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## **Transportation Bond Project Looks to Expand Old Wake Forest Road**

It is one of the priorities in the \$75 million City of Raleigh transportation bond that voters will consider on Oct. 8. The expansion of Old Wake Forest Road from Litchford Road and Capital Boulevard is one of the more ambitious projects included in the bond package.

The project would widen the road to two travel lanes in either direction and add medians and turn lanes as needed. It would also include striped bike lanes, sidewalks, and street lights along both sides. The corridor is a high priority in the City of Raleigh's comprehensive pedestrian plan. The 2013 bond funds would provide for the design of a complete project, which would be funded separately.

Currently, the road carries more than 18,000 vehicles per day and experiences substantial congestion during the morning and afternoon rush hours. There also are heavy pedestrian demands along the corridor. The project will include the widening of an existing bridge over the CSX Railway near Litchford Road.

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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