



Design Public Meeting

Mitchell Mill Road Widening
From Louisburg Road (US 401) to Forestville Road
Wake Cross Roads Baptist Church
3329 Forestville Road, Raleigh, NC 27616
Sponsored by: City of Raleigh and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

May 5, 2011

Welcome

Welcome to the design public meeting on the Mitchell Mill Road Widening project. This is a meeting sponsored by the City of Raleigh to present the project's preliminary engineering designs, answer your questions and gather public comments on the roadway design. Please feel free to review the project maps displayed and ask questions of members of the project team here tonight from the City of Raleigh and the City's design consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Thank you for your participation.

The project team will be available from 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. to review/discuss the plan and answer any questions you may have. Beginning at 7:00 P.M., the public meeting will convene and a short presentation will be made that will explain the 65% project design as well as discuss the incorporation of your comments from the previous public meetings. We welcome your comments and questions following the presentation.

Project Details

- **Location:** The proposed widening of Mitchell Mill Road will begin near Louisburg Road (US 401) and extend to the east of Forestville Road. See Figure 1 for an overview of the project limits.
- **Need/Benefit:** The project objective is to improve safety for all travelers, including motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Construction of a median facility, additional left-turn lanes, an additional signalized intersection, U-turn movements, bicycle lanes, and sidewalks should contribute to safety along this corridor. The additional travel lanes eastbound and westbound should reduce traffic congestion at existing and new signalized intersections and allow vehicles to pass slower-moving vehicles within this heavily traveled corridor.
- **Description of Roadway:** Existing Mitchell Mill Road is primarily a basic two-lane roadway with inadequate traffic capacity and turn storage capacity at intersections. The proposed project would widen Mitchell Mill Road to provide additional travel lanes in each direction between Louisburg Road (US 401) and Forestville Road to improve this capacity.
- **Pedestrians / Bicyclists:** Sidewalks will be provided on both sides of Mitchell Mill Road from Louisburg Road (US 401) to Forestville Road. Bicyclists will be accommodated with the addition of 5-foot bike lanes on both sides of Mitchell Mill Road.

- **Funding:** Project is not funded for construction at this time. The City Council will discuss future bond opportunities to fund the right-of-way and construction 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 will be at an anticipated rate of \$32.00 for street per frontage foot for residentially zoned properties and \$64.00 for street per frontage foot for non-residentially zoned properties. Assessments for the water line will be at an anticipated rate of \$33.79 per frontage foot. Properties outside the city limits of Raleigh will be assessed for these improvements, however payment for the assessment will not be due unless the property is added to the City by annexation at a later date.

Upcoming Activities

- Comments from tonight’s meeting will be carefully reviewed and incorporated into the design where possible.
- As funds become available, the City will conduct a **Public Hearing** through Raleigh’s City Council to approve the project and authorize right-of-way acquisition. This meeting has not been scheduled thus far.
- Prepare the Final Engineering Designs, taking into consideration any comments received at the 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.
- Begin construction of the project (when funds become available).

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. Additional information is available on the City of Raleigh’s website at www.raleighnc.gov by clicking “City Projects” or by searching “Mitchell Mill 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 leave the comments with a representative of the City of Raleigh, or mail your comments to Mr. Ken Dunn at the following address by May 20, 2011:

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Thank you for your participation this evening. The City of Raleigh and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. appreciate your feedback and look forward to working with you to address your comments and concerns on this important project!

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