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**MCCRIMMON PARKWAY OVERPASS FOR WESTERN WAKE FREEWAY
TO OPEN IN CARY ON THURSDAY**

RALEIGH — The McCrimmon Parkway overpass for the N.C. Turnpike Authority's Western Wake Freeway will open ahead of schedule in Cary on Thursday at 6 a.m. The overpass has two 201-foot bridges, each with two lanes. The westbound bridge includes a five-foot sidewalk for pedestrians. The eastbound bridge will accommodate a future 10-foot multi-use path for bicycles and pedestrians on the south side of McCrimmon Parkway.

In addition to the overpass, McCrimmon Parkway has new asphalt at the east and west ends of the bridges. Final pavement markings on the bridges and roadway require warmer temperatures and will be placed this spring. In the meantime, temporary lane markings are in place. Work on the overpass began in April 2010.

The opening has been coordinated with nearby Panther Creek High School, the Town of Cary and the Cary Police Department. A flashing school zone sign has been installed at the location, as well as temporary message signs on McCrimmon Parkway and at the school to alert motorists and students about the new traffic pattern. The Town of Cary will continue to monitor and adjust the traffic signal timing on N.C. 55 as needed.

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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