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## **Final Section of Tryon Road Included in City's Transportation Bond**

The last remaining two-lane portion of Tryon Road would be improved with funds from the 2013 Transportation bond.

The one-mile project would widen Tryon Road between Lake Wheeler Road and Par Drive to two travel lanes in each direction with a raised median, sidewalks, striped bike lanes, and streetlights. The 2013 bond funds are for design and right of way acquisition.. When fully funded, this project will complete the entire corridor from US 1-64 in Cary to Garner Road.

The City of Raleigh previously has completed several improvement projects along Tryon Road from Lake Wheeler Road to the Cary town limits through capital improvement projects totaling approximately \$16 million. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) plans to replace the existing bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad corridor and improve Tryon Road to South Wilmington Street. This work by NCDOT will expand Tryon Road to four lanes and will realign the corridor through the Renaissance Park area. NCDOT plans to initiate construction of its project in early 2014.

Properties along the south side of the road were developed in the late 1960s through 1970s. The properties along the northern side were developed later, most in the early 2000s. The vast majority of this section of Tryon Road was annexed in the early 2000s. The current traffic volume on Tryon Road is approximately 13,000 vehicles per day and is expected to continue to increase.

Raleigh residents will have the opportunity to fund the final improvements to Tryon Road as part of the 2013 Transportation Bond on Oct. 8.