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Citizen's Vision Group for Benjamin Avenue Improvement Project to Hold Second Meeting

The Benjamin Avenue Improvement Project Vision Group is holding a second meeting with engineering consultants and City of Norfolk Public Works Department officials at the Norfolk Public Library, Meeting Room A from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday May 13 to learn the results of a recent traffic study and to continue to provide input into the vision of Benjamin Avenue improvements.

Ten residents representing a variety of interests and points of view first met with the engineering consultants and public works staff on April 5. Other interested residents of Norfolk also attended the first meeting, and people interested in observing the vision group at work are welcome to attend all vision group meetings.

Vision group members shared their goals and their current concerns with the roadway at the first meeting. Group members were asked to walk the corridor to personally observe traffic movements and see firsthand some of the roadway design challenges that the consulting engineers must address to make future improvements.

This second meeting is an important listening session for the project team, and it is also an opportunity for the consultants to share some initial conceptual designs for the improvements.

Two public open house meetings are envisioned to be held later this year to gain even broader community review and comments on proposed improvements for Benjamin Avenue.

The vision group consists of men and women representing businesses, residential properties, and schools that are connected with Benjamin Avenue, as well as the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce. City public works officials will continue attending the vision group meetings to provide information that may be requested by group members.

News media representatives are fully encouraged to attend this meeting, as well as all future vision group meetings, to track the ideas and progress of this street improvement project.

For More Information Contact the City of Norfolk Engineering Department at 402-844-2020.