

News Release

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Durham Begins Project to Close Sidewalk Gaps

Eight Locations Selected from the Bike+Walk Implementation Plan

DURHAM, N.C. - Beginning on Monday, January 29, [new sidewalk construction to close existing gaps](#) will begin on eight different streets throughout Durham.

This \$269,450 project involves the complete installation of sidewalk and required curb ramps to close sidewalk gaps in various locations throughout the city, including missing sections of sidewalk on Cook Road, Fayetteville Street, Green Street