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Facilitated Listening Session

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1 SPEAKER: -- lightning round. It's a
2 very quick question, I'm not sure if anybody --
3 everybody can see this, but it says, in one word,
4 describe what is the most important thing to you or
5 your household/business that must be considered as
6 this project moves forward. So take just a second,
7 and we want one word. It's a lightning round, we
8 don't want a sentence, we don't want a paragraph,
9 we want one word. Basically, what brought you here
10 tonight, what's your -- what's your biggest
11 concern. What's the most important thing to you as
12 a resident or someone who works, lives in the area.
13 Okay?

14 SPEAKER: I'll grab my questions, too.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. Oh, that -- that will be
16 great. Okay. Would anybody like to start? Throw
17 out a word?

18 SPEAKER: Traffic.

19 SPEAKER: Traffic, okay.

20 SPEAKER: Property value. That's two
21 words.

22 SPEAKER: I'll -- I'll give you that.

23 SPEAKER: Smart city.

24 SPEAKER: Smart city. Okay. What
25 brought you here tonight?

1 SPEAKER: Some of you men speak up. I
2 haven't heard a word out of them.

3 SPEAKER: I have three words.

4 SPEAKER: Okay.

5 SPEAKER: Quality of life.

6 SPEAKER: Okay.

7 SPEAKER: Safety.

8 SPEAKER: We've got a couple more. You
9 can come -- we can come back if you don't have
10 something on the top of your head right now, but
11 we're going to move into the harder questions; this
12 is the easy one.

13 SPEAKER: Mine was property value, as
14 well.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. That's good.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah.

17 SPEAKER: Mine is too.

18 SPEAKER: Okay. That's great. Okay.
19 Great! Do you want to take the next one?

20 SPEAKER: Sure. So the next question is,
21 what do you believe is needed to ensure the safety
22 of your family, the people who live in the area,
23 and the people that travel through the area? So
24 what do you think is needed to ensure the safety.

25 SPEAKER: Do you want me to those down?

1 SPEAKER: Yeah, that'd be great.

2 SPEAKER: Speed.

3 SPEAKER: Speed.

4 SPEAKER: Volume.

5 SPEAKER: Volume.

6 SPEAKER: Are we still just doing
7 one-word answers?

8 SPEAKER: No.

9 SPEAKER: No, no, no.

10 SPEAKER: It can be bigger than that.

11 SPEAKER: Well, I mean, I can tell you
12 that preserving the -- preserving the quality of
13 the city. Preserving green space, making it a
14 smart city, not just a -- not just a big city.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. Does that relate to
16 safety or is that whatever --

17 SPEAKER: Oh, absolutely -- it absolutely
18 does. I don't think -- I don't want my -- I want
19 to live in and I want my children to grow up in a
20 city that has trees and has green space and not
21 more roads going to a mall.

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: What else comes to mind when
24 you think about safety? And we're talking about
25 safety in all of the -- that whole study area.

1 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

2 SPEAKER: I'm sorry I'm taking notes.

3 SPEAKER: No, no, no, please do. You did
4 this once already, I'm happy to just chime in.

5 SPEAKER: We need to -- whatever we do
6 needs to respect -- needs to be designed for the
7 future and realize that transportation is more than
8 one dimensional, it's more than just automobiles.
9 We have to be -- we have to have a safe way to
10 handle bicycles, scooters, pedestrians, children,
11 joggers. This isn't just about moving cars in and
12 out of Crabtree. In fact, I would say that
13 designing to help Crabtree is a big, big mistake.
14 Because Crabtree is the past, not the future.

15 SPEAKER: Did I get that?

16 SPEAKER: Yeah. I don't know how you
17 write so fast. It's a gift.

18 SPEAKER: Does the city have anything to
19 do with the -- that big hotel that they going to
20 build down that Crabtree.

21 SPEAKER: I can't answer that. I don't
22 know.

23 SPEAKER: Because that's going to create
24 a traffic problem.

25 SPEAKER: Okay. So --

1 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

2 SPEAKER: Okay. So I'm going to --

3 SPEAKER: -- what the city is doing it.

4 SPEAKER: So I'm going to put that as a
5 concern because I don't know the answer to that,
6 but I will put it. So the hotel -- new hotel at
7 Crabtree.

8 SPEAKER: And there are more apartments
9 coming in, as well.

10 SPEAKER: There's a new hotel at the --
11 thing --

12 SPEAKER: And no way to house the
13 traffic.

14 SPEAKER: -- where the Kroger center was,
15 there will be a hotel there.

16 SPEAKER: Right, right.

17 SPEAKER: Is that where you're talking
18 about?

19 SPEAKER: That is what I'm talking about.

20

21 SPEAKER: There's nowhere for the traffic
22 to go.

23 SPEAKER: Okay.

24 SPEAKER: It needs to be at another
25 intersection.

1 SPEAKER: I fall [inaudible].

2 SPEAKER: With the [inaudible] up a
3 hotel, so just going to have to condemn our houses
4 there on that where it's coming right across and
5 build another hotel up there.

6 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

7 SPEAKER: Why not? They need more
8 hotels. They got about ten down there now.

9 SPEAKER: I think she's crazier than you.

10 SPEAKER: I'm being sarcastic.

11 SPEAKER: That's right.

12 SPEAKER: Took a woman to do it, didn't
13 it?

14 SPEAKER: This is. Let me just say it
15 and then we can try and --

16 SPEAKER: Yeah.

17 SPEAKER: So you know, so we're on Ridge,
18 very close to the 440 exit, and what we have had
19 since we've moved in is several people that are --
20 you know, they use that for a thoroughfare and they
21 get lost and they come to our door at night. So in
22 terms of safety, because it's a thoroughfare for
23 non-residential traffic, it brings -- it just
24 brings traffic that you, kind of, wouldn't expect
25 to come to your home. So I don't -- I don't know

1 how to say that, but we've had several people
2 knocking on our doors at odd hours asking where
3 they are.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah.

6 SPEAKER: How to get to Florida.

7 SPEAKER: That's a good one.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: Okay. So --

10 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] to Blue Ridge Road.

11 SPEAKER: Same.

12 SPEAKER: That's because all the signs
13 are covered up with trees.

14 SPEAKER: That's right.

15 SPEAKER: That sounds like a safety
16 concern, too. I mean, it might not be dealing with
17 this process, but --

18 SPEAKER: You can't see the speed signs,
19 you can't see the street signs, they're all covered
20 up.

21 SPEAKER: Okay. does this capture your
22 Ridge Road thoroughfare for non-residential-traffic
23 people getting lost and knocking on doors?

24 SPEAKER: Yeah.

25 SPEAKER: Of homes, right? That's pretty

1 wild. Okay and the signs covered by trees. Right.
2 So hard to read.

3 SPEAKER: Trees, greenery, whatever.

4 SPEAKER: Right. Okay. Other thoughts
5 about safety? You had a word, before the -- smart
6 city.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah.

8 SPEAKER: That was your word, before.

9 SPEAKER: Who, me?

10 SPEAKER: Before your more trees?

11 SPEAKER: Yeah, what I was saying in
12 terms of safety is I think there's -- there are a
13 lot of different ways to look at safety. It's not
14 just a matter of -- you know, my boys go to Lacy
15 Elementary -- well they did, they just left but --
16 there's a lot of different ways to look at safety
17 and it's not just, you know, it's not just about
18 cars. It is about wanting my children to grow up
19 in a place where we actually have trees and green
20 space and we have oxygen. If we cut down every
21 tree, we're not going to, I mean, our city's going
22 to be full of smog.

23 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

24 SPEAKER: And that speaks to the property
25 value [inaudible].

1 SPEAKER: And heat.

2 SPEAKER: And if you -- and if you, you
3 know, like -- look what's dominating our news right
4 now in terms of safety. All of the people that
5 have been flooded in the eastern part of the state.
6 If we take away ten acres of forested, pervious
7 land and we cover it up with concrete, right near
8 Crabtree Creek, it's -- I mean, we're -- that's a
9 safety issue.

