

**LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, August 11, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

Information Items

Recent/Pending Contract Awards: – There were no new contracts awarded.

Update on priority projects – see attached report.

General Business

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| 1. | Citizen Request Route 460 / Tyreeanna | Lee Newland |
| 2. | Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles on Certain City Streets | Lee Newland |
| 3 | Roll Call | |

Pc: Kimball Payne, City Manager
Bonnie Svrcek, Deputy City Manager
Council Members
Gaynelle Hart, Director of Public Works
News & Advance

Next Meeting: September 8, 2015

Lynchburg Capital Projects Greater Than \$1 Million(General Fund)

August 11, 2015

Projects of Interest		Status		Notes
Timberlake / Logan's Lane Intersection		Right of Way	November 2015	Right of Way Discussions - On going
Midtown Connector		Construction	December 2015	Under Construction - Working on Langhorne 99% complete & Kemper 70% Complete -
Greenview Drive Phase 2		Construction	July 2017	Construction Proposed to Start March 2016.
Kemper Street Bridge / Interchange		Construction	September 2016	Bridge Construction and Grading
One Way Pairs @ 501/221		Preliminary	August 2014	Preliminary Design Completed to Determine Available R/W for Development - On Hold
Lower Bluffwalk Phase 2		Construction	July 2015	Closeout in Progress
Memorial - Park - Lakeside Intersection	*	Construction	September 2017	Project to be re-advertised - Projected Start is October/November
Odd Fellows Road - P3		Construction	August 2018	Construction Proposed to Start January 2016.
Lakeside Drive Improvements @ L.C.		Design	September 2014	30% Design - On Hold.
Juvenile Services Group Home		Construction	April 2016	On-going
Downtown Streetscapes	*	Design	January 2016	RFP for Construction Manager at Risk & PR Firm
LU Intramural Field Road	*	Construction	September 2016	Negotiations to Award

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Physical Development Committee
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AGENDA ITEM NO.:

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

WORK SESSION:

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION:

INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE: **Citizen Request Route 460 / Tyreeanna**

RECOMMENDATION: Hear a request from a citizen.

SUMMARY: Mr. Megginson met with the City Manager and the City Engineer to discuss his concerns with the VDOT Phase 2 Safety Improvements to Route 460 / Richmond Highway. While this project is a VDOT Project, it is within the City Limits and impacts citizens in Ward 2. Council has been briefed twice before by Mr. Rob Cary, the previous VDOT Lynchburg District Administrator. This Phase 2 Project is scheduled to be advertised by VDOT on October 13th.

Mr. Megginson is here to request that the Tyreeanna right out onto Richmond Highway remain and not be closed in the future, and that to make this movement safer, flashing lights be installed and an acceleration lane be considered for this location.

Mr. Brian Casto, VDOT Location and Design Engineer, is here to address these requests and answer any questions.

PRIOR ACTION(S): March 9, 2010 - City Council Work Session
September 13, 2011 - City Council Work Session

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Lee Newland – City Engineer – 455-3947
Gaynelle Hart – Public Works Director – 455-4469

ATTACHMENT(S): None.

REVIEWED BY:

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ITEM TITLE: **Golf Carts and Utility Vehicles on Certain City Streets**

RECOMMENDATION: For discussion only.

SUMMARY: City staff has received requests from Liberty University, Lynchburg College, and Central Virginia Community College for City Council to adopt an ordinance allowing for the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on certain streets near the respective institutions. In response, an ordinance has been drafted that would establish the criteria for such operations. Nevertheless, staff has some misgivings about allowing the operation of such vehicles on City streets and would like to discuss this matter with the Physical Development Committee prior to moving forward to full Council.

PRIOR ACTION(S): None

FISCAL IMPACT: None

CONTACT(S): Lee Newland, City Engineer, 455-3947

ATTACHMENT(S): Draft Ordinance, Maps of City Streets

REVIEWED BY: lkp

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REENACT THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG, 1981, BY ADDING THERETO NEW SECTIONS NUMBERED 25-200 through 25-200.8, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC STREETS .

