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### **Bond Funds Would Provide Sorely Needed Improvements to Sandy Forks Road**

It does not require a civil engineer to spot the trouble on Sandy Forks Road. The 1.3-mile stretch of road in North Raleigh is in extremely poor condition and has passed the point where patches and filled potholes can help.

As part of the 2013 City of Raleigh Transportation Bond, \$9 million would be allocated for the reconstruction and improvement of the street. The project would also widen the road to three lanes, including a travel lane in each direction and a center turn lane. The proposed improvements would also include striped bike lanes, sidewalks, and streetlights. The project received prior funds through the City's Capital Improvement Program and is under design. The funds from the proposed transportation bond would pay for the construction.

The street supports approximately 11,000 vehicles per day. In addition to the poor pavement condition, there is also a significant amount of pedestrian demand in the area, as evidenced by the many worn paths along this street.

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, like the projects proposed in the Oct. 8 transportation bond referendum, are scattered 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](http://www.raleighnc.gov)

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