10 SPEAKER: Am I going to get dinged for
11 writing climate change or are we all good with
12 climate change.

13 SPEAKER: Yep, yep. Flooding.

14 SPEAKER: Noise.

15 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] -- trouble with
16 construction.

17 SPEAKER: Is there any way we can get a
18 wall, wall off that stuff? Like the [inaudible].

19 SPEAKER: They have a wall on [inaudible]
20 158 going towards [inaudible].

21 SPEAKER: Yeah, there are walls all
22 around. It cuts off, at least, the --

23 SPEAKER: Yeah, light pollution.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah.

25 SPEAKER: Okay. Okay. We can come back.

1 We can -- this is an iterative process, so if you
2 think of other things that go in the safety, we'll
3 come back, and we can put them on there. But we do
4 have more -- more questions to get to. So the
5 community asset question. Is there a specific
6 valuable community asset, something important to
7 the community and/or neighborhood located within
8 this project zone that you are concerned will be
9 impacted? If so, what is it and how do you believe
10 it will be impacted?

11 SPEAKER: Varnell Avenue, extra traffic.
12 People going through it to do a cut through.

13 SPEAKER: Okay. So tell me -- tell me
14 what the aspect is. Is it about -- is it Varnell
15 with a V?

16 SPEAKER: Varnell.

17 SPEAKER: Varnell, right off of Ridge
18 Road, right where their proposing.

19 SPEAKER: Varnell, V-A-R --

20 SPEAKER: V for Victor.

21 SPEAKER: It is V -- sorry, as I said, I
22 don't know anything about the project. Okay.
23 Varnell Road. And so the asset is that right now
24 it's quiet, or it's not? Or --

25 SPEAKER: Well, it's increased in traffic

1 because people are cutting through and we're -- now
2 I'm worried about more traffic being cut through.
3 It needs to be closed off.

4 SPEAKER: Lacy and Martin Schools --

5 SPEAKER: How about the value of your
6 home, is that [inaudible]?

7 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

8 SPEAKER: Home values

9 SPEAKER: Home values. Lacy and Martin
10 Schools.

11 SPEAKER: Yeah.

12 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

13 SPEAKER: And then, Highland and Richburg
14 [phonetic] Baptist Churches.

15 SPEAKER: And the Moravian Church.

16 SPEAKER: And Moravian Church. Three
17 churches.

18 SPEAKER: Yeah, there are three churches.

19 SPEAKER: And I think it's three
20 churches.

21 SPEAKER: Yep. Three churches.

22 SPEAKER: There is a Varnell Park, also,
23 that basketball court.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah.

25 SPEAKER: I think that's a public park.

1 SPEAKER: It's -- yeah --

2 SPEAKER: Where is it -- I'm sorry -- say
3 -- tell me again where it is?

4 SPEAKER: It's off of Varnell.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah, on [inaudible] of
6 Varnell.

7 SPEAKER: That was donated -- so that was
8 donated to the city by the Coggins family that
9 owned that property that's down at the end.

10 SPEAKER: Okay.

11 SPEAKER: We have the green one at --

12 SPEAKER: There's actually two parks on
13 Varnell.

14 SPEAKER: That's right, there's a
15 community park, there's a --

16 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

17 SPEAKER: Yes, [inaudible].

18 SPEAKER: Community Park and a -- and a
19 --

20 SPEAKER: Well, but one is -- one is used
21 as a city park. Varnell Park, itself, is used as a
22 city park and then there is a community garden park
23 that's the Beckanna -- what's it called?

24 SPEAKER: Beckanna Community Garden.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah.

1 SPEAKER: You -- y'all aren't talking
2 about the same thing.

3 SPEAKER: Is that what the -- the
4 basketball court, dear?

5 SPEAKER: No. It's near -- it's the
6 corner of Varnell and Dade.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

9 SPEAKER: And it's used mainly for
10 children to play in, people walk their dogs, go and
11 sit.

12 SPEAKER: Yeah. And I've seen they've
13 got their basketball court, so at the corner of
14 Ridge Road and Varnell.

15 SPEAKER: There a creep going there.

16 SPEAKER: Their going to take that park
17 in connection with this project.

18 SPEAKER: Yeah.

19 SPEAKER: Okay.

20 SPEAKER: Which park is that?

21 SPEAKER: Varnell Park will be completely
22 taken as a part of this project or it could be. So
23 what they're talking about, the Varnell Park that's
24 on the corner of Ridge and Varnell --

25 SPEAKER: Okay. So there's one on

1 Varnell and Dade, and one on Ridge and Varnell?

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: Yeah. And the city park that
4 has the basketball court that she was talking about
5 is the one on the corner of Ridge and Varnell.

6 SPEAKER: Okay.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah.

8 SPEAKER: Judy's [phonetic] father
9 donated both lands.

10 SPEAKER: Right.

11 SPEAKER: Okay.

12 SPEAKER: Yeah. And you know, and that's
13 something that the city must respect and the DOT,
14 also. Because, you know, Judy's [phonetic] father
15 donated this land with the understanding that it
16 would be a park, not be paved over.

17 SPEAKER: Okay.

18 SPEAKER: Then there's the Glen Eden
19 Pilot Park, on Glen Eden. Which has tennis courts,
20 eating area, meeting -- a building for community
21 meetings and a bunch of other things.

22 SPEAKER: What other community assets are
23 in the area?

24 SPEAKER: Our sidewalks.

25 SPEAKER: Okay.

1 SPEAKER: It's, you know, many, many
2 areas in Raleigh don't have sidewalks. We do.

3 SPEAKER: And the sidewalks are full of
4 children going to and from school and church
5 activities.

6 SPEAKER: Yeah. That's our -- that's our
7 lifestyle here and this is why most -- probably,
8 why most of us moved here.

9 SPEAKER: One thing they've done recently
10 is put bicycle lanes on all the roads I drive.

11 SPEAKER: Would you take --

12 SPEAKER: Which is very dangerous to me
13 with a --

14 SPEAKER: If they take ten feet out of
15 our front yard for the bicycle lane, I'm really
16 going to be upset.

17 SPEAKER: Well, [inaudible] --

18 SPEAKER: Because how many bicycles are
19 on that street? I see one every once in a while.
20 Maybe two a year.

21 SPEAKER: So I guess we could put like
22 our property itself, like, they say, their property
23 lines.

24 SPEAKER: They become the delivery lane.

25 SPEAKER: That they ride in --

1 SPEAKER: When we have decision ones were
2 made, and I have quite a history with bicycle
3 lanes.

4 SPEAKER: How many bicycles do you see?

5 SPEAKER: Not a heck of a lot. That's
6 one of the reasons why we don't have -- why we
7 still have on-street parking on Glen Eden. And
8 that's a whole another battle.

9 SPEAKER: Do you understand? Their
10 saying there aren't that many bikes that use it,
11 and we already have bike lanes, so we don't need --

12 SPEAKER: You have bicycle lanes on
13 Ridge?

14 SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 SPEAKER: Is that an asset, or no?

16 SPEAKER: No, they're saying there aren't
17 that many bikes on -- that use it now, so why --
18 why do we need --

19 SPEAKER: But they're taking on their
20 streets. How about on Ridge Road.

21 SPEAKER: That is Ridge Road. Ridge Road
22 is a long road.

23 SPEAKER: That's Ridge Road.

24 SPEAKER: So not -- not --

25 SPEAKER: Not all of Ridge Road has

1 bicycle access.

2 SPEAKER: And we don't need it

3 SPEAKER: And it's not needed.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah.

5 SPEAKER: Not if you're going to take ten
6 feet of our front yard.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: No, we don't want to take
9 people's front yards for that.

10 SPEAKER: I think they just as soon move
11 into your house, just give it up. I mean that -- I
12 mean that it at it being sarcastic [inaudible].

13 SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am. You need to point
14 that out to him.

15 SPEAKER: I think the, you know, the ten
16 plus acres of trees that are at the end of Ridge,
17 that whole area is wooded at the end of Ridge.
18 That's an asset that needs considering.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah, it sure is.

20 SPEAKER: It certainly is an asset.

21 SPEAKER: There again, it deflects the
22 sound.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah. It absorbs -- it absorbs
24 rain water.

25 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] too.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah.

2 SPEAKER: Breeze runs through there.

3 SPEAKER: You take away the trees, it's
4 going to be like downtown boulevard.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah.

6 SPEAKER: Exactly right.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah. Exactly

8 SPEAKER: So the trees? Put the trees on
9 here?

10 SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 SPEAKER: Yes.

12 SPEAKER: Absolutely. City of -- the
13 city of oaks is going to be the city of stumps.

14 SPEAKER: Are there things that come to
15 mind -- and again, I'm going to push you think a
16 little bit beyond your own neighborhood to the
17 whole study area -- other things that are around
18 that interchange or the other interchanges in the
19 study area?

20 SPEAKER: One thing that concerns me is
21 that people get lost out there all the time. And
22 they are constantly knocking on your door, trying
23 to find which way to go.

24 SPEAKER: Right. Yeah. We got that over
25 here.

1 SPEAKER: Oh, you got that down. I'm
2 sorry.

3 SPEAKER: It's okay.

4 SPEAKER: My memory is not very well.

5 SPEAKER: It's okay. It's okay. We got
6 it. Yeah, I was thinking that wall was not going
7 to support the stickiness.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: It's okay. We want to make
10 sure that we capture everybody's concerns.

11 SPEAKER: I'll keep my mouth shut.

12 SPEAKER: No, don't do that.

13 SPEAKER: Repeat so many times.

14 SPEAKER: No, don't [inaudible]. You can
15 tell us again, it's okay. Any other thoughts? And
16 again, we can come back, this is not the end of the
17 question.

18 SPEAKER: I think if they make any kind
19 of changes out there, they need to look at the
20 bicycle lanes that they have now, painted, brand
21 new bicycle lanes all up and down the road, each
22 street. Because somebody's going to get hurt.

23 SPEAKER: Maybe that could go into the
24 safety --

25 SPEAKER: Okay. I'm going to put on

1 safety.

2 SPEAKER: Is that -- is that on some --
3 it may be on something.

4 SPEAKER: I'm going to add them here
5 under safety.

6 SPEAKER: If you keep bringing that up,
7 you will have bicycle lanes everywhere.

8 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

9 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

10 SPEAKER: I think what we're saying about
11 community assets was -- is that, at least this how
12 I feel, I know I only speak for myself, my wife,
13 and my neighbors -- we like our neighborhood the
14 way it is. We have a very -- a nice
15 family-oriented, multigenerational neighborhood,
16 with younger people, some people that, like myself,
17 have been here forever, and it's -- we like that
18 quality of life. We like that we have a walkable
19 neighborhood, and it's more like living in a --
20 it's, at least for me -- and I've been here since
21 1987 -- it's -- it's like living in a -- it's more
22 like living in a small town than living in a large
23 city. And that's one of the things about, when I
24 say quality of life is important, that's what --
25 that's what the quality of life is.

1 SPEAKER: I've been in Raleigh since 1952
2 and there have been a lot of changes.

3 SPEAKER: Good heavens.

4 SPEAKER: And they're constantly making
5 changes every day. I mean, somebody's knocking on
6 your door all the time because they get lost.

7 SPEAKER: You've already had that.

8 SPEAKER: Okay. I'll keep my mouth shut.
9 She's my neighbor so she can try --

10 SPEAKER: Okay. Let's move to the next
11 question, and again, we can come back. The next
12 one is about the traffic problems. So from your
13 prospective, what are some of the most problematic
14 traffic and pedestrian problems that need to be
15 addressed.

16 SPEAKER: Avoid Ridge Road.

17 SPEAKER: Avoid Ridge Road.

18 SPEAKER: It's the alternative --

19 SPEAKER: Meaning?

20 SPEAKER: It's an alternative to 440.

21 SPEAKER: Yeah.

22 SPEAKER: Yes.

23 SPEAKER: So -- so the problem is that
24 drivers are using Ridge Road as an alternative to
25 440?

1 SPEAKER: And we can't get out of our
2 driveways during the morning rush and the evening
3 rush.

4 SPEAKER: Right.

5 SPEAKER: In other words, not to add any
6 more traffic to Ridge Road.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: Take it away from another
9 angle.

10 SPEAKER: Okay.

11 SPEAKER: It would be nice if they closed
12 the Ridge Road ramp.

13 SPEAKER: Right, that bridge.

14 SPEAKER: That bridge and just -- so
15 there's no beltline access. Ridge Road was not
16 meant to be that extra two lanes for the beltline.

17 SPEAKER: Okay. [Inaudible]?

18 SPEAKER: No alternative --

19 SPEAKER: Do away -- do away with the --

20 SPEAKER: I'm actually -- yeah, I'm
21 trying to define the [inaudible] problems rather
22 than solutions.

23 SPEAKER: Access at the bridge. Access
24 at the bridge.

25 SPEAKER: So the access at the bridge

1 causes problems.

2 SPEAKER: To Ridge Road, just --

3 SPEAKER: Because it -- it puts it --

4 SPEAKER: It puts traffic on Ridge Road.

5 They do away with that, you wouldn't have the
6 traffic there.

7 SPEAKER: That's very true.

8 SPEAKER: It's backed up in the evenings
9 as far as you can see.

10 SPEAKER: Another issue here is the way
11 that eastbound exit from 440 onto Glenwood going
12 west --

13 SPEAKER: Oh, yeah.

14 SPEAKER: -- you know, instead of having
15 a traditional clover leaf, where you merge into the
16 right. Instead of this [inaudible] that they have
17 to cross the traffic and stop the traffic on
18 Glenwood to accommodate people who are getting off.

19 SPEAKER: Okay.

20 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah, that's it.

21 SPEAKER: Is that -- did I get that
22 right, is that that -- the problem is the eastbound
23 440 exit going west -- for traffic going west?

24 SPEAKER: Well, yes. The people who want
25 to go north on Glenwood get off the beltline and

1 have to cross --

2 SPEAKER: So it's, actually, going to be
3 north.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah. On a --

5 SPEAKER: Is it this right here?

6 SPEAKER: It's west -- it's west.

7 SPEAKER: North? This is the problem
8 with your beltline.

9 SPEAKER: It's -- it's -- it's westbound
10 -- it's westbound -- it's I-440, like if you were
11 coming from the North Hills to --

12 SPEAKER: I'm talking about coming from
13 Cary.

14 SPEAKER: Oh, okay.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. And you want -- and you
16 want -- and you want to go out to --

17 SPEAKER: The mall.

18 SPEAKER: To Crabtree Mall or further out
19 on Glenwood. And those people have to get off,
20 cross the -- cross the people who are trying to go
21 downtown on Glenwood --

22 SPEAKER: On Glenwood you're talking
23 about, yeah, at the traffic lights.

24 SPEAKER: -- and cross the people who are
25 going out. So they're bringing the whole traffic

1 on Glenwood to a halt while they come in. And then
2 that backs the traffic on Glenwood up all the way
3 to Granville every afternoon. Cause if you had the
4 traditional belt, cloverleaf, it would affect only
5 one main people coming out.

6 SPEAKER: Right.

7 SPEAKER: Basically, the lane just --

8 SPEAKER: Another problem area is the --
9 is Ridge Road and Glenwood -- I'm sorry Ridge Road
10 and Glen Eden Drive. That intersection is --
11 causes all kinds of problems.

12 SPEAKER: Is it all the time? Is it a
13 specific time of day?

14 SPEAKER: During the morning and evening
15 rush. Plus, speed on Glen Eden is a real big
16 problem. And while I'm on the subject of Glen
17 Eden, where I live, it needs to be clear, the city
18 needs to mark it so that people don't try to make
19 Glen Eden a four-lane drive -- road. It's two
20 lanes, but when I'm making a right-hand turn into
21 my driveway, and I have to be very careful that
22 somebody doesn't come up on the inside in between
23 me and the curb.

24 SPEAKER: Okay. So the problem -- trying
25 to frame this as a problem --

1 SPEAKER: Yes.

2 SPEAKER: -- Is that it -- the lane
3 markings are unclear --

4 SPEAKER: Yeah.

5 SPEAKER: -- that it's a two-lane not a
6 four-lane?

7 SPEAKER: Yeah.

8 SPEAKER: Okay.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah. That's exactly what I
10 was trying to say, thank you.

11 SPEAKER: Isn't that because they added
12 the bike lane and that other --

13 SPEAKER: No, it's always been that --
14 it's always been that -- we've always had that
15 problem. I nearly got killed once turning into my
16 own driveway.

17 SPEAKER: Okay. And so -- and it's a
18 problem for cars turning into driveways.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah. It's a problem for those
20 of us who live on Glen Eden Drive.

21 SPEAKER: Turning right into driveways.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah. I nearly got hit by it
23 -- and let me just point out, it was, Pizza Hut
24 delivery guy.

25 SPEAKER: He had places to be.

1 SPEAKER: I have never ordered a pizza.
2 And this about 15 years ago; I've never ordered a
3 pizza from them again.

4 SPEAKER: I have a comment about traffic
5 problems. So I think the two areas that the DOT
6 needs to focus on are -- is the intersection of
7 Blue Ridge and Lead Mine and the intersection of
8 Creedmoor.

9 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

10 SPEAKER: Those are the two problem
11 areas, in terms of congestion, for Glenwood. And
12 if they can solve the traffic problems for those
13 areas without taking part of that traffic and
14 dumping it on Ridge, that's what they need to do.
15 We're talking about dangerous. My husband's -- so
16 my office -- mine and my husband's office is across
17 from Crabtree. He was hit at the intersection of
18 Creedmoor and Glenwood. It totaled his car and
19 he's lucky that he walked away from the accident.
20 Those are the two intersections that we need to
21 focus on for traffic problems.

22 SPEAKER: And it's 440 and Creedmoor?

23 SPEAKER: No, it's Creedmoor and --

24 SPEAKER: No, it's Glenwood -- it's the
25 intersection of --

1 SPEAKER: Like, Blue Ridge and Lead Mine

2 --

3 SPEAKER: Well, Blue Ridge and Lead Mine
4 intersect with -- see this is why it's mind
5 boggling. And they have -- and I'm not criticizing
6 you, but they have people that [inaudible].

7 SPEAKER: I mean, I know that they --
8 yeah. I mean --

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: No, I know [inaudible] --

11 SPEAKER: I know that when I'm driving
12 them, but --

13 SPEAKER: Okay. So -- so Glenwood
14 [inaudible], you know, going --like you're going to
15 go off 70, it is Blue Ridge on one side and it's
16 Lead Mine on the other. That intersection of
17 Glenwood is a major problem.

18 SPEAKER: Yes.

19 SPEAKER: I drove -- my kids went to the
20 Montessori school of Raleigh for years and years.
21 I drove it four times a day for multiple years.

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: That needs to be solved. And
24 there's an intersection of Glenwood and Creedmoor
25 needs to be solved. Those are where the traffic

1 problems are.

2 SPEAKER: Yeah. And if you solve those,
3 that would alleviate a lot of the traffic problems
4 on Ridge.

5 SPEAKER: Exactly, exactly.

6 SPEAKER: Okay. So this Glenwood, 440 --

7 SPEAKER: It's not Glenwood 440, it's --
8 it's --

9 SPEAKER: No, but they're contributing to
10 the problems at Glenwood and 440.

11 SPEAKER: No, I'm saying they're
12 contributing to the problems -- this whole -- the
13 purpose of this project is to alleviate congestion
14 on Glenwood.

15 SPEAKER: Right.

16 SPEAKER: Right.

17 SPEAKER: Okay. So I'm just qualifying.

18 SPEAKER: Yeah. Just put contributing
19 problems to Crabtree Valley. If you do that then
20 they'll know. At Glenwood.

21 SPEAKER: Is that at all times of the day
22 or -- and mostly?

23 SPEAKER: It's --

24 SPEAKER: It's everyday all the time.

25 SPEAKER: It's all day.

1 SPEAKER: Okay.

2 SPEAKER: 24/7.

3 SPEAKER: Yeah. It is.

4 SPEAKER: And it will not affect homes
5 and houses and developments.

6 SPEAKER: Yeah. Fix those without
7 dumping on Ridge and you've fixed the problem.

8 SPEAKER: Right, I got it.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah, that's right. It won't
10 affect the -- and then there's development of
11 historic development.

12 SPEAKER: Yep.

13 SPEAKER: I don't think she can answer it
14 though.

15 SPEAKER: Okay.

16 SPEAKER: So which --

17 SPEAKER: Ridge Road in that area. The
18 historic development. Doesn't that have something
19 to do with it?

20 SPEAKER: I'm going to put that under
21 community assets.

22 SPEAKER: Good.

23 SPEAKER: Okay.

24 SPEAKER: It's called the Beckanna
25 neighborhood.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah.

2 SPEAKER: Beckanna?

3 SPEAKER: Named for Becky and Anna

4 Coggins [phonetic].

5 SPEAKER: Coggins.

6 SPEAKER: Really? I didn't know that.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah.

8 SPEAKER: I'm glad I came, I learned

9 something.

10 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] has two daughters.

11 SPEAKER: So it's B-E-C-K-A-N-N-A. Yeah,

12 you got it.

13 SPEAKER: Okay. The Becky and Anna

14 helped.

15 SPEAKER: This is a historic [inaudible]

16 neighborhood.

17 SPEAKER: And Ed and Judy's farm, the

18 only living farm in this area?

19 SPEAKER: Yes.

20 SPEAKER: Which one?

21 SPEAKER: And they want to take land?

22 SPEAKER: The Coggins farm.

23 SPEAKER: Coggins farm?

24 SPEAKER: Yes.

25 SPEAKER: Only active farm --

1 SPEAKER: Yeah.

2 SPEAKER: -- in the area.

3 SPEAKER: I mean, they want to take
4 everything they can get.

5 SPEAKER: Any of these other specific
6 traffic problems that you can name? Any things
7 around pedestrian, bicycles -- I don't think I've
8 ever seen a bicycle go through that intersection.

9 SPEAKER: Actually, we do have a problem
10 and it's at the other end of Ridge Road, where
11 Ridge Road, dead ends and intersects, Wade Avenue.
12 That gets really -- that's rough to get in and out
13 of during the rush hours.

14 SPEAKER: Okay.

15 SPEAKER: I mean it's -- it's -- that's
16 --

17 SPEAKER: Glenwood [inaudible] Ridge and
18 Wade.

19 SPEAKER: Ridge and Wade. That's right,
20 Ridge and Wade.

21 SPEAKER: Okay.

22 SPEAKER: Because you've got the kind of
23 out of that -- you know, people picking up their
24 kids at school and you've got people going into the
25 shopping center, little shopping center there.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah.

2 SPEAKER: You don't have anything? I
3 don't want to put you on the spot, but I want to
4 make sure we get --

5 SPEAKER: I just don't know how to say
6 this, where we live, there's no sidewalk, and we
7 have, like, a road that kind of split into going to
8 440, and so people get lost. And they tend to go
9 straight on the private, one-way road. And we
10 don't have a pedestrian lane or anything like that
11 where we could walk to and we cannot really walk
12 facing traffic, either, because there's really no
13 space between the road and the houses.

14 SPEAKER: And you are on Ridge Road?

15 SPEAKER: We are on Ridge Road.

16 SPEAKER: We are on Ridge in the study
17 area. We're, like, we're in the red. And what
18 Rhoda's [phonetic] describing is that when you're
19 coming down Ridge it breaks off to go towards the
20 belt and then there's a one lane road here, but
21 there is a stretch where there is no pedestrian
22 walking area, so we can't safely walk up to where
23 the sidewalk is. We actually have to go with our
24 back to the traffic to go down to Varnell, you
25 know, so you look over your shoulder worried about

1 who's going to be coming there because you really
2 can't safely traverse that last section to where
3 the sidewalk begins.