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG:

1. That the Code of the City of Lynchburg, 1981, be and the same is hereby amended and reenacted by adding thereto Sections 25-200 through 25-200.8 as follows:

DIVISION 5. OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS AND UTILITY VEHICLES

Sec. 25-200. Definitions.

"Golf cart" for the purposes of this article means a self-propelled vehicle that is designed to transport persons playing golf and their equipment on a golf course.

"Utility vehicle" for the purposes of this article means a motor vehicle that is (i) designed for off-road use, (ii) powered by an engine of no more than 25 horsepower, and (iii) used for general maintenance, security, agricultural, or horticultural purposes. "Utility vehicle" does not include all-terrain vehicles as defined in Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, riding lawn mowers, or any other vehicle whose definition is included in Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia.

Sec. 25-200.1. Use of golf carts or utility vehicles on public highways.

No person shall operate a golf cart or utility vehicle on or over any public highway in the city except as provided in this division.

Sec. 25-200.2. Designation of public highways for golf cart and utility vehicle operations.

(a) No portion of the public highways may be designated for use by golf carts and utility vehicles unless the city council has reviewed and approved such highway usage.

(b) The city council may by ordinance authorize the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on designated public highways within the city after (i) considering the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using such highways, and (ii) determining that the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles on particular highways is compatible with state and local transportation plans and consistent with the Commonwealth's Statewide Pedestrian Policy.

(c) No public highway shall be designated for use by golf carts and utility vehicles if such golf cart and utility vehicle operations will impede the safe and efficient flow of motor vehicle traffic.

(d) Signs, approved by the city traffic engineer, alerting motorists that golf carts and utility vehicles may be in operation shall be erected along all roads designated for golf cart and utility vehicle operation in such locations as determined by the city traffic engineer. The city shall be responsible for the installation and maintenance of any signs pertaining to the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles. The cost of the installation and continued maintenance of the signs on streets and highways designated for the use of golf carts and utility vehicles shall be the responsibility of the organizations, individuals, homeowners associations or other entities requesting the designations. All costs incurred by the city for the installation and maintenance of the signs shall be assessed to and recovered from the organization, individual, or entity that requested the designation.

(e) If such signage is not in place at all times, the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles shall be illegal and must immediately cease until the signs are repaired or replaced.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.3. public highways designated for golf cart and utility vehicle operations.

(a) The city council hereby designates the following public highways within the city upon which golf carts and utility vehicles may be operated in accordance with the provisions of this article.

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(2)

(3)

(4)

(b) With regard to each of the public highways listed in subsection (a) above, the city council has considered the factors set forth in subsection 25-200.2(b) above, as required by Section 46.2-916.2 of the Code of Virginia.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.4. Limitations on golf cart and utility vehicle operations on designated public highways.

(a) Golf cart and utility vehicle operations on designated public highways shall be in accordance with the following limitations:

(1) A golf cart or utility vehicle may be operated only on designated public highways where the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or less. A golf cart or utility vehicle

may cross a highway at an intersection controlled by a traffic light if the highway has a posted speed limit of no more than 35 miles per hour;

(2) No person shall operate any golf cart or utility vehicle on any designated public highway unless the signage required by Section 25-200.2(d) of this division is installed at the time of said operation; if such signage is not in place, the operation of golf carts and utility vehicles shall be illegal and must immediately cease until the signs are repaired or replaced;

(3) No person shall operate any golf cart or utility vehicle on any public highway unless he has in his possession a valid driver's license;

(4) Every golf cart or utility vehicle, whenever operated on a public highway, shall display a slow-moving vehicle emblem in conformity with Section 46.2-1081 of the Code of Virginia;

(5) Golf carts and utility vehicles shall be operated upon the public highways only between sunrise and sunset, unless equipped with such lights as are required in Section 46.2-1010 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia, for different classes of vehicles;

