with you to address your comments and concerns on this important project!