I-440 (Raleigh Beltline) Construction Update

MELBOURNE ROAD - Traffic Delays and Detours:
- I-440 Construction has begun along northbound and southbound lanes near Melbourne Road. Expect travel delays and detours around Melbourne Road.
- I-440 will be closed between Western Boulevard and Jones Franklin Road from midnight to 5am for five nights, beginning Monday, Oct 7, 2019. The Melbourne Road bridge will be demolished during this time.
  - Both directions of I-440 at Melbourne Road will be closed during this time.
  - Eastbound travelers will exit I-440 at Jones Franklin Road and follow a detour to Western Boulevard to return to I-440.
  - Westbound travelers will exit I-440 at Western Boulevard and turn left onto Jones Franklin Road to return to I-440.
- Road construction expected to be suspended three hours before and two hours after the NC State – Syracuse football game on Thursday evening, Oct 10, 2019.
- Little impact to NC State campus expected at this time.

Upcoming Road Closures:
- Closure of Melbourne Bridge expected to occur as early as Sept 30, 2019 and last through the next 12 months. Expect delays and detours around Melbourne Road.
- Night ramp closures expected at the Western Boulevard interchange starting Oct 15, 2019 and continuing for 3 to 4 nights. Detour signage will be in place.
- No major impact to NC State campus expected until fall 2020, due to I-440 construction at Blue Ridge Road and Hillsborough Street interchanges.
- The Ligon Street tunnel is expected to close in Oct 2020, and a replacement bridge is expected to open in Nov 2021.

Construction Overview:
- NC DOT construction to widen and improve I-440 (Raleigh Beltline) has begun.
- Four year project to widen I-440 from four lanes to six lanes (northbound and southbound lanes), along the four mile stretch between Wade Avenue (Raleigh) and Walnut Street (Cary).
- Improvements will ease congestion and improve traffic flow, with upgrades to pavement, bridges and interchanges.
- Starting in fall 2020, major construction and traffic delays/detours expected at I-440 and Hillsborough Street interchange and I-440 and Blue Ridge Road interchange.
- Construction expected to conclude in 2023.
- Dates and project plans subject to change, due to weather and similar factors.
- For more information on this project (NC DOT Project U-2719), please see: https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/i-440-improvements/Pages/default.aspx https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/i-440-improvements/Pages/2019-pre-construction-open-house-maps.aspx

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