4 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

5 SPEAKER: You're between Varnell and
6 Manuel. Is that where you are?

7 SPEAKER: Yes.

8 SPEAKER: We are. Yeah, we're in that
9 little stretch. It's a little dicey for
10 pedestrians. Now, I appreciate having the one lane
11 so that I can -- the one way -- so you pull out of
12 your driveway and be pretty comfortable that, you
13 know, you're not having traffic coming both ways,
14 but it does make -- you know, we have a dog and it
15 makes it to just walk the block. Yeah.

16 SPEAKER: You're taking your life in your
17 hands just to take the dog out for a walk.

18 SPEAKER: And your saying that's true on
19 Varnell now.

20 SPEAKER: We are on the last block.

21 SPEAKER: So no pedestrian access at the
22 end of Ridge Road and 440 in the last block?

23 SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am.

24 SPEAKER: The last three years we've had
25 so much traffic.

1 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

2 SPEAKER: I think we need to --

3 SPEAKER: I thought they were going to
4 build a [inaudible].

5 SPEAKER: I thought they were going to do
6 more apartments over there, and they were going to
7 close that road 'til after --

8 SPEAKER: Well, their talking about
9 closing it where it intersects with Ridge, but
10 they're not going to close it down.

11 SPEAKER: They're not, but we might,
12 later.

13 SPEAKER: I'd personally, just park the
14 cars out there and not let anybody go.

15 SPEAKER: I don't think the --

16 SPEAKER: Take it in your hands.

17 SPEAKER: I was just --

18 SPEAKER: Yeah, -- oh, sorry.

19 SPEAKER: No, I was just going to say, I
20 don't think that you -- they can do that because
21 they need those two points of access for that --
22 for the apartment complex and they can't do it.

23 SPEAKER: I have a friend that lives on
24 Ridge Road -- I mean Varnell and she said they were
25 eventually going to close Varnell, that

1 neighborhood [inaudible].

2 SPEAKER: Okay. So yes, so this does --
3 most problematic traffic and pedestrian problems.
4 Any other specific points about the time of day?

5 SPEAKER: I think you can say that Ridge
6 Road and all the other roads intersecting into
7 Ridge Road are the problem.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah. I think you can.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah. I think you can say very
10 honestly.

11 SPEAKER: Because of the traffic.

12 SPEAKER: The traffic.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: And they'd like to just run up
15 behind you with about two feet, from your bumper.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah. Amen.

17 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] it's the speed
18 bumps.

19 SPEAKER: I'm getting old, so I'm
20 thinking about things I shouldn't be thinking
21 about, probably.

22 SPEAKER: There's one other intersection
23 that's outside the red area, but still not far.
24 It's the intersection of Glen Eden and Glenwood.
25 And there are accidents there two or three times a

1 week.

2 SPEAKER: Yeah, it happens.

3 SPEAKER: Yeah, and the people who are
4 coming down Glenwood going in or out on -- coming
5 down Glen Eden going in or out on Glenwood, it's a
6 very contrary [inaudible] whatever intersection
7 because the left lane is for both straight and left
8 turn, the right lane is for right turn only. So
9 people come down and they are used to every other
10 intersection they've ever known and being right
11 lane going straight, and they're there, stuck, and
12 so they try to go straight anyway and then somebody
13 plow into them.

14 SPEAKER: And the people coming from the
15 other side -- is it Granville?

16 SPEAKER: Yes, Granville, uh-huh.

17 SPEAKER: So if your -- because I did
18 that almost every day. If you're coming up
19 Granville, you don't know that intersection and
20 you're getting ready to turn left -- I know it
21 because I've lived here 30 years. I know that
22 those -- what those people are going to do. You
23 see people turn in front of people all the time
24 because they don't know that they are going to go
25 straight.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah. When you're coming out
2 Granville, which faces Glen Eden, what looks like a
3 left turn lane is coming straight at you.

4 SPEAKER: That's right.

5 SPEAKER: So the Granville turning onto
6 --

7 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

8 SPEAKER: Actually, it's the people from
9 Glen Eden that are doing things that you don't
10 expect them to, if they follow the arrows.

11 SPEAKER: But their doing what their
12 supposed to do, but it's not what you expect them
13 to do.

14 SPEAKER: That's right.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah.

16 SPEAKER: No other intersection --

17 SPEAKER: It's a confusing intersection.

18 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] down here?

19 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] unexpected lane,
20 like [inaudible] --

21 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] so you can see what
22 they'll do.

23 SPEAKER: Right. Okay. So just --
24 before we go on to other important things, let me
25 just -- any other thoughts on safety or community

1 assets or specific traffic problems?

2 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

3 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

4 SPEAKER: I'll tell you one thing that
5 worries me a little bit, that they just recently
6 added all the bicycle lanes.

7 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. Yep. We've got that
8 down, yeah.

9 SPEAKER: I'm sorry, my memory is not
10 very well.

11 SPEAKER: Your fine, no worries. We've
12 got the bicycle lanes. We've got it, I think on --
13 on multiple places. Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

15 SPEAKER: Okay. So question number five
16 --

17 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] problems that you
18 have to watch out for.

19 SPEAKER: Okay. What additional one or
20 two things are important to your household,
21 business -- or business that you want considered as
22 this project moves forward? So we've asked lots of
23 very specific questions, are there other things on
24 your mind that we haven't written down yet?

25 SPEAKER: I think we need to design for a

1 smart city.

2 SPEAKER: When you, in your head, think
3 smart city, are you talking ten years, 100 years,
4 200 years?

5 SPEAKER: I'm talking -- nobody can see
6 much further than ten years, I would say, but you
7 know, you really have to realize that the way we
8 live now is profoundly different than the way we
9 lived ten or 20 years ago. And these folks work
10 from home, I work from home, that's increasingly
11 the model, and we -- you know, we don't need to --
12 we don't need -- we don't need to have a lot of
13 roads so that we can go to work because -- what we
14 need is an integrated transportation system that
15 makes it easy to get around our city. And what we
16 -- and so that we don't -- and we can sort of --
17 system that minimizes the carbon impact of what we
18 do.

19 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] to that same point
20 the way, you know, we are becoming a less
21 mall-centric society, and you know, to devastate
22 that -- the -- that north end of Ridge Road in
23 order to put a direct access to the mall is just
24 not warranted now.

25 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. That's right.

1 SPEAKER: I mean, it may have been
2 warranted 20 years ago; it's not warranted today.
3 It is not, you know, to ruin these peoples'
4 properties and all of Ridge Road where our kids go
5 to school, for another intersection to the mall,
6 another access to the mall.

7 SPEAKER: I feel like you seem to know
8 more than I know. Like, you're speaking of a plan
9 that I'm not aware of. You know, like, what --
10 what -- what are you basing -- I want to know.
11 Like, what are you saying you think is purposed to
12 happen?

13 SPEAKER: They're --

14 SPEAKER: 'Cause they -- you know, she,
15 kind of, said, whatever you thought you saw ten
16 years ago, that's not the thing they're about to
17 build.

18 SPEAKER: That's -- that's not true.

19 SPEAKER: Okay. So you're going with the
20 assumption that that is true?

21 SPEAKER: No, it's not an assumption.

22 SPEAKER: Yes, it is.

23 SPEAKER: No, it's not.

24 SPEAKER: So can you -- do you have an
25 answer to that -- I mean -- do you have an answer

1 to that question?

2 SPEAKER: Yeah. I know that the -- I
3 know the DOT came up with plans in 2018 that
4 adopted the 2011 study that put that interchange at
5 the north end of Ridge Road. I've seen them.

6 SPEAKER: Well --

7 SPEAKER: I've seen them, and I can show
8 them to you.

9 SPEAKER: Okay.

10 SPEAKER: I can show what will happen to
11 your house.

12 SPEAKER: Right. So from what you're
13 understanding, you're talking about that Crabtree
14 -- that Valley Road --

15 SPEAKER: Crabtree Valley Avenue.

16 SPEAKER: -- making it way out to the
17 440.

18 SPEAKER: At that interchange, the
19 proposal is to put that interchange to connect
20 Crabtree Valley Avenue to 440 on your property.

