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Durham Seeks Input on Proposed Neighborhood Bike Routes

Online Survey Open Until March 1 to Collect Concept Plan and Logo Design Feedback

DURHAM, N.C. – The City of Durham Transportation Department is working to create a network of low-stress streets to help people use bicycles more easily and to safely access destinations in the Bull City. The first round of outreach has now been completed and the department wants resident feedback on the proposed routes as well as signage design concepts.

The [proposed neighborhood bicycle routes](#), otherwise known as bicycle boulevards, will use signage and pavement markings to better connect residents to existing trails, bicycle routes, and other destinations. The first phase will designate approximately 7 miles of roads as neighborhood bicycle routes, and develop the appropriate signage and pavement marking plans. The routes proposed at this time are within a 1.5 mile radius of downtown Durham, offering the best opportunity to build out a network over time, starting at the center of the city.

The proposed routes are:

- Arnette Avenue/Jackson Street/Buchanan Avenue/Shepherd Street to connect West Chapel Hill Street and Hermitage Court
- West Corporation Street/Cleveland Street/Dowd Street/Gurley Street/Gray Avenue/Hanover Street/Juniper Street to connect Glendale Avenue and Spruce Street
- Hermitage Court/Hermitage Court Drive/East Forest Hills Boulevard/West Enterprise Street to connect Arnette Avenue and the American Tobacco Trail
- Glendale Avenue to connect the Duke Park Connector Trail and West Corporation Street
- Otis Street/Formosa Avenue/Concord Street to connect the American Tobacco Trail and North Carolina Central University at Fayetteville Street
- Spruce Street/Southgate Street/Maple Street/Ashe Street to connect Juniper Street and Driver Street
- Belt Street/Taylor Street to connect Liberty Street and Maple Street
- Watts Street to connect Main Street and West Club Boulevard

During the first round of outreach in late 2018, four neighborhood meetings and bike rides were held to review potential routes, followed by a community-wide meeting to further refine the network and design concepts. On the project webpage, residents are now able to review a [map](#) of the proposed routes and learn more about the [concept plan](#) for each route. Residents can also use an [online survey](#) to provide their comments on the concept plans and neighborhood bike route logo designs by March 1, 2019.

According to Dale McKeel, bicycle and pedestrian coordinator with the City's Transportation Department, the neighborhood bicycle routes will help to fill gaps in the current bicycle network. "Many of the proposed streets are already comfortable for bicycling; this project will encourage people to bicycle these routes and will remind drivers to anticipate seeing people on bicycles," McKeel said.

For additional information about this project, residents are encouraged to visit the [project webpage](#) or contact McKeel at (919) 560-4366, ext. 36421 or by email at Dale.McKeel@DurhamNC.gov.

About the City of Durham Transportation Department

The [Transportation Department](#) is responsible for a broad range of transportation services, which include traffic signs and signals, transportation planning, [parking operations](#), street lighting, taxicab administration, and bicycle and pedestrian planning. The department also oversees [GoDurham](#) and [GoDurham ACCESS](#) as well as leads planning functions for the [Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) (DCHC MPO), which is the regional organization that is responsible for planning and programming state and federal transportation projects in the urbanized areas of Durham, Orange, and Chatham counties. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to strengthen the foundation, enhance the value, and improve the quality and sustainability of neighborhoods that are necessary for a strong and diverse community. For more information, follow the department on [Twitter](#).

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