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**PORTION OF SOUTH SALEM STREET (OLD U.S. 1) TO CLOSE FOR 10 MONTHS
FOR WESTERN WAKE FREEWAY CONSTRUCTION**

RALEIGH — A section of South Salem Street (Old U.S. 1) in Apex will be closed for 10 months, starting Wednesday, May 25, for the construction of a bridge to carry the road over the N.C. Turnpike Authority's Western Wake Freeway. The road will be closed between Kelly Road and Apex Barbecue Road, southwest of downtown Apex.

The contractor will build the bridge on South Salem Street on the same alignment as the existing road. South Salem Street will also be widened and resurfaced in this area to allow for entrance and exit ramps to be built for an interchange for the Freeway.

A detour will route traffic around the road closure, using Kelly and Apex Barbecue Roads. To help make the heavier traffic flow safer, a new traffic signal will be placed at the intersection of those two roads.

NCDOT reminds motorists to watch signs for construction information, stay alert and obey the posted speed limit.

For information about the Western Wake Freeway project -- a section of the Triangle Expressway, North Carolina's first modern toll road-- visit www.ncturnpike.org/projects/Triangle_Expressway.

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