(6) Golf carts and utility vehicles operating on designated public highways pursuant to this section shall be covered by an insurance policy. Such policy shall meet the minimum liability amounts contained in Section 46.2-472 of Code of Virginia and provide coverage during the operation of the golf cart or utility vehicle on public highways; proof of such insurance shall be maintained in such golf cart or utility vehicle at all times such golf cart or utility vehicle is in operation on a designated public highway;

(7) Golf carts and utility vehicles must be operated in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances, including all laws, regulations, and ordinances pertaining to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages;

(8) Only the number of people the golf cart or utility vehicle is designed to seat may ride on a golf cart or utility vehicle. Additionally, passengers shall not be carried on the part of a golf cart or utility vehicle designed to carry golf bags or other cargo;

(9) Golf carts and utility vehicles must be operated to the extreme right of the roadway and must yield to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

(10) Golf carts and utility vehicles should not be operated during inclement weather, nor when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions; and

(11) The police chief or his designee may prohibit the operation of golf carts or utility vehicles on any highway if the police chief determines that the prohibition is necessary in the interest of public safety.

(b) The limitations of subsection (a) above shall not apply to golf carts and utility vehicles being operated as follows:

(1) To the extent necessary for local government employees, operating only upon highways located within the locality, to fulfill a governmental purpose, provided the golf cart or utility vehicle is being operated on highways with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less; and

(2) As necessary by employees of public or private two-year or four-year institutions of higher education if operating on highways within the property limits of such institutions, provided the golf cart or utility vehicle is being operated on highways with speed limits of 35 miles per hour or less.

Sec. 25-200.5. Application or nomination procedure.

(a) Any individual, organization, or entity may apply to the City Manager to have a qualifying public highway in the city designated for golf cart or utility vehicle use, provided, however, that if the public highway is located within a neighborhood with a homeowners association, whether mandatory or not, the application shall be in the name of the homeowners association and shall be signed by a duly-authorized representative of the homeowners association.

(b) At a minimum, each application shall include the following:

(1) The full legal name of the individual, organization, or entity making the application;

(2) The name and route number, if any, of each public highway to be designated;

(3) An application fee of \$250.00.

(c) Upon receipt and acceptance of the application by the City Manager, it shall be considered by the chief of police and the city traffic engineer, who shall make a recommendation to the City Manager.

(c) The City Manager shall review the recommendations of the Chief of Police and City Traffic Engineer and shall make a recommendation to the City Council.

(d) The city council shall consider the recommendation of the City Manager, the factors set forth in Section 25-200.2(d) of this division, and the general merits of the application before making a determination.

(e) Any costs associated with the application, including advertising costs, shall be the responsibility of the individual, organization, or entity making the application. All such costs incurred by the city shall be assessed to and recovered from the individual, organization, or entity making the application.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.6. Penalty.

Except as otherwise specifically provided, any person who violates any provision of this article shall be guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$250.00.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.7. Revocation of designation.

The city council may, at its sole discretion and upon recommendations of the City Manager, suspend the designation of any public highway for golf cart or utility vehicle use at any time.

Sec. Sec. 25-200.8. Liability disclaimer.

All persons who operate or ride upon golf carts or utility vehicles on public highways do so at their own risk and peril, and must be observant of and attentive to the safety of themselves and others, including their passengers, other motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The city shall have no liability under any theory of liability and assumes no such liability for permitting golf carts and utility vehicles to be operated on designated public highways.

