

News Release

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Move Durham Transportation Study Releases Roadway Design Concepts *Concepts for Eight Central Durham Corridors Now Ready for Feedback*

DURHAM, N.C. – If you live or travel in and around downtown and the central area of the Bull City, the City of Durham Transportation Department now has design concepts for eight corridors ready for review and feedback.

The department has just released alternate design concepts for several central Durham streets as part of their [Move Durham Transportation Study](#), which is a nine-month multimodal transportation planning process that began last year to develop a clear vision for the future of transportation and mobility in the central Durham area.

The first phase of the study involved extensive public outreach and data gathering to understand how people move to and through the central city. “The vision and values identified during the Phase I outreach process have now been applied to eight corridors, with the draft alternate design concepts a reflection of those values,” said Senior Transportation Planner Ellen Beckmann with the City’s Transportation Department. “However, with limited right-of-way on all streets, there are trade-offs between transportation modes and each concept must be responsive to specific neighborhood contexts.”

According to Beckmann, Phase II of the study will include a robust engagement effort to solicit feedback on each alternative through the end of August. “Public input is critical and we have several fun and engaging ways for your voice to be heard. The project website is the best place to get involved and learn more about the project,” said Beckmann.

Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to engage and provide their feedback in one of the following ways:

- **Visit the project website:** Check out our priority corridors and draft alternatives. Each of the following corridors has its own [web page](#) with background information and concept graphics:
 - Elizabeth Street and Fayetteville Street
 - Duke Street, Gregson Street, and Vickers Avenue
 - Alston Avenue and Avondale Drive
 - Chapel Hill Street
 - Downtown Loop (Morgan Street, Great Jones Street, and Ramseur Street)
 - Roxboro Street and Mangum Street
 - Holloway Street
 - Durham Freeway (N.C. Highway 147)
- **Take the online survey:** Take a short survey on each corridor to help Transportation staff understand how people currently move along each of these streets and share your thoughts on the design concepts. The online survey will be open until August 31, 2019. Ideas can also be shared by tweeting [@movesafedurham](#) and using the hashtag #MoveDurham.
- **Speak with the project team:** Join Transportation staff at community events this summer. The project website includes a calendar of events to be continuously updated with where staff will be throughout the months of June, July, and August.

- **Invite the project team to come to you:** Invite staff to summer events or community meetings to hear a short presentation on the project and design concepts. Requests can be emailed to movedurham@altaplanning.com.
- **Stay connected and spread the word:** This is the community's plan, and these are the community's priorities. Help staff reach as many people as possible by sharing the project website and encouraging friends, family, and neighbors to get involved.

According to Beckmann, project design concepts are not funded at this time and there is not a timeline for implementation. This study is jointly funded by the City of Durham, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHC MPO). For additional information, visit the [project website](#) or contact Beckmann at (919) 560-4366 ext. 36412 or Ellen.Beckmann@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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