

Q&As from Virtual Public Meeting – April 27, 2021

Will the clearing start from the West end or East end of Poole Road?

The contractor plans to follow current Traffic Management Plans by beginning on the east end. The contractor will confirm that is still his intention in the pre-construction meeting.

Will this allow walking access to the trailhead immediately after Barwell Rd?

Yes, and the project includes proposed MUP from the parking lot driveway to the trail.

Traffic on Poole Rd is heavy during certain times of the day. What will be done to ensure the safety of the residents during the project?

Work zone signs will be installed to alert drivers of construction. Barrels or cones will be installed around the work zones to make residents aware of the areas they should not enter. There may be intermittent usage of flagging operations to guide traffic.

How long should this project take?

Construction is expected to take approximately two years.

Will you be working over night at times?

It is possible that there will be some operations that can be better handled during the night to avoid traffic (for instance, waterline installation in the roadway, or traffic signal work). For the most part, work will be done between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, Monday – Saturday.

Thank you for allowing access. What is the approximate completion date?

The approximate completion date (about 2 years after the start) is July 2023.

Does the Poole Road widening project effect Eagle Chase Maybrook Road?

On the southeast corner of the intersection of Poole Rd and Maybrook Dr., Poole Rd will be widened; storm drainage and sidewalk will be installed; pavement will be resurfaced for approximately 40' on Maybrook; traffic signal will be upgraded. These operations will require barreling off the work areas and potential flagging operations. Access to Maybrook will be maintained throughout the construction.

What do the white paint markings that were put down on the road yesterday throughout Riverview Estates represent?

I am not sure of the exact location of Riverview Estates, but I am not aware of any City of Raleigh project that would put down markings on Riverview Rd.

Did anyone ever / finally talk to NC DOT about installing a stop light to turn left from Poole Rd on Jeffrey St? High risk left turn area.

The amount of traffic at this intersection does not meet the warrant required by NCDOT for a traffic signal. However, the project will be constructing a dedicated left turn lane to help traffic safely navigate the turn.

Will traffic be rerouted during construction to allow residents in development some to have easier entrance/exit?

There will be no detouring of traffic during construction. Drivers are expected to be extra cautious when driving through work areas, and to practice patience and courtesy during the inevitable delays during construction.

I'm ignorant to the construction process... can someone explain why it takes 2 years to construct a road?

The construction of a roadway widening project involves a lot of work in addition to installing pavement. Utilities have to be relocated (above ground and below); a storm drainage system has to be installed to replace the existing ditch system; grading operations take place; temporary pavement is installed so that traffic shifts can be incorporated to provide work areas; traffic signals will be upgraded; and, new pavement markings will need to be put down.

What are the hours of construction?

Generally, the contractor is permitted to work between 7:00am and 7:00pm. Any necessary exceptions will be discussed on a case by case basis and permitted only if they offer an advantage to safety or not delaying the project.

Will there be a left turn lane from west bound traffic on to Maybrook? It will be very dangerous without one.

Yes.

you stated the project within 2-3 months. Is this correct?

We expect to have an executed contract for construction within that time.

Will there be any disruption to power to the homes along the construction area. Some people are working from home.

That will be part of Duke Energy's work plan. We expect that Duke would notify residents of any planned outages. The same holds true for all planned relocations of other utilities such as cable/fiber. If during construction, a utility is accidentally disturbed, the contractor will work quickly with the utility owner to resolve the issue.

Will we be able to turn into Maybrook Drive from Poole Rd

Yes, a left turn lane from Poole Rd to Maybrook will be installed.

Will Riverknoll Drive be paved?

Approximately 40' of River Knoll (E & W) will be resurfaced to tie into the Poole Rd widening.

Are there plans to carry the 2 lanes to Hodge Rd?

The City is exploring options to add a project for Poole Road from Barwell to Hodge Road as part of the planned NC-540 project, which is a few years out. If it is not part of the NC 540 project, it would likely be a separate project by NCDOT.

Sorry, this may have been said, but can you give me exact beginning and ending of the reconstruction of Poole road to Barwell Road?...I am not a map person/not lived here as long as other and trying to get idea how far this walking and biking will be.

The roadway widening and the multi-use path on the north side of Poole Rd will begin at Maybrook Dr/Hickory Hollow Rd and end at the Neuse River Trail. The sidewalk on the south side of Poole Rd will begin at Maybrook/Hickory Hollow and end at Barwell Rd. There will also be approximately 1000' of sidewalk installed on the east side of Barwell,

what will be the access restrictions to Riverknoll subdivision during the whole process?

There will be at least one lane open to traffic at all times.

As a resident of Riverknoll Subdivision, I'm very concerned with how homeowners will be able to leave out or enter safely.

If needed for safety because of lane reduction, flaggers will be employed to help direct traffic.

Will the project affect the entrance to Hickory Hollow Lane, which is directly across from Maybrook Drive?

Yes, there will be a work zone on the corner of the intersection for the installation of curb and gutter, sidewalk and ramps, storm drainage and pavement. The travel lane width may be temporarily reduced for

With all the new traffic to come is there plans for South New Hope Road?

Installing sidewalks on S. New Hope Rd is under consideration, but we don't have a timeframe at this time. There are several private development projects that will fill in some gaps for us in the meantime.

What will be the access restriction to Riverknoll subdivision during the whole process?

Access will be maintained at all times. Flaggers will be used if there is only one lane open to traffic.

Isn't there a pedestrian crosswalk at Rock Drive and Poole road?

There is no pedestrian crossing of Poole Rd at Rock Drive.

How many lights will be located near Riverknoll Drive?