2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted:

Certified: _____
Clerk of Council

**Proposed Utility Vehicle Routes
On Central Virginia Community College Campus**

— Proposed Utility Route



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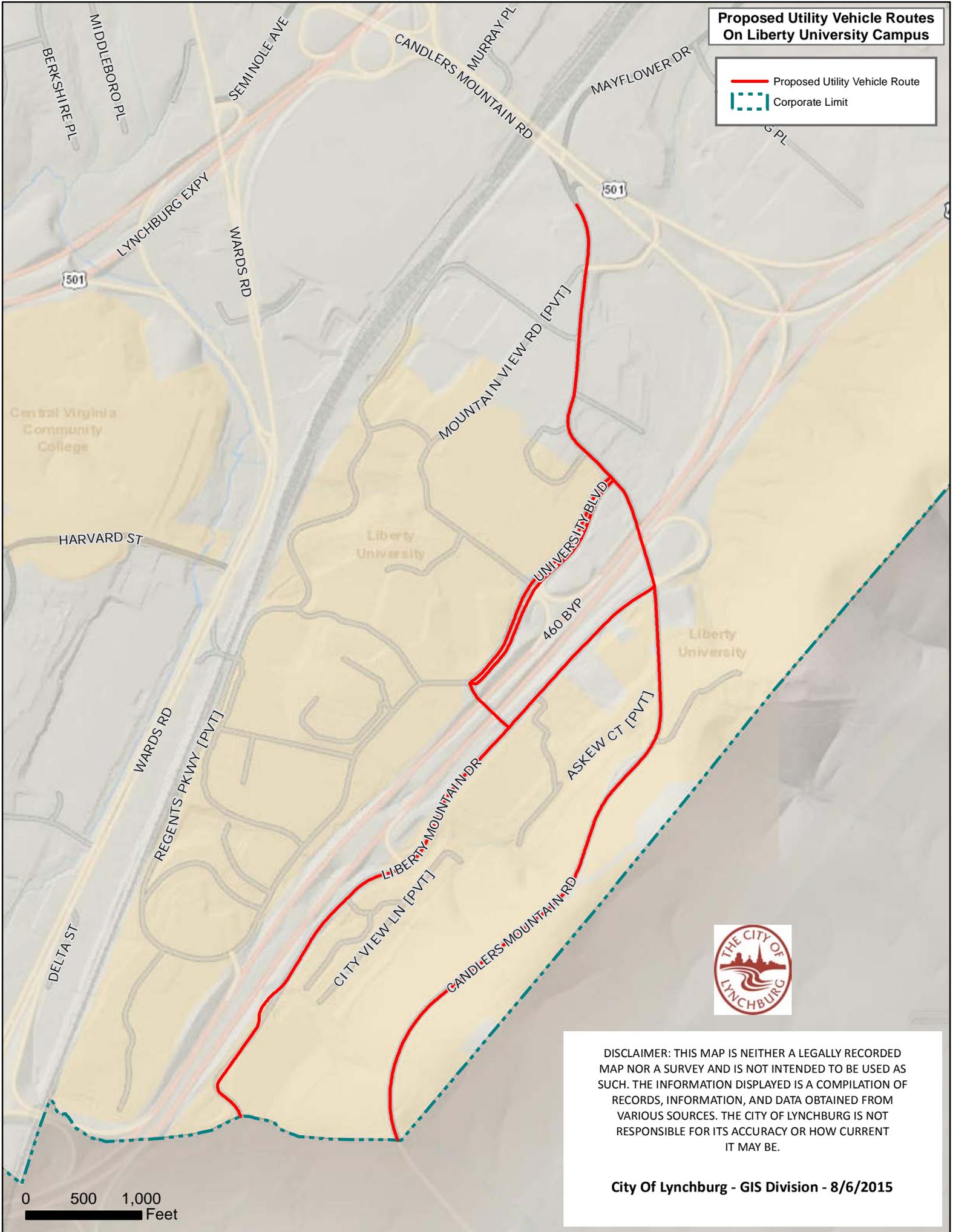
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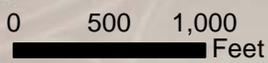
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Proposed Utility Vehicle Routes On Liberty University Campus

