I-440 (Raleigh Beltline) Construction Update

MELBOURNE ROAD - Traffic Delays and Detours:
- I-440 Construction has begun along eastbound and westbound lanes near Melbourne Road.
- Demolition of the Melbourne Bridge scheduled for mid-October.
- Expect travel delays and detours around Melbourne Road.
- Expect night-time lane closures between Western Boulevard and Jones Franklin Road, starting as early as 9pm and re-opening at 5am.
- Little impact to NC State campus expected at this time.

Upcoming Road Closures:
- Closure of Melbourne Bridge expected to occur in mid-October and last through the next 12 months. Expect delays and detours around Melbourne Road.
- Night ramp closures expected at the Western Boulevard interchange starting in mid-October for several 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 (eastbound and westbound 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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