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Poole Road Design Improvements included in the 2013 Transportation Bond

The expansion of Poole Road has been a Raleigh transportation priority for several years. A proposed project will widen the road between Maybrook Drive and Barwell Road. Raleigh voters will be asked to consider it as part of the \$75 million City of Raleigh transportation bond on Oct. 8.

The \$881,000 included in the bond is for the design of the project. Additional funds from other sources will be required to fund the construction of the project. The proposed project would widen Poole Road to two travel lanes in each direction with a raised median. It would also include striped bike lanes, sidewalks, and street lights on both sides.

In 1987, a bond package included widening Poole Road from the I-440 Beltline to Old Poole Road. This corridor is an alternate commuting route between Raleigh and the towns of Knightdale, Zebulon, and Wendell. This portion of Poole Road serves approximately 13,000 vehicles per day.

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

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

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