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WESTERN WAKE FREEWAY PROJECT UPDATE

RALEIGH – Construction is rapidly progressing on North Carolina’s first modern toll road, the Triangle Expressway in Wake and Durham counties. This 18.8-mile toll road system is a new roadway from the N.C. 55 Bypass near Holly Springs to I-40 at N.C. 147 and is comprised of three projects: Western Wake Freeway, Triangle Parkway, and a portion of existing N.C. 540 between N.C. 55 and N.C. 54.

Weekly updates will be sent out each Friday to update motorists on the progress of the 12.5-mile Western Wake Freeway project.

Since the project began in Dec. 2009, crews have:

- Cleared more than 700 acres of land;
- Moved 180,000 dump trucks full of earth material;
- Constructed 14 culverts, a device used to channel water; and
- Completed nine of the 34 bridges along the project.

In the past two weeks, crews have:

- Placed over 13 miles of concrete pavement between Green Level Road West and N.C. 55;
- Poured a bridge deck at Beaver Creek between Olive Chapel Road and Apex Barbeque Road;
- Installed 480 feet of 42-inch waterline along Jenks Road;
- Set beams for a bridge over U.S. 1.

Next week crews will:

- Continue paving at night between Green Level West Road and N.C. 55;
- Continue bridge construction at Carpenter Fire Station, Green Level West Road, U.S. 64, Beaver Creek and U.S. 1;
- Install bridge decking on U.S. 1 with daytime lane closures;

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- Install water line at Kelly Road and Jenks Road;
- Continue grading and movement of earth material south of U.S. 64.

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

For more information about the Western Wake Freeway project, construction schedules, and detour information — please visit www.westernwakeinfo.com.

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The next update will be on Friday, July 1.

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