Five streetlights are planned- two within 250' west of River Knoll (W), one between River Knoll (W) and (E), and two within 200' east of River Knoll (E). There are an additional four lights in this same vicinity on the other side of Poole Rd.

will construction be done on the weekends too, or just during the week?

The contractor will likely work on Saturdays, but not Sundays.

Does the right turn stand-alone lane off Poole to Maybrook currently there now go away? And, How will it affect Barwell Rd and when

Yes. There will be two through lanes, with right turns made from the right thru lane.

The contractor is likely to begin on the Barwell end. A significant amount of work will take place there to widen the intersection, install a median, storm drainage and sidewalk.

What plans does the city have to reduce speed on poole rd? The traffic is aggressive and may race along this road.

There are currently no plans to reduce the speed limit on Poole Rd.

Well, why don't you Mark, um, smooth drive through about 413 Riverview drive and also about 1000 feet along Farwell road. And we'll also be resurfacing the pavement, maybe try East West Fords and to heritage manner so that in between heritage manner and neighborhoods.

The roadway will be resurfaced throughout the widened areas, and from Heritage Manor to Maybrook Dr as well.

Given that the area has had many industrial businesses, will the road allow the big rigs to continue to use the streets. It has become extremely congested with semi-trucks, a 1 mile trip to the beltline now takes 10 minutes.

There are no plans to restrict the type of traffic using this roadway.

Please make sure there are turn lanes onto to all the little streets on this length of renewal work.

There will be dedicated left turn lanes onto Hickory Hollow, Green Needles, Jeffery, Riverview, Barwell, River Knoll (W) and Maybrook. Vintage, River Knoll (E), Woodard, Rock, and Lake Trout will require a U-turn at a dedicated left turn lane.

Any way we can open the fenced off area between Maybrook Dr and S. New Hope Rd, to help with the traffic from Poole Rd for the residents? and connect Maybrook Rr and Maybrooke Crossing Dr?

No, we are not able to do that.

There is a propped cross walk & special light right after Rock Dr unless the initial changed the plans.?

There is no light and there are no crosswalks at Rock Dr. There are only crosswalks at the signalized intersections at Maybrook and at Barwell.

Will the residents on Lake Trout lane be required to make a u turn when leaving out to back to downtown

Yes.

What turn lane will go away???

The right turn only lane from Poole Rd onto Maybrook will become a combination thru-lane/right lane.

What needs to happen to get lights at Riverknoll Drive for residence to enter or exit subdivision safely?

The intersection would have to have large enough number of cars using it to warrant a signal per NCDOT guidelines.

Is there going to be a crosswalk with a light to be able to access both sidewalks from either side?

Crosswalks will be located at Maybrook and at Barwell.

How will this affect Charles st off of Barwell

The construction on Barwell includes installing sidewalk and bus stop pads at the intersection with Charles St.

Then it's the same, how can we address the truck issue? Our neighborhoods have become part of the industrial park. It is ruining our neighborhoods.

That is question for the CAC meeting because the Southeast Raleigh police department are a part of their meetings. (Road Speed questions)

Have you or Ms Cordis Yates Thompson driven down Poole Rd through this area?

Ms. Mazanek and I installed the meeting announcement signs on April 19th.

I am extremely disappointed in the city. They're widening the roads without addressing many of the issues we have with the road and traffic.

The addition of travel lanes and dedicated left turn lanes will increase the capacity and safety of the roadway.

Has there been any resident input into the the plan?

There were two public meetings at the onset of design in which public input was sought. Besides public input, designers had to consider the Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Board input as well as that of NCDOT.

Please make sure there are turn lanes onto to all the little streets off Poole on this length of street renewal. It can be very dangerous and impede the flow of traffic if there are no turn lanes.

All left turn and U-turn movements to the side streets will be aided by the use of dedicated left turn lanes which improve safety and allow through traffic to flow.

Thank you for answering my question. I understand thing change & we must embrace them through the tuff times. It will be nice once completed.

The City believes this project will be an improvement to the community. We appreciate the patience of everyone affected.

Currently we have many people who use Neuse Street to avoid the light at Barwell and Poole. Is there any thought to managing traffic who will avoid the construction area and use Neuse St.

Drivers do often look for alternate routes around construction projects. That sometimes makes construction traffic through the project lighter. The use of Neuse as an alternate route will most likely be temporary.

I live off of South New Hope road and I hope there are plans to improve the road because there are residents who walk up and down the road from the bus stop on Poole road and there are no sidewalks.

Installing sidewalks on S. New Hope Rd is under consideration, but we don't have a timeframe at this time. There are several private development projects that will fill in some gaps for us in the meantime.

Where did you post info about these previous meetings? I never saw anything on Maybrook road.

Updates on this project were posted on raleighnc.gov/Projects, under "Poole Road".

Has there been any assessments done to observe the current traffic patterns from Maybrook to Riverknoll second entrance and do you know how many accidents have happened within the year?

The design consultant did study to observe the amount of traffic and its movements. I do not know if the number of accidents during the last year has been determined. However, the installation of the median and dedicated left turn lanes should make the roadway safer.

While I understand the road will be expanded to 4 lanes, will residents lose the right turn lanes into the developments? And they will be used as the right traffic lane?

Barwell will have a right turn only lane. The other intersections will have combination thru/right turn lanes.

The pandemic has slowed down some communications on this project. All residents are not using computers

Residents will be notified of the start of construction by letter. Any communication that the contractor needs to have with a resident about his/her specific property will occur by letter or in person.

Where and when is project to start and will the project cease eves and weekends-at least Sundays? We don't believe in working on Sundays

The construction will take place primarily Monday through Friday, but some Saturdays also. Work will normally end by 7:00 pm, unless some night work has been requested by the contractor and approved by the City.