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Transportation Bond Includes Funds for Improvements to Buck Jones Road

The City of Raleigh is ready to move forward with improvements to heavily travelled Buck Jones Road. Design of the project is complete; funding, however, is needed for actual construction.

On Oct. 8, Raleigh voters will consider a \$75 million transportation bond issue that includes \$4 million for widening Buck Jones Road to a three-lane section from Farmgate Road to Xebec Way. Bicycle lanes, sidewalks and streetlights also would be added; and transit stops would be upgraded to include marked crosswalks and pedestrian refuge islands at mid-block crossings. The project will substantially improve pedestrian safety and accessibility along Buck Jones Road. Additionally, two roundabouts will be constructed on Buck Jones Road, one at Bashford Road and the other at the Farmgate Road intersection.

Currently, 9,500 vehicles per day travel on Buck Jones Road between Farmgate Road and Xebec Way. That number is projected to grow to at least 12,000 vehicles per day by 2035. If voters approve the transportation bond proposal, the improvements to Buck Jones Road would help accommodate that growth.

Raleigh voters have approved six major transportation referenda totaling \$250 million in the last 29 years. These approved referenda were held in 1984, 1987, 1998, 2000, 2005 and 2011. The improvements in these bond issues, like the projects proposed in the Oct. 8 transportation bond referendum, are scattered throughout the Capital City.

For more information about the 2013 transportation bond issue, including specific projects, contact Eric Lamb, manager of the City of Raleigh's Office of Transportation Planning, at 919-996-2161, or visit the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov.