



Complete 540 Phase I

Triangle Expressway Southeast Extension

Triangle Expressway (Toll N.C. 540) Extension from N.C. 55 Bypass to Interstate 40

Project Description

The Complete 540 project will extend the Triangle Expressway from the N.C. 55 Bypass in Apex to U.S. 64/U.S. 264 (I-87) in Knightdale, completing the 540 Outer Loop around the greater Raleigh area.

The project will be completed in two phases: Phase I, R-2721A, R-2721B and R-2828, is the western portion of the construction project between N.C. 55 Bypass in Apex and I-40 near the Wake/Johnston County line. Phase II, R-2829, is the eastern portion of the project between I-40 and U.S. 64/U.S. 264 Bypass (I-87) in Knightdale and a construction contract is projected to be awarded in 2029.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation and the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) are currently constructing Phase I of the Complete 540 project.

Complete 540 will improve the regional network mobility and reduce traffic congestion in the greater Raleigh area.

Project Timeline*

- November 2019**
Construction began
- 2023**
Anticipated opening date of R-2721A, R-2721B and R-2828
- 2029**
I-40 to U.S. 64/264 (I-87) Projected Construction Contract Award

*Dates are subject to change.

Visit ncdot.gov/turnpike for the most up-to-date information.

All-Electronic Tolling

Complete 540 will be an all-electronic toll facility, which means no stopping and no toll booths. Drivers can use NC Quick Pass to save 35% or receive a Bill by Mail invoice. Learn more at ncquickpass.com.

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