— Proposed Utility Vehicle Route
- - - Corporate Limit

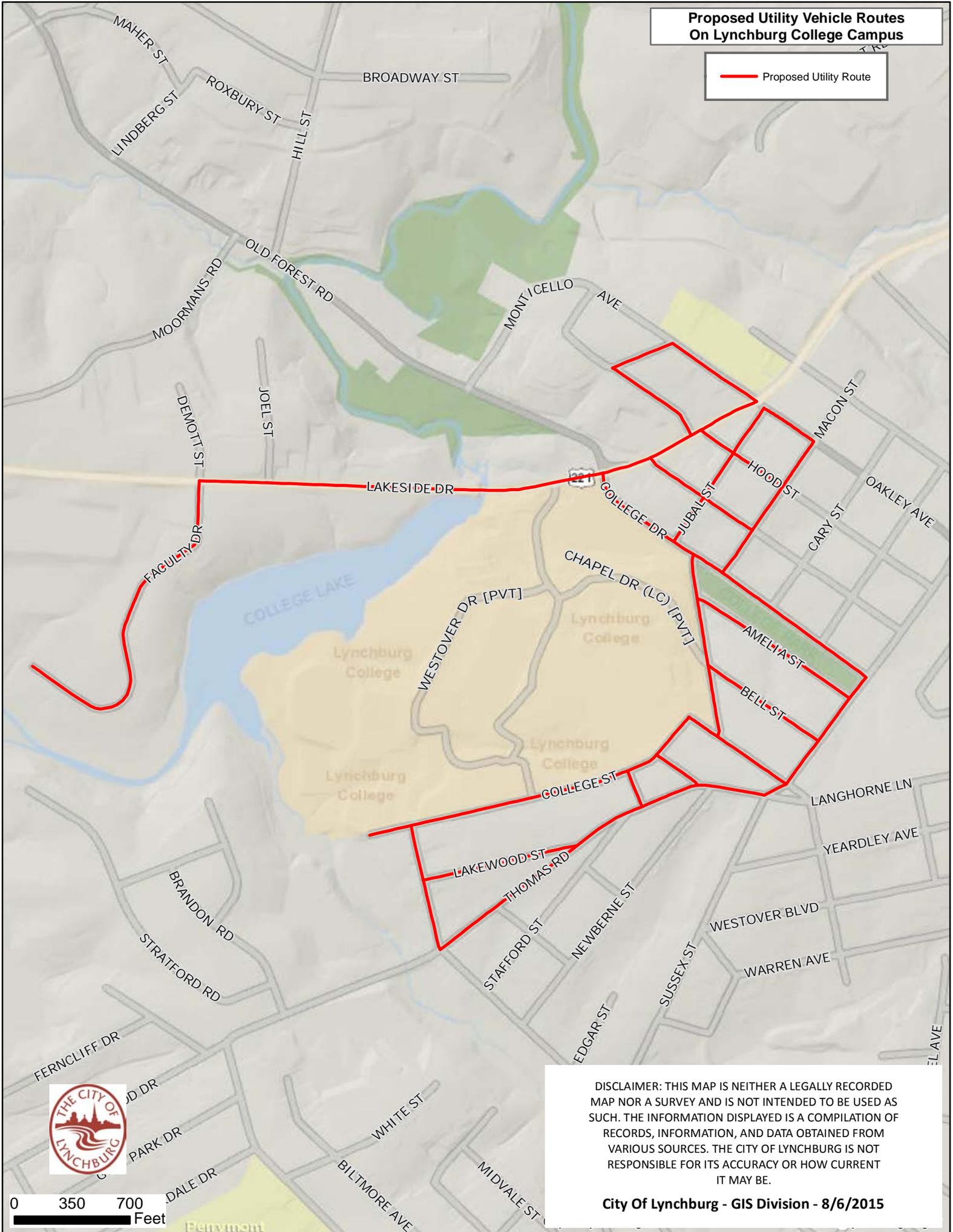


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Proposed Utility Vehicle Routes On Lynchburg College Campus

Proposed Utility Route



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