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TO: Residents, parents, students, teachers, and staff of and near Leesville Rd. Schools
FROM : Todd Delk, PE - Senior Transportation Planner, City of Raleigh

Hello! As you may have heard or remembered from meetings over the last few years, the City of Raleigh has been working with your community to design a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project for the Leesville Road Schools. The project will install new sidewalks and bicycle facilities along O'Neal Drive, Pride Way, Country Trail, and on the school property. Additional improvements include curb ramps and crosswalks at the four intersections in the study area and pedestrian signals at O'Neal Drive/Leesville Road.

This project was the product of the efforts of area neighborhoods and schools, initially conceived in response to a 2012 crash where a Leesville Road high school student was hit by driver while crossing the street. In response, the Leesville Community Safety Taskforce was formed by local residents, school administrators, and City staff and police officers, amongst others. The group aimed to raise awareness of bicycle and pedestrian safety concerns in the Leesville Community, to share and plan safety activities, and to develop a plan to improve the existing infrastructure so that residents are able to safely walk and bike in and around their neighborhood. That plan is now funded with help from a Capital Area MPO LAPP program<<http://www.campo-nc.us/funding/locally-administered-projects-program>>, and will be constructed as early as this fall.

The City and our project consultants are working on construction plans in coordination with school and we want to hear your feedback. We are holding a public meeting on Thursday, June 23rd from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Leesville Road High School Media Center. Please join us to review the plans, or go online to the project website<<http://www.raleighnc.gov/business/content/PlanDev/Articles/TransPlan/LeesvilleSafeRoutestoSchool.html>> (go to www.raleighnc.gov<<http://www.raleighnc.gov>> and search “Leesville SRTS”). Please submit comments to us no later than July 8th by phone, letter, or email.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and hearing your comments and suggestions. If you have any questions or would like to provide comments on this proposal, please call me at (919) 996-2661, or email me at todd.delk@raleighnc.gov<<mailto:todd.delk@raleighnc.gov>>.

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