

Item Title: Conveyance Easements to the City of Raleigh at the Richard B. Harrison Library

Specific Action Requested:
That the Board of Commissioners:

- 1. Approves the conveyance of a Transit Easement and Temporary Construction Easements to the City of Raleigh at the Richard B. Harrison Library; and**
- 2. Authorizes the Chairman to execute said deed of easement document and dedication form (along with any other supporting documentation), subject to the terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners must approve all easements conveyed by the County. NC General Statute 160A-274 authorizes the Board of Commissioners to convey any interest in real property to other governmental agencies.

Background: In 1987, the City of Raleigh conveyed property to Wake County at 1313 New Bern Avenue, which also included the Richard B. Harrison Library. This action supported the establishment of a countywide library system. The City of Raleigh, in coordination with the North Carolina Department of Transportation, are now proposing multimodal improvements to New Bern Avenue from Tarboro Street to Sunnybrook Road, a distance of approximately 2.2 miles. The purpose of this project is to improve the connectivity of pedestrian and transit facilities along New Bern Avenue. The City of Raleigh has requested that Wake County dedicate and convey a transit easement and temporary construction easements in support of the Project.

Board Goal: This action supports implementation of the Wake County Transit Plan.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact to the County associated with this easement conveyance to the City of Raleigh.

Additional Information:

The New Bern Avenue Sidewalk and Transit Improvements Project will improve pedestrian safety at major intersections, add pedestrian crossings where the distance between traffic signals is greater than 1,000 feet, improve transit, bike, pedestrian and lighting facilities within the corridor to create a safe, healthy, and walkable environment,

improve the connectivity of sidewalks and bike trails, and improve transit stop accommodations. New Bern Avenue is a major east-west commuter route to/from Downtown Raleigh. It is one of the highest ridership transit routes in the City of Raleigh and is on an identified Bus Rapid Transit Corridor. In April 2018, the City of Raleigh contacted Wake County about the New Bern Avenue Sidewalk and Transit Improvements Project. A letter from the City of Raleigh requesting conveyance of the easements is attached.

The aerial photo below displays the Richard B. Harrison Library site and general location of the proposed sidewalk and transit stop. The City proposes to replace the existing bus shelter at its current location with new covered bus shelter. A map is also attached which describes the location of the proposed easement on the Library property. More detailed plans showing the proposed City of Raleigh improvements to the sidewalk and transit stop are attached (Construction Plan Sheet 6 & 7).



Facilities Design & Construction and Community Services staff has reviewed the proposed plans and has concluded that this conveyance will have no effect on the value and use of the County owned property. Staff recommends approval of the easement conveyance to the City of Raleigh subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the County Attorney.

Attachments:

1. City of Raleigh letter April 2018
2. City of Raleigh Deed of Easement
3. Dedication Form
4. Easement Exhibit
5. Construction Plan Sheet 6
6. Construction Plan Sheet 7