

# Fortify I-40/440 Improvement Project

*What Raleigh visitors and hospitality industry professionals should know*



To fortify Interstate 40/440 for safer, more efficient travel in Greater Raleigh, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) initiated the Fortify improvement project. Fortifying the southern portion of I-40/440, a stretch of 30-year-old Raleigh interstate, is a must as the roadway was in critical need of repair.

The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, in consultation with NCDOT, is here to help visitors have the best possible experience when traveling to and from the area while the road construction is taking place. When communicating with area hotel guests, transportation service customers, convention attendees, sports tournament participants and other visitors, please remember to talk about these key messages:

- [Raleigh's growth is fueling an urban revival that's attracting new hospitality, entertainment, sports, cultural amenities and events. The area is fortifying its roads for safer, more efficient travel for many years to come.](#)
- [Downtown Raleigh is still easy to access during the construction with some advance trip-planning.](#)
- [By spending just a few minutes online at \[visitRaleigh.com/fortify\]\(http://visitRaleigh.com/fortify\) checking the current conditions, you could save many more minutes of drive or ride time later during your travel.](#)

Here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about Fortify:

## Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

### Why does Raleigh need the Fortify project?

The southern portion of I-40/440 is 30 years old and needs repair. With more than 100,000 vehicles traveling across this busy stretch of highway each day, it causes a lot of wear and tear on the roadway. The rebuild project will replace and reinforce the pavement materials along the 11.5-mile stretch and will also repair select bridges.

### Which roadways will be impacted?

The I-40/440 stretch of South Raleigh will have through travel lanes closed for weeks and months at a time. Both the construction corridor and the surrounding areas will be affected, and it's important for all area travelers to be aware of and plan for some increase in traffic congestion.

### How long will the project take?

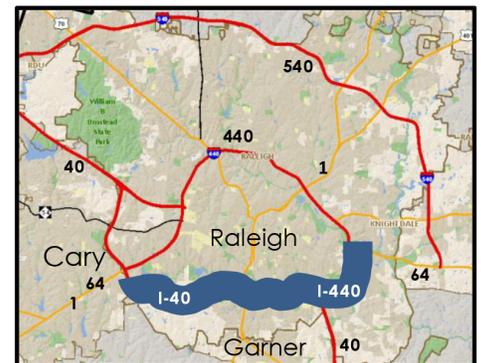
The construction project is ongoing through the latter part of 2016.

### What can I expect during construction?

Exact details of how the NCDOT contractor will perform the work change from month to month because this is a "design-build" project, allowing for more innovation than traditional contracting methods. Thus, area visitors and transportation providers always need to check current conditions online to avoid potential frustrations when traveling through the construction corridor.

### Can I expect delays if I need to drive on these portions of I-40 and I-440, and if so, how much delay?

Yes, you can expect delays through the project area. The amount of time it will take you to travel through the work zone will depend on the number of lanes open, the time of day, the amount of other vehicles using the road and if there are accidents. Online resources at [visitRaleigh.com/fortify](http://visitRaleigh.com/fortify) include a live traffic map.



I-40/440 Improvement project area

*Where to go for visitor information about Fortify:*



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