

# City Boulevard Extension Project

## Project Description

The City Boulevard Extension Project will enhance connectivity in northeast Charlotte by linking two major thoroughfares – City Boulevard and the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) proposed Mallard Creek Road extension project.

The project limits extend westward from the existing intersection of City Boulevard at Neal Road to the proposed realignment of Mallard Creek Road near Rumble Road. The objective of the project is to provide a variety of travel choices and improve travel conditions for vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclist and transit users. Funding for real estate and construction of City Boulevard Extension was included in the November 2008 Transportation Bonds.

## Project History

During the planning phase, the project team used the City's Urban Street Design Guidelines (USDG) process. The process included defining the land use and transportation context of the area, identifying deficiencies and describing project

objectives. Input from citizens was also a key component considered during the planning phase. The first public meeting was held in June 2008. The second public meeting and design workshop were held as part of a day-long outreach initiative in July 2008.

The consensus reached at the public meetings included:

- Sidewalks, planting strips, street trees and bike lanes along both sides of the street
- High accessibility to transit
- Maintaining access to homes at all times
- Bus service along new road alignment
- Combine project with NCDOT Mallard Creek Road Extension

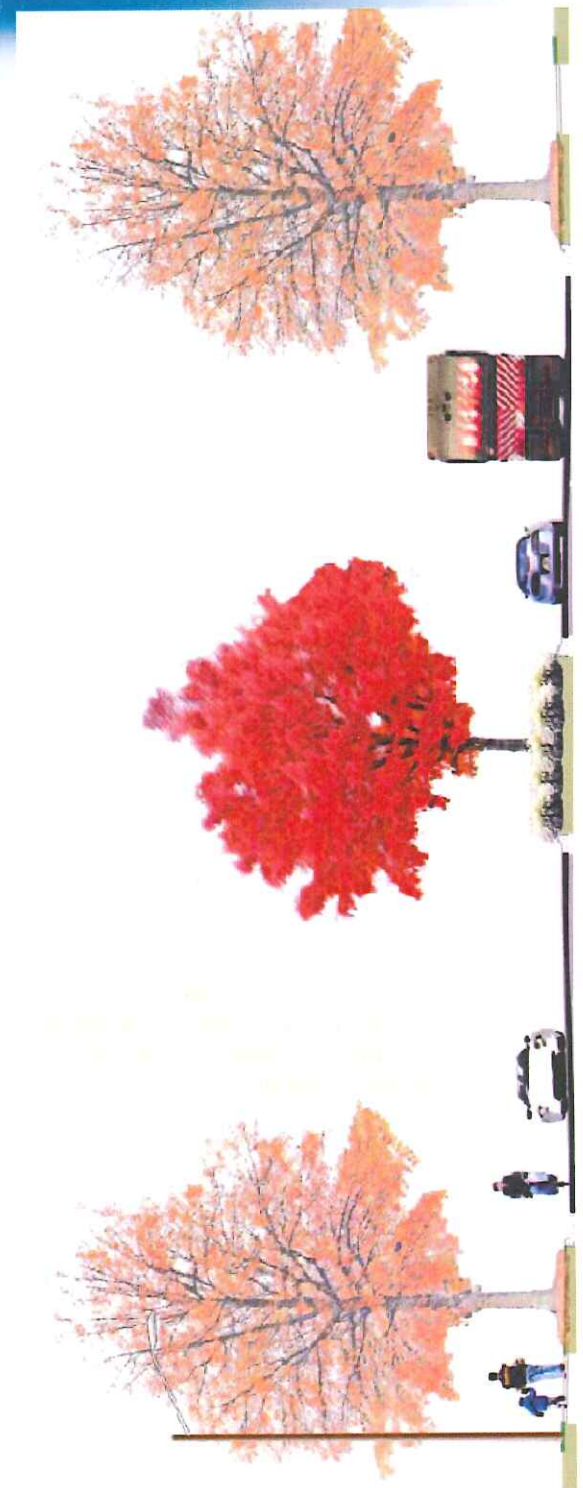
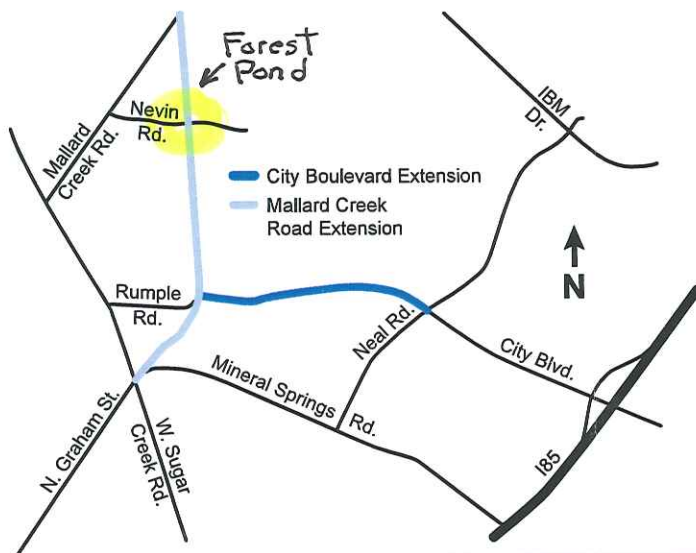
Since the public meetings, the project team has progressed through the planning phase. The design services contract was approved by City Council in September and the City's engineering consultant, URS Corporation, has begun the design process.

## What's Next

City staff and NCDOT will continue to collaborate to ensure a successful design of the City Boulevard Extension and keep you informed of progress with postcards and/or newsletter updates. Our goal is to have City Boulevard Extension preliminary plans for public viewing by spring 2010. Acquisition for Mallard Creek Extension is expected to begin summer 2010, followed by construction in fall of 2012.

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**\*Shown at right is a rendering of the City Boulevard Extension Project - a four lane median divided roadway with planting strips, sidewalks, street trees and bicycle lanes.**



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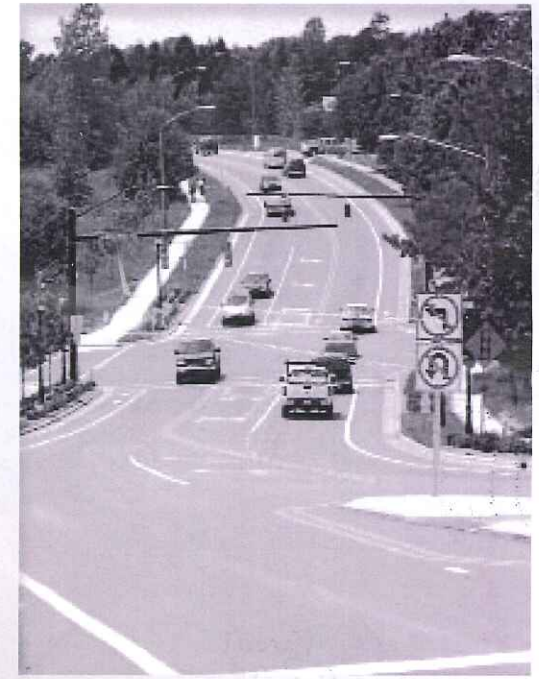
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