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Transportation Bond Would Fund 'Complete Streets' Improvement for Blount and Person Streets

The City of Raleigh 2013 transportation bond that residents will consider on the October 8 ballot would fund the City of Oak's continued implementation the "complete streets" approach to thoroughfare improvements.

The complete streets design approach involves changes to pavement markings and traffic signals in the approximately 5.4-mile Blount Street and Person Street corridors from Atlantic Avenue to Hoke Street. The changes would provide improved access and safety for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians in these busy business corridors.

The term "complete streets" refers to design that provides safe access and mobility for all users of all abilities. The urban form, trees, and buffers along such streets also relate to the modes of transportation they support and the land uses they serve. Complete streets also enhance real estate values by improving the public realm.

The bond issue would fully fund the \$700,000 budget for the first phase of the Blount/Person corridor project. The corridor development plan was funded by 2011 bond funds. The corridor development plan was adopted by the City Council this year.

Raleigh voters have a history of supporting a quality transportation system. Raleigh voters approved transportation bond referenda in 1984, 1987, 1998, 2000, 2005 and 2011 for a total of \$250 million.

For more information on street improvement projects to be funded by the 2013 bond issue, contact Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning manager, 919-996-2161.

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