

# News Release

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## Durham Hosts Neighborhood Bike Route Meetings

*Upcoming Meetings to Seek Feedback on Proposed Neighborhood Bicycle Boulevards*

DURHAM, N.C. – Residents and visitors interested in how the City of Durham plans to prioritize bicycle travel along neighborhood streets should plan to attend one-of-four upcoming meetings.

The City’s Transportation Department is planning to enhance neighborhood streets to help bicyclists more easily and safely access destinations. 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 major destinations. The first phase of this project will designate approximately 7 miles of roads as neighborhood bicycle routes, and develop the appropriate signage and pavement marking plans. More corridors could be added in the future.

While the meetings will focus on the neighborhoods adjacent to the meeting location, all comments are encouraged and residents are invited to attend all of the meetings. An optional bike ride of possible routes will be featured at the beginning of each meeting, followed by a drop-in style meeting. At the meeting, attendees will be able to see a map of possible routes, learn more about the project, ask questions of City staff and the consultants, and provide comments.

According to Bryan Poole, bicycle and pedestrian transportation planner with the City’s Transportation Department, these neighborhood bicycle routes will help fill the gaps in the current bicycle network and encourage bicyclists to use low-volume streets. “Many of the proposed streets are already comfortable for bicycling and this project is intended to encourage bicyclists to use these routes and remind those in cars to anticipate bicyclists,” Poole said.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

- **Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m. – noon**, Watts Street Baptist Church, 800 Watts St.: Bike Tour from 10 a.m. - 11a.m., Meeting from 11 a.m. – noon (Possible Routes: Watts, Markham/Trinity, and Glendale)
- **Sunday, October 28, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**, Lyon Park Pavilion, 1200 W. Lakewood Ave.: Bike Tour from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., Meeting from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. (Possible Routes: Hermitage, Arnette, Halley, and Moreland)
- **Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. – noon**, Former Neighborhood Improvement Services’ Impact Team Building, 103 S. Driver St.: Bike Tour from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., Meeting from 11 a.m. – noon (Possible Routes: Dowd, Juniper, and Taylor)
- **Sunday, November 4, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.**, North Carolina Central University Alfonso Elder Student Union Room 146, 1801 Fayetteville St.: Bike Tour from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m., Meeting from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. (Possible Routes: Lincoln, Umstead, and Enterprise)

The funding for design and construction of these neighborhood bicycle routes is from a combination of federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding as well as local funding. If residents and visitors are unable to attend any of the four meetings, they are encouraged to visit <https://durhamnc.gov/3763/Neighborhood-Bike-Routes> to learn more about this project.

For additional information, residents may also contact Transportation Planner Dale McKeel with the City's Transportation Department at (919) 560-4366, ext. 36421 or by email at [Dale.McKeel@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:Dale.McKeel@DurhamNC.gov). Persons who require assistance to attend any of these public meetings should call (919) 560-4197 or email [ADA@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:ADA@DurhamNC.gov) no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

### **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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