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Town of Fuquay-Varina to Receive LAPP Grant*Planned Improvements to Old Honeycutt and Purfoy Intersection*

The Town of Fuquay-Varina is pleased to announce it has been awarded a Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) grant by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) for improvements at the intersection of Old Honeycutt Road and Purfoy Road. The total project is expected to cost \$1,218,500 of which the LAPP grant will fund 75% of the cost or \$913,875. The Town of Fuquay-Varina will provide \$304,625 or 25% of the total project cost to be paid from bond proceeds.

The project will involve design, right of way acquisition, utility relocation, and construction with funding obligated in the Federal Fiscal Year 2019, which runs from October 2018 through September 2019. The construction contract is expected to be bid in late 2019, with construction completion expected during the first half of 2020.

While many municipalities in North Carolina have experienced a decline in population over the past ten years, Fuquay-Varina's population has more than doubled in the same time. Rapid growth in Fuquay-Varina and the surrounding areas has brought both challenges and opportunities for citizens. Addressing traffic in Fuquay-Varina has been the top priority of the Board of Commissioners.

In early 2018, the Town completed improvements at the intersection of Main/Sunset Lake/Purfoy and began an 18-month project at the intersection of Judd/Main/Broad that will add lanes on NE Judd Parkway from Old Honeycutt Road past the Walmart shopping center. The final leg of NW Judd Parkway will go to bid this summer with construction to follow and completion expected in 2020.

These road projects are funded through a combination of bonds and grants. In 2015, voters overwhelmingly approved \$21 million in transportation bonds to fund new roads with the goal of improving traffic congestion in critical areas. Over the past two years, the Town has also been successful in securing approximately \$14 million in road grant funding to help leverage local dollars.

"Fuquay-Varina has done an exceptional job applying for and receiving road grant funding," said Mayor John W. Byrne. "Over the past few years, Fuquay-Varina has received \$500 per capita in road grant funding. The Town significantly outpaces other communities in the area. I commend our Town Board and staff for consistently pursuing grant funding to help our local funds go the extra mile."

In mid-2017, the Town Board adopted the 2035 Community Transportation Plan (CTP) after a year of outreach and visioning with the community. The CTP defines future transportation goals, funding strategies, and designs to prepare for future road needs and provides a tool for assessing prioritization of needs like that used by Capitol Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), which helps Town transportation projects compete for State and Federal funding.