21 SPEAKER: Okay. And I hear you saying
22 that, and I get where you got it, but I also saw
23 her say, bullet point, Ridge Road not to be -- I
24 don't know, I guess I just feel like --

25 SPEAKER: I'll show it to you after the

1 meeting.

2 SPEAKER: All right. All right.

3 SPEAKER: I'll be happy to; I'll show it
4 to you.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah, I've been looking to try
6 understand what's coming.

7 SPEAKER: Okay. Can you just tell me
8 again, it's -- that will connect -- that the
9 concern is that DOT has adopted 20 of -- 11 plans
10 that will put the interchange --

11 SPEAKER: Yeah. That's going to put that
12 interchange for Crabtree Valley Avenue on the end
13 of Ridge Road in their front yard. I don't know
14 your name, so I'm sorry --

15 SPEAKER: It's Ryan and Rhoda [phonetic].
16 And if you're right, it would be my front yard, but
17 --

18 SPEAKER: It's -- yes.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah.

20 SPEAKER: And you keep saying Crabtree
21 Avenue.

22 SPEAKER: Crabtree Valley Avenue.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah.

24 SPEAKER: The one behind Crabtree

25 SPEAKER: Okay. The one that runs up

1 behind Crabtree.

2 SPEAKER: It's one behind -- well
3 [inaudible]. And it is the point that -- the
4 purpose of it was for a direct connection to the
5 wall from I-440.

6 SPEAKER: And also, what they plan to
7 build a new, huge hotel down there?

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: Well, that may be a -- I don't
10 know who's planning to do that.

11 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] coming in that
12 street.

13 SPEAKER: Well, I hope the -- I mean, I
14 can't imagine that -- well, yeah, I can. That's
15 the problem, I can imagine that 2018, DOT would do
16 something that silly, but I would hope that they
17 would be enlightened enough to realize that -- what
18 that would do to the quality of life in our
19 neighborhood and what a -- what a backwards step
20 that would be. You know, I think my concern is
21 that we plan for the future, and the future is not
22 about much more cars and it's not a make it easy to
23 go to Crabtree. Because if you look at Crabtree,
24 Sears has -- Sears has sold the store in the mall.
25 Macy's is on life support.

1 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

2 SPEAKER: Belk is on life support.

3 SPEAKER: I don't believe you. We're not
4 arguing with you.

5 SPEAKER: We're capturing; we're
6 listening.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah. Well, and we can't solve
8 the world's problems here. But I think that what
9 our friend here is -- the skepticism I hear is, you
10 know, look at what they plan to do at the
11 intersection of White Avenue and 440. You know,
12 take half the -- you know, take half of Meredith
13 College and half of the Faculty Club. That's what
14 -- that's why we were suspicious, frankly.

15 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

16 SPEAKER: I hope to be proven wrong.

17 SPEAKER: Are there any of the DOT -- DOT
18 actual engineers or consultants that have been
19 hired by the DOT in here, are y'all.

20 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

21 SPEAKER: Is there -- was there a plan
22 done in 2018 that shows that interchange at the end
23 of Ridge Road?

24 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] 2018.

25 SPEAKER: Really? Was there one?

1 SPEAKER: We -- we actually are not here
2 to talk; we're here to listen.

3 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

4 SPEAKER: Was there one?

5 SPEAKER: But as far as we know, we were
6 hired to come up with new ideas and not base it on
7 anything that's been done so far.

8 SPEAKER: But was there one done in
9 February of 2018?

10 SPEAKER: Yep. We are -- we are strictly
11 -- we are all strictly looking -- we are wiping the
12 clates --- the slate clean. We are strictly
13 looking at new ideas.

14 SPEAKER: Are y'all going to spend a week
15 out there? [Inaudible]?

16 SPEAKER: Do you have something to say?

17 SPEAKER: I'm just thinking, like, you
18 know, like, he has a website --

19 SPEAKER: Actually [inaudible].

20 SPEAKER: -- communication, where do we
21 access [inaudible]?

22 SPEAKER: Can we just have one
23 conversation so that we can make sure it's
24 recorded.

25 SPEAKER: Right.

1 SPEAKER: Thank you.

2 SPEAKER: And this is a good time to move
3 onto question number 6. Okay. Because question
4 number 6 is what can NCDOT do to demonstrate being
5 a partner with the community of stakeholders while
6 tackling the complex transportation challenges
7 created by rapid urban growth in Wade County? So
8 here's your chance to speak to DOT. So -- wait --
9 wait, let me -- hang on. Let me capture Ronda's
10 point.

11 SPEAKER: Rhoda.

12 SPEAKER: Rhoda -- I'm sorry.

13 SPEAKER: I was just saying that, you
14 know, the communication of work could would get the
15 information that, you know, like, being talked
16 about in this listening session or those plans that
17 were already brought up and not going to be valid
18 anymore or these valid plans. Just, where could we
19 see that, just, like, access to the information
20 that's being --

21 SPEAKER: Right.

22 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: But I will say that there are
24 -- I think, on your sheet that you can take home
25 and then these are on the table. There is a

1 website about this, and so that's where all of the
2 information from these events will be posted, and
3 as the process moves forward that's where -- it may
4 be on the sheet that you got the hand out. I think
5 it's the -- is it on there?

6 SPEAKER: It was supposed to be added on
7 there.

8 SPEAKER: It's not.

9 SPEAKER: No.

10 SPEAKER: Oh. Okay. Then you -- you can
11 take this.

12 SPEAKER: I think -- I'm sorry, sir. Go
13 ahead.

14 SPEAKER: I think communicating with the
15 people who are interested about what is going on
16 before it is done.

17 SPEAKER: I have a very specific
18 suggestion when you're ready.

19 SPEAKER: Okay.

20 SPEAKER: On their website, I think DOT
21 needs to say clearly, we are starting with a clean
22 slate. The 2011 plan is not being considered. I
23 mean, they need to say it plainly. 'Cause when I
24 look at the -- when I look at -- I'm looking at
25 thing, I'm going, well, the 2011 plan is -- seems

1 to be floating out there. It's like a zombie, you
2 know, somebody needs to drive a stake through its
3 heart. Because the 2011 plan was a stupid idea,
4 and the DOT needs to clearly state that, oh, no, we
5 are starting with a new or clean slate. I think
6 that's where a lot of the suspicion that -- and
7 skepticism in my case, comes from.

8 SPEAKER: Why don't they put a tent out
9 there off of Ridge Road and the Beltline, there at
10 the corner of Glenwood and let them spend a week in
11 that tent and see what the traffic is doing?

12 SPEAKER: Yeah.

13 SPEAKER: I know that sounds foolish, but
14 --

15 SPEAKER: Well, we need -- we need a
16 realistic traffic study, I think.

17 SPEAKER: There's no traffic study
18 whatsoever.

19 SPEAKER: They going to have to be out
20 there to control all the traffic --

21 SPEAKER: See what we're going through
22 now, what that [inaudible] what addition that's
23 going to put on us.

24 SPEAKER: Well, what happens when, you
25 know, when school's in session when the traffic

1 count is much higher.

2 SPEAKER: Right. [Inaudible] Crabtree is
3 going create additional problems.

4 SPEAKER: I do think that these -- I
5 think they -- I think they -- these listening
6 sessions are a really good idea and I think we need
7 more of them.

