



Corridor Public Meeting

Leesville Road Widening

From I-540 to New Leesville Boulevard

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613

Sponsored by: City of Raleigh and AECOM

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Welcome!

Welcome to the Corridor Public Meeting for the Leesville Road Widening project. This meeting is a continuation of the process begun in the Pre-Design Meeting held on September 14, 2010. The goal of tonight's meeting is to present the preliminary (25%) design map for the project. This meeting, sponsored by the City of Raleigh, is intended to gather additional public input on the design. Please feel free to review the project maps 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 7:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. with a formal presentation immediately following. Thank you for your participation.

Project Details

- **Location:** The proposed widening of Leesville Road will begin at I-540 and extend to New Leesville Boulevard. See Figure 1 on the inside of this handout for an overview of the project limits.
- **Need/Benefit:** The project was developed to reduce delay by adding additional capacity while improving mobility and safety through the Leesville Road corridor for all types of travel modes. These modes include vehicle traffic, but also address mass transit amenities, bicycle mobility and pedestrian accommodations. The project goal is to improve access and mobility in northwest Raleigh as well as increase safety along this major thoroughfare. Construction of additional through lanes, turn lanes, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks will serve to address those key components.
- **Description of Roadway:** Existing Leesville Road is primarily a two-lane roadway with additional lanes from I-540 to the Sycamore Creek Elementary School, at the Renfield Drive intersection, and the intersection of Leesville Road at new Leesville Boulevard. The proposed project would widen Leesville Road to provide two lanes in each direction with a median and left turn lanes at the major intersections. The additional travel lanes and intersection improvements at the major intersections along the project are an effort to increase safety and efficiency of travel along the corridor.
- **Pedestrians/Bicyclists:** A sidewalk will be provided on the east side of Leesville Road from I-540 to New Leesville Boulevard. A sidewalk will also be installed on the west side of Leesville Road from the existing sidewalk at Sycamore Creek School to New Leesville Boulevard. Bicyclists will be accommodated with the addition of 5-foot bike lanes on both sides of Leesville Road.
- **Funding:** Project is not fully funded at this time. The City Council will discuss future bond opportunities to fund any remaining project costs.
- **Assessments:** A Public Hearing will be held through Raleigh's City Council to authorize this project as an assessment project. Assessments for the road and sidewalks will be at an anticipated rate of \$38.00 (\$32.00 for street and \$6.00 for sidewalk) per frontage foot for residentially zoned properties and \$70.00 (\$64.00 for street and \$6.00 for sidewalk) per frontage foot for non-residentially zoned properties. Properties outside the city limits of Raleigh will not be assessed for these improvements unless added to the City by annexation at a later date.
- **Permits:** An erosion control and sedimentation permit and an NCDOT encroachment agreement will be required.

Project Schedule

- Comments will be received from tonight's forum and evaluated by the City and Design Team. Some elements may be included in the project or result in adjustments made to the project. However, we may not be able to address those in conflict with the adopted City Planning Guidelines and policies.
- Hold a **Design Public Meeting** to review design and right-of-way impacts. This meeting is scheduled for late summer 2011 (tentative schedule) and will include 65% design drawings, including preliminary drainage design.
- Conduct a **Public Hearing** through Raleigh's City Council to approve the project and authorize assessments and right-of-way acquisition. This meeting is scheduled for fall 2011 (tentative schedule).
- Prepare the Final Engineering Designs taking into consideration comments received at the Design Public Meeting and Public Hearing.
- Acquire right-of-way and easements necessary to construct the project. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin after the Public Hearing in fall 2011 (tentative schedule if funds are available).
- Award the construction contract of the project by summer 2012 (tentative schedule if funds are available).
- Begin construction of the project by fall 2012 (tentative schedule).
- Complete construction of the project by late 2013 (tentative schedule).

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 City of Raleigh will notify citizens of the Design Public Meeting tentatively scheduled for late summer. Additional information is available on the City of Raleigh's website at www.raleighnc.gov by clicking "City Projects" or by searching "Leesville Road Widening" in the search bar.

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 place this comment form in the box at the registration table, give it to a project team member, or mail/email your comments by April 8, 2011 to:

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Thank you for attending tonight's meeting and for your attention and comments during the presentation. The City and Design Team appreciate your feedback and look forward to working with you to make this a successful project for all.

