

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS ON THE HORIZON IN 2019 AND BEYOND



TOWN PROJECTS

1 White Oak/Ackerman/Hebron Church roundabout

This Town-led project involves improving a geometrically challenging, unsafe and congested intersection of three state-maintained roads to enhance the operational efficiency and safety of the intersection. The project includes construction of a partial dual-lane roundabout. It is currently in the design phase. The Town has applied for locally administered funds from the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for right-of-way and construction funding for this project. Construction could begin in spring 2020 if the Town receives funds from CAMPO.

The roundabout option was selected after a thorough public input process.

2 Timber Drive Connector Sidewalks

This project will build sections of sidewalk to connect existing sidewalks along the south side of Timber Drive. The project's scope is from Blanton Street to Stowe Place and from Harth Drive to N.C. 50 (Benson Road). The design phase of the project is nearing its end, and construction is expected to begin this summer.

NCDOT PROJECTS

1 I-40 Widening

Roadwork involves widening I-40 from the merging of I-40 and I-400 in southeast Raleigh to I-40 and N.C. 42 in the Cleveland area. Construction has begun and is expected to be completed in 2022.

2 U.S. 401 Synchronized Street

The project will run from just north of Annaron Court to a bit south of Old Stage Road. It will restrict left turns (in favor of right turns and U-turns) and add a lane in each direction. Right-of-way acquisition begins this spring; construction should begin in summer 2020.

3 U.S. 70/Timber Drive/Hammond Rd.

Intersection improvements will involve creating a continuous flow intersection. An explanation of the concept is at wral.com/proposed-garner-intersection-could-be-first-of-its-kind-in-nc/17446569. This project is nearing completion of the design phase and could go to construction in late 2020.

4 N.C. 50 (Benson Rd.) Bridge

The project involves replacing the bridge over U.S. 70 with one that is wider and taller. Improvements will be made to the interchange ramps, and traffic signals will be added. Construction should start this summer.

ALSO OF NOTE: In 2019, there will be improvements made along **Jones Sausage Road** between I-40 and Garner Road as part of the Amazon construction project. The Town, Wake County and the developer of the Amazon site will share the cost. The Town also is looking at options for completing the widening of Jones Sausage to four lanes for the entirety of the stretch between I-40 and Garner Road, and for realignment of Jones Sausage from Garner Road to U.S. 70 with grade separation at the railroad tracks. There is no definite timeframe yet for this work, which, all told, will cost tens of millions of dollars.

Other **sidewalk projects** in the design phase include ones along Spring Drive (connecting to Vandora Springs Road) and along Vandora Springs Road from Timber Drive to Tiffany Circle. The Spring Drive project could begin later this year.