

Pre-Design Public Meeting

Leesville Road Widening



**From I-540 to New Leesville Boulevard
St. Francis of Assisi Church
11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613**

Sponsored by: City of Raleigh and AECOM Technical Services of NC

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Welcome!

Welcome to the pre-design public meeting for the Leesville Road Widening project. This is a workshop sponsored by the City of Raleigh to gather public input prior to commencing project design. Please feel free to review the project location map and ask questions of members of the project team here tonight from the City of Raleigh and the City's design consultant, AECOM. Team members will be available for questions between 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Thank you for your participation.

Your Input is Important!

We value your contributions and suggestions pertaining to the plan. You are encouraged to complete the enclosed comment sheet today or mail your comments to the address at the bottom of the comment sheet. We request that you provide your input by **September 30, 2010**, in order for your comments to be incorporated into the planning process.

Project Details

- **Location:** The proposed widening of Leesville Road will begin near I-540 and extend to New Leesville Boulevard. See Figure 1 for an overview of the project limits.
- **Description of Roadway:** Existing Leesville Road is generally a two-lane roadway with additional lanes at I-540 and intersections with Farless Road, Renfield Drive, and Crestmont Drive and New Leesville Boulevard and Hickory Grove Church Road.
- **Need/Benefit:** The project objective is to improve traffic and pedestrian mobility and safety along this section of Leesville Road. The proposed project would widen Leesville Road to a multi-lane roadway. Exclusive bike lanes and sidewalks would be provided on both sides of the roadway to accommodate bicyclists and pedestrians. Construction of additional lanes, a raised median, intersection improvements, and sidewalks would improve traffic flow and enhance safety. Sidewalk additions are especially important due to the two schools located along Leesville Road.
- **Project Challenges:** The intersection of Leesville Road and Farless Road at the Sycamore Creek School drive is a congested traffic area. Likewise, the intersection at New Leesville Road and Hickory Grove Church Road is also a high traffic intersection. A cemetery is located in the middle of Crestmont Drive, at the Leesville Downs Subdivision entrance.

Project Schedule

- Comments from the meeting being held tonight will be carefully reviewed and considered during the preparation of preliminary designs.
- Hold a **Second "Corridor" Public Meeting** to present preliminary design and receive public input. The second public meeting is scheduled for early 2011 (tentative schedule) and will present 25% design drawings.
- Hold a **Third "Design" Public Meeting** to review design and right-of-way impacts. The third public meeting is scheduled for summer 2011 (tentative schedule) and will present 65% design drawings.
- Conduct a **Public Hearing** through Raleigh's City Council to approve the project and authorize assessments and right-of-way acquisition. This meeting is scheduled for fall 2011 (tentative schedule).
- Prepare the Final Engineering Designs taking into consideration comments received at the Third Public Meeting and Public Hearing.
- Acquire right-of-way and easements necessary to construct the project. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin after the Public Hearing in fall 2011 (tentative schedule).
- Award the construction contract of the project by late spring 2012 (tentative schedule).
- Begin construction of the project by summer 2012 (tentative schedule).
- Complete construction of the project by late fall 2013 (tentative schedule).