



# ~Connections~

## Transportation in and around Apex

Welcome to the Spring 2012 edition of *Connections*. NC 540 makes progress, kids get free helmets, and construction of the Old Raleigh Road sidewalk finally begins. Contact Reed (see back page) if you would like to see anything covered in future editions of *Connections*.

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## Apex Bicycle Event

If you plan on attending Apex Peakfest (as you should!), come stop by the Town's bike safety tent. Town staff will provide information on safe bicycle riding and rules of the road. There will also be a limited number of FREE bicycle helmets available for children who need them courtesy of the NC Department of Transportation. Apex Peakfest will be held on May 5 in Downtown Apex.



Town staff will help children with proper helmet fitting at Apex Peakfest.



May is Bike to Work Month so look for other bicycling events around the Triangle, such as a Cycling Safely Lunch & Learn in RTP or the Raleigh Cyclist Social. Visit [www.gotriangle.org/BTWW/](http://www.gotriangle.org/BTWW/) for information on these activities and other opportunities to learn more about bicycling to work.

## Upcoming Events

Apex citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend the following transportation meetings and events:

<p><b>Capital Area MPO</b> Southwest Area Study Public Informational Meeting</p> <p>-----</p> <p>April 17 5 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Bass Lake Holly Springs, NC</p>	<p><b>Capital Area MPO</b> Bicycle and Pedestrian Stakeholders Group (BPSG)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>April 24 4 p.m.—6 p.m. Raleigh Professional Building</p>	<p><b>Bicycle Safety Tent</b> At Apex Peakfest</p> <p>-----</p> <p>May 5 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Downtown Apex</p>
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## Western Wake Freeway (NC 540) Schedule

The NC Turnpike Authority continues to make good progress on the construction of the Western Wake Freeway (NC 540). Below is the schedule for the project which should be complete by the end of 2012. If you have other questions more information is available on the [Town's website](#), and you may contact the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) at (919) 571-3000 or visit the [NCTA project website](#) ([www.westernwakeinfo.com](http://www.westernwakeinfo.com)).



Construction of NC 540 as seen from the newly opened Beaver Creek Commons Drive (see next page for details).

Residents curious about what the Western Wake Freeway will be like can drive the newly opened section of the Triangle Expressway from NC 147 to NC 540. Drivers will be required to pay a toll for using the facility but there are no tollbooths. Instead drivers pay via [NC Quick Pass](#) (<https://www.mynccquickpass.com/>) or via a bill in the mail.

Tolls currently exist for the Triangle Expressway and will begin on the existing section of NC 540 from NC 54 to NC 55 this summer.

**WESTERN WAKE FREEWAY  
PROJECT SCHEDULE**



ACTIVITY	2009		2010				2011				2012				
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<b>Sections A &amp; B - From US-64 Interchange to NC-55 Bypass in Apex</b>															
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## Beaver Creek Commons Drive

Beaver Creek Commons Drive is now complete across the NC 540 corridor. The bridge over the future toll road was recently finished, and the road is open to traffic. Drivers and pedestrians can now access the Beaver Creek Commons and Beaver Creek Crossings shopping centers from Kelly Road.

The NC Department of Transportation plans to close the median along US 64 at Green Level Church Road now that Beaver Creek Commons Drive is open. Green Level Church Road will be converted to a right-in/right-out access and drivers will no longer be able to turn left from eastbound US 64 onto the road or turn left from Green Level Church Road onto US 64. People will be able to access Green Level Church Road via Kelly Road and Jenks Road or Beaver Creek Commons Drive and Creekside Landing Drive.



Beaver Creek Commons Drive looking west toward NC 540 from the Beaver Creek Crossings shopping center.



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### Sidewalk Project Update

#### Old Raleigh Road Sidewalk

After several years of planning and occasional setbacks, the Old Raleigh Road Sidewalk project is finally underway. The project is extending sidewalk from the Apex Peakway near Food Lion to Shepherd's Vineyard Drive, connecting to the existing sidewalk at the Eva Perry Library. Workers are currently clearing and grading for the path and will begin construction in a few weeks. The sidewalk should be complete by the end of the spring.



Sidewalk construction on the north side of Old Raleigh Road near Heatherwood Drive.

#### Center Street Sidewalk

The Center Street Sidewalk project will begin once the Old Raleigh Road Sidewalk is wrapping up. Construction is planned for the end of spring and should be complete by August. That project will construct sidewalk from Seagrove's Farm to Salem Street. Additionally, the Town will construct sidewalk from the Town Hall to the Thompson Street railroad crossing and along the east side of Salem Street from Thompson Street to Center Street.



Sidewalk to be connected along Center Street from Seagrove's Farm to downtown Apex.

Citizens are welcome to contact us with specific requests. Questions about transportation in Apex can be directed to:

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### Important Links

#### Traffic Calming Requests

[files.www.apexnc.org/docs/const/traffic.pdf](http://files.www.apexnc.org/docs/const/traffic.pdf)

#### Planning Documents, Plans, and Maps

[www.apexnc.org/services/planning/documents-plans-maps](http://www.apexnc.org/services/planning/documents-plans-maps)

#### Transportation in the Triangle

[www.gotriangle.org/](http://www.gotriangle.org/)

#### North Carolina Department of Transportation

[www.ncdot.org/](http://www.ncdot.org/)

#### Capital Area MPO

[www.campo-nc.us/](http://www.campo-nc.us/)

#### North Carolina Turnpike Authority

[www.ncturnpike.org/](http://www.ncturnpike.org/)