

LOOKING AHEAD ...

Anticipated Time Frame for Key Project Steps

Hold Public Meetings on Alternatives	October 2013
Finalize Detailed Study Alternatives	Winter 2013
Complete Required Technical Studies	Fall 2014
Receive Approval of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement	Spring 2015
Draft EIS Review Period and Public Hearings	Summer 2015
Selection of the Preferred Alternative.....	Fall 2015
Approval of the Final Environmental Impact Statement	Spring 2016
Publication of the Record of Decision	Summer 2016
Complete Financial Feasibility.....	Spring 2017
Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition.....	Summer 2017*
Begin Construction.....	Spring 2018*
Open to Traffic	Spring 2022*

* **Subject to availability of funding. Tolling is anticipated to be part of the project's funding.**

Next Steps

NCDOT has resumed work on the project and the study will now focus on collecting information about how the various route locations proposed for completing 540 would affect the area environment. NCDOT is also collecting information from area residents and other local stakeholders to get local perspectives on the project.

in-depth evaluations and comparisons. The results of these studies will be documented in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), along with a possible recommendation of which alternative best meets the project purpose. We expect this document will be complete by the spring of 2015.

Each of the options shown on the map on the previous page is currently under consideration. We will use all public and agency comments about these options to help determine the final set of "Detailed Study Alternatives." Once determined, the study team will proceed with the required

Once the Draft EIS is published, public hearings will be scheduled at several locations in the project study area. Following the public hearings, NCDOT will again review all public and agency comments and then make a final decision about the best route, or "Preferred Alternative" for the project.

Questions?

We look forward to your continued participation in this project. Please contact the study team at any time with questions, comments, or concerns.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING BROCHURE

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Welcome to Today's Public Meeting

About Today's Meeting

Tonight's meeting is an opportunity to share information with you about the status of the proposed Complete 540 project. It is also an opportunity for you to learn more about the project and to share your comments, questions, and suggestions with us.

At tonight's meeting we encourage you to:

- 1 View the video presentation.**
This presentation is about 10 minutes long and will be repeated continuously throughout today's meeting.
- 2 Review the maps and graphics.**
These exhibits are on display in the meeting space. A map of the routes recommended for detailed study is also included in this handout.
- 3 Talk with study team representatives.**
Ask any questions you may have about the proposed project. All project representatives are wearing name tags so you can easily identify them.
- 4 Share your comments with us.**
You can do this in several ways: by talking to a study team representative here today; by submitting written comments at today's meeting or by contacting us by telephone, e-mail, or through our project blog.

About The Project

Planning studies for the Complete 540 project are underway. The Complete 540 project would extend the Triangle Expressway from the NC 55 Bypass in Apex to the US 64/US 264 Bypass in Knightdale, completing the 540 Outer Loop around the greater Raleigh area.

The northern section of the 540 Outer Loop is known as I-540 and runs from I-40 in Durham County to US 64/US 264 Bypass in Wake County. The southern section, NC 540, begins at I-40 in Durham County and currently ends at the NC 55 Bypass in Apex. This southern section is also referred to as the Triangle Expressway, the state's first modern toll road.

Since opening the section of the Triangle Expressway from Cary to the Apex/Holly Springs area in the western part of Wake County, NCDOT has seen continued growth in ridership and received positive feedback from drivers who are now able to save 20 to 30 minutes on their commutes.



Completing the 540 Outer Loop would reduce congestion and improve commuter mobility for the fast-growing communities south and east of Raleigh.

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