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Durham Hosts Compact Neighborhood Information Sessions

Residents Invited to Give Input on Long-Range Transit Planning

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents and stakeholders near planned stations along the [Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit project](#) should mark their calendars now to attend open house sessions later this month to help determine which areas are best for future transit-oriented development.

The Durham City-County Planning Department is hosting a series of follow-up sessions to share results from the [compact neighborhood planning meetings](#) held in April, receive feedback on staff’s recommended boundaries, and explain next steps in the planning process to define how compact neighborhoods are drawn on Durham’s Future Land Use Map, which acts as policy vision and guide for future development.

According to City-County Planner Hannah Jacobson there was great participation at the first round of community meetings. “We are excited to carry forward those ideas which set the stage for vibrant neighborhoods around transit.”

Each drop-in meeting will focus on the specific area in which the meeting is located, and residents are encouraged to share their ideas about where high density, mixed use and pedestrian-friendly areas are most appropriate throughout Durham.

Thursday, June 11, 2015	6:30 p.m.	South Square/MLK Jr.	Southwest Regional Library 3605 Shannon Road
Tuesday, June 16, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Patterson Place	Githens Middle School 4800 Old Chapel Hill Road

Thursday, June 18, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Leigh Village	Creekside Elementary School 5321 Ephesus Church Road
Tuesday, June 30, 2015	6:30 p.m.	Alston Avenue	Eastway Elementary School 610 N. Alston Avenue
July/August	TBD	TBD	TBD

An announcement about the date and location for a public hearing hosted by the [Durham Planning Commission](#) will follow the conclusion of these upcoming community engagement sessions.

For more information on the compact neighborhood planning process, visit <http://www.DurhamNC.gov/CompactNeighborhoods>. For more information on the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit project, visit <http://www.ourtransitfuture.org>. Residents may also contact Planner Hannah Jacobson at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28247 or by email at Hannah.Jacobson@DurhamNC.gov.

Any person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate in these meetings by contacting the City of Durham’s ADA Coordinator at (919) 560-4197 or by [email](#) as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the meetings.

About the Durham City-County Planning Department

The [Durham City-County Planning Department](#) is the planning agency for the City and County of Durham. The department works with the community to develop long-range and special area plans containing policies to direct growth. Guided by the City’s [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to make Durham a great place to live, work, and play by working to create a strong and diverse economy, and thriving and livable neighborhoods.

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