



City of Raleigh

West Street Extension Project

Public Workshop ~ March 6, 2013

History

1960s

- City of Raleigh began considering extending West Street across the Boylan railroad “wye” to improve vehicular and pedestrian connectivity

May 2010

- City of Raleigh prepared a feasibility study evaluating connecting West Street to either West Street or South Saunders Street, by either bridging over the railroad tracks, or taking the road under the tracks
- Although a West Street to South Saunders Street road-under-rail alternative was recommended by the feasibility study, the City Council later moved forward with a West Street to West Street alternative based on the substantial impacts to the community along South Saunders Street

September 2012

- City of Raleigh, in cooperation with Federal Railroad Administration and North Carolina Department of Transportation, began a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study for the West Street Extension project
- NEPA study is evaluating two alternatives: road-over-rail and road-under-rail connecting West Street and West Street; the existing at-grade railroad crossing of Cabarrus Street would also be closed under both alternatives

Where We Are Today

March 2013

- Present design concepts to public for review and comment
- Ongoing traffic, historic, and environmental analyses

Next Steps

Late 2013

- Complete Environmental Assessment

Early 2014

- Complete Finding of No Significant Impact
- Hold design public hearing

To Be Determined

- Obtain construction funding
- Final design and right-of-way acquisition
- Project construction