8 SPEAKER: When do we get to see the final
9 plans?

10 SPEAKER: November? Oh.

11 SPEAKER: November is when the report
12 from these sessions will be available on the
13 website. That's what they're planning. That's
14 their -- what they're shooting for is the beginning
15 of November to take all this information. There
16 will be -- I think it will be multiple parts, from
17 what I heard Beth say. That there will be, kind
18 of, a report with themes, you know, because a lot
19 of these -- you know, there's ten different
20 sessions going on right now. So a lot of these
21 points are going to be similar across the ten, but
22 then there will be a complete report of what
23 everybody said, as well. And that, I believe, is
24 November and that -- I -- it might be on the
25 website as to what the timeframe is, because then

1 the engineers have time to take that feedback, then
2 they create their plans, and then, I believe, that
3 there's more public input sessions once the plans
4 have been created, the nine different plans -- up
5 to nine different plans, to get input from the
6 public about those choices. Okay. So I don't know
7 what the timeframe is.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: So DOT partnership, one thing
10 that everybody also needs to understand, this is
11 not just DOT partnership, this is City of Raleigh
12 partnership.

13 SPEAKER: Yes.

14 SPEAKER: One who has been here that told
15 me I was wrong -- she wasn't going to argue with me
16 -- is Stef Mendell, she is -- she is our District
17 City Councilperson. Okay? Ridge Road is a city
18 street; Crabtree Valley Avenue is a city street.
19 If the City of Raleigh does not want Crabtree
20 Valley Avenue extended and connected to I-440, the
21 DOT won't do it because it's a city street. So
22 they won't need to put that intersection at the end
23 of Ridge Road if they don't extend Crabtree Valley
24 Avenue. The City of Raleigh needs to step up and
25 say, don't do this; that needs to be DOT and City

1 of Raleigh partnership. She is -- she is our City
2 Councilperson let's hold her to it; she needs to be
3 fighting for this neighborhood.

4 SPEAKER: Absolutely.

5 SPEAKER: I second that.

6 SPEAKER: Yeah. No question.

7 SPEAKER: And make sure she understands
8 it, too. That's the thing.

9 SPEAKER: She won't listen is the
10 problem. She -- I said, I'll show it to you Stef,
11 and she said, I'm not --

12 SPEAKER: Can we vote her out?

13 SPEAKER: You absolutely can.

14 SPEAKER: Did I capture what you said?
15 The City of Raleigh is a partnership with DOT, and
16 the City of Raleigh needs to say that this change
17 isn't necessary.

18 SPEAKER: They need to -- they need to
19 admit that they're involved in this process,
20 they're meeting with DOT, they've met with DOT in
21 2018, and they know about these alternatives that
22 are out there.

23 SPEAKER: We need to feel that the City
24 of Raleigh is not going to just let -- the City of
25 Raleigh needs to be accountable to its residents.

1 SPEAKER: Yes.

2 SPEAKER: A trust is broken.

3 SPEAKER: Yeah. This -- the
4 communications have been very poorly handled.

5 SPEAKER: I have a question.

6 SPEAKER: Yep.

7 SPEAKER: Will this Florence hurricane
8 money donated for all the roads that are going to
9 need to be rebuilt affect this in any way?

10 SPEAKER: That's a very good question. I
11 have no idea.

12 SPEAKER: They say the money's already --

13 SPEAKER: Delay it or whatever.

14 SPEAKER: I think they ought to get to
15 spend it down there and not do -- not do this.

16 SPEAKER: The state has a rainy-day fund
17 that has, like, a billion dollars or a billion and
18 half dollars in it.

19 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

20 SPEAKER: He said it's already in the
21 bank and they can't wait to spend it on this
22 project.

23 (Interruption by noise.)

24 SPEAKER: Gracious.

25 SPEAKER: Oh, sorry. I dropped it.

1 SPEAKER: I thought that it was a --

2 SPEAKER: No, in my -- I dropped
3 [inaudible].

4 SPEAKER: That's all right. It made us
5 all wake up.

6 SPEAKER: So the question, again, is --
7 and I think -- is, what could DOT do to demonstrate
8 being a partner with the community and
9 stakeholders, and we've extended it to the City of
10 Raleigh. So what can they do to make sure that you
11 feel that they're listening?

12 SPEAKER: I think they ought to build a
13 tent out there and stay for a while, so they can
14 see the traffic all during the day 'cause it's
15 seeing at busy hours, that's not going to solve all
16 the problems.

17 SPEAKER: All right. Okay. Yeah, I've
18 got that.

19 SPEAKER: I would like to see them
20 clearly enunciate what the design goals of the
21 project are. What is the problem that you -- the
22 DOT is trying to solve, and what are its -- what
23 are its -- the outcomes that it's trying to get? I
24 mean, when you start a project, it's one of the
25 first things you do. I mean, that must exist and

1 should be communicated to the public.

2 SPEAKER: I'd second that. I'd like to
3 see the goals and then -- I mean, I'd like to think
4 I'm not totally closed minded. I like to then see
5 several iterations of plans and be able to, you
6 know, think them over.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah. Project planning 101.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah. I don't --

9 SPEAKER: Okay.

10 SPEAKER: I also think DOT needs to be
11 participating at every Glenwood CAC meeting. We
12 need to have a representative -- who just comes to
13 every single meeting because that's a -- it's a
14 pretty powerful organization.

15 SPEAKER: It seems to me that it's up to
16 the city.

17 SPEAKER: I think we need more -- more
18 than just Stef there.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah, we need --

20 SPEAKER: More city officials as well as
21 DOT officials.

22 SPEAKER: I understood, the DOT is
23 following the directions of city. The city wants
24 it done, so the DOT is going to do it for them. Is
25 that right? The DOT started this.

1 SPEAKER: That's absolutely correct.

2 SPEAKER: The DOT did start, or did not
3 start?

4 SPEAKER: No, they didn't. They're just
5 following the directions of the city. It's what
6 the city wanted to do.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah.

8 SPEAKER: I think that in addition to
9 being here, it would be helpful if we could have a
10 conversation with DOP -- DOT people because they
11 can answer some of these things right away and
12 clarify the goals and what they have mind.

13 SPEAKER: We probably need both, the six
14 of us with the city.

15 SPEAKER: Well, we have somebody here,
16 but they're listeners only at this point.

17 SPEAKER: So we need an open discussion.

18 SPEAKER: But that's not what we need.
19 They need to be both at this meeting [inaudible].

20 SPEAKER: The city and the DOT.

21 SPEAKER: The city and the DOT.

22 SPEAKER: The city's the one that's going
23 to do it, I understand.

24 SPEAKER: Okay. So DOT, city -- and city
25 Q and A session, question and answer session.

1 SPEAKER: Participate in the listening
2 sessions.

3 SPEAKER: They need to do -- to address
4 the trust problem. I mean, we've got a lot of
5 homeowners in this room who are very nervous about
6 what's going to happen. I mean, the -- with one
7 struck of a pen they can completely ruin our lives.

8 SPEAKER: That's right.

9 SPEAKER: And we -- you know, I -- I've
10 -- you know, I've built my life, picked this area
11 quite deliberately over 30 years ago as good place
12 to have a career, and I'm heavily invested in this
13 and I'm -- you know, I'm not moving. If they try
14 to connect Crabtree Avenue to Ridge Road, they'll
15 have to do it over my dead body because I will be
16 there sitting in the street.

17 SPEAKER: I've been on Ridge Road since
18 the '50s.

19 SPEAKER: That's amazing.

20 SPEAKER: It was a dirt road when I
21 [inaudible].

22 SPEAKER: Yeah. We were out six, I
23 think.

24 SPEAKER: They just need to leave Ridge
25 right alone.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah. Just leave -- yeah.

2 SPEAKER: Amen.

3 SPEAKER: Bottom line.

4 SPEAKER: Bottom line.

5 SPEAKER: Bottom line, just leave it
6 alone.

7 SPEAKER: But -- but does that solve the
8 problem if you're already saying there's a lot of
9 traffic on Ridge Road? If they leave it alone,
10 does it make it better?

11 SPEAKER: If they solve the problems at
12 Creedmoor Road and Lead Mine Road, then we wouldn't
13 have the problems at Ridge Road.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 SPEAKER: That's right.

16 SPEAKER: Don't fix Crabtree on the backs
17 of the homeowners on Ridge Road.

18 SPEAKER: Could I -- yeah, we kind of --
19 I'm going to [inaudible] that again. I think we --
20 okay. So solve problems elsewhere --

21 SPEAKER: Don't create problems.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah. Don't solve the
23 problems --

24 SPEAKER: The problem is they solve
25 problems elsewhere to relieve the problems --

1 SPEAKER: No, what we're saying is, don't
2 solve Crabtree's problems on the back of Ridge Road
3 property owners. We didn't, you know --

4 SPEAKER: That's slightly different from
5 what she said.

6 SPEAKER: Right.

7 SPEAKER: So I want to get both of them.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah, but we didn't -- we
9 didn't -- you know, we're -- we're innocent victims
10 here

11 SPEAKER: Right.

12 SPEAKER: I have been on Ridge Road as
13 long as I've been, [inaudible] today is.

14 SPEAKER: There you go.

15 SPEAKER: I think that's beautiful.

16 SPEAKER: But you were saying, solve the
17 problems elsewhere, leave the problems --

18 SPEAKER: Yeah. Solve the problems on
19 Creedmoor and Lead Mine and you'll -- and you'll
20 solve the problems -- you won't have the tra--ffic
21 of Ridge Road, is what I'm --

22 SPEAKER: Yeah.

23 SPEAKER: Alleviate problems of Ridge
24 Road?

25 SPEAKER: Yeah and say, Ridge Road can

1 just stay the same.

2 SPEAKER: Well, I -- and I -- but I think
3 to --

4 SPEAKER: Please, I'm sorry -- yeah. I
5 just wanted to make sure I got all -- 'cause those
6 are a little bit different.

7 SPEAKER: But in terms of Ridge Road
8 alone, I thought I heard y'all say you would be in
9 favor of not having that exit from 440.

10 SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 SPEAKER: Yes.

12 SPEAKER: So that's not leaving it alone.
13 That's --

14 SPEAKER: True.

15 SPEAKER: Well, we'll take it the way it
16 is, rather than the way it's going.

17 SPEAKER: Right, but we're -- keep the
18 traffic off of Ridge Road is what I'm saying.

19 SPEAKER: Okay.

20 SPEAKER: If they cut Ridge Road down --
21 off of I-440, it would be the ideal solution.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah, I mean -- you know, I
23 actually, having moved here pretty recently, coming
24 from Cary, I was part of the problem y'all are
25 complaining about because I would come down from

1 North -- Wake Forest Road was where I'd work, and
2 many days of the week, maybe two, three days of the
3 week, the GPS would route me onto Ridge Road to
4 avoid that stretch to -- down to Wade. So -- so
5 the GPS's are telling folks, use Ridge Road as a
6 thoroughfare, as is, right now. So I would be in
7 favor of a change in that regard.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah. Taking the bridge there.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah. I would be, too.

10 SPEAKER: Okay.

11 SPEAKER: Yeah, I -- that would certainly
12 solve -- it would certainly --

13 SPEAKER: Okay.

14 SPEAKER: But I think they're saying,
15 that that didn't happen, let's say, even ten years
16 ago. And the reason is because the traffic
17 problems weren't there, so --

18 SPEAKER: So you wouldn't have that
19 bottle neck on -- yeah.

20 SPEAKER: It wouldn't have -- yeah. It
21 wouldn't route you that way if the traffic problems
22 were solved at the other places.

23 SPEAKER: Okay. Fair enough.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah.

25 SPEAKER: And what happens is, you lose

1 say that.

2 SPEAKER: Yeah, okay. So to capture your
3 issue, what you're saying, is that GPS is routing
4 drivers to Ridge to avoid the backups, and that's a
5 problem now.

6 SPEAKER: Definitely is. I mean, as
7 you're -- as they were saying, you see the traffic
8 in the evening, just hanging out there trying to
9 get onto Ridge.

10 SPEAKER: Right, but that's going to be
11 taken care of when they finish enlarging the 440 to
12 Cary. That's where the backup is. In the back
13 [inaudible].

14 SPEAKER: See, where this gentleman was
15 talking about taking part of Meredith, right, to
16 open that pipe up into Cary's --

17 SPEAKER: In part.

18 SPEAKER: Yeah, I guess --

19 SPEAKER: Once they finish that, there
20 shouldn't be there shouldn't be that problem.

21 SPEAKER: Okay. That very well -- that
22 could be, ma'am.

23 SPEAKER: And you were going to argue
24 that they really should put off this whole exercise
25 until do -- do the Wade Avenue widening first and

1 -- then see what happens.

2 SPEAKER: But that, kind of, goes back to
3 the goals of what -- what problem needs solving
4 right away here.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah.

6 SPEAKER: Yeah.

7 SPEAKER: Yean.

8 SPEAKER: Bottom line, save Ridge Road.

9 SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am. Don't ruin it.

10 SPEAKER: Okay. Any last thoughts on any
11 of these? Do you feel like you've -- you've given
12 all of your burning issues, any notes you brought,
13 all your burning feedback?

14 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

15 SPEAKER: Yeah. That's it.

16 SPEAKER: I think we're supposed to
17 collect their [inaudible].

18 SPEAKER: So -- yes. Yeah, so on the
19 back of the maps is a little data collection and
20 it's just asking you, basically, where you live --
21 and you don't need a specific address, but a --
22 just a street. And this is -- this is so that --
23 Partners for Impact know how well they're doing in
24 getting a broad cross-section of people. You know,
25 do they need to do some outreach to different

1 sections. It's -- you know, it's -- it will not be
2 in any way tied to what you said. I turned on the
3 recorder after you all introduced yourselves, so
4 you will not see your names, necessarily, in the
5 report. You will not see your names attached to
6 any of these things that you said.

7 SPEAKER: Is it feasible that what have
8 made into we can have somebody from the state and
9 the county of the -- of the [inaudible].

10 SPEAKER: I -- I -- it could be, and I --
11 and -- if we've put that down to have -- Okay. I'm
12 sorry, my memory is not very good.

13 SPEAKER: It's okay. It's okay. No
14 problem; it's a good idea. It certainly -- if
15 you're concerned about it, we want to make sure
16 it's on there. Yeah.

17 SPEAKER: I just don't want to
18 [inaudible].

19 SPEAKER: Or you can knock on these
20 folk's door [inaudible] directions.

21 SPEAKER: Or not. Not in the middle of
22 the night.

23 SPEAKER: She's our neighbor. She's our
24 next-door neighbor.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah.

1 SPEAKER: Oh, okay. Okay. So then she
2 won't be very lost if she [inaudible] to your
3 house. Right. Yeah. Did everybody -- does
4 everybody feel heard? Do you feel like we've
5 captured what we've -- what you've talked about?

6 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] just pay attention
7 to it, we'll be good.

8 SPEAKER: Okay.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: Well, this is -- this is what
11 we can do now, and we're going to -- and the
12 information will be shared with the engineers --
13 with DOT and the engineering firms that have been
14 contacted to come up with plans, and then they will
15 be -- the reports will be -- the report will be on
16 the website.

17 SPEAKER: Okay.

18 SPEAKER: I thought that they were going
19 to put the website on this sheet, but I guess that
20 didn't happen, so if you all -- I can, actually,
21 write it down.

22 SPEAKER: Is it on that thing you got in
23 your hands?

24 SPEAKER: It is. Do you have that?

25 SPEAKER: Yeah.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yes.

2 SPEAKER: Does everybody have this? You
3 got this? Does anybody else need it?

4 SPEAKER: I need one.

5 SPEAKER: Thank you.

6 SPEAKER: Okay. Well, you can take this
7 one. Did you need it?

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: Do you -- do you want to write
10 that down? Ncdot.gov, basically.

11 SPEAKER: Yeah, I have it.

12 SPEAKER: And basically, if you go to
13 dot.gov -- ncdot.gov and you put in Glenwood
14 Avenue, it'll pop up, which is easier sometimes
15 than typing out the whole URL.

16 SPEAKER: Okay.

17 SPEAKER: Again, I want to thank you all
18 for your participation. Excellent discussion.
19 Thank you all for coming and taking your time this
20 evening and giving your impact -- your input and --
21 and really, being part of this process. You're a
22 great, great group.

23 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

24 SPEAKER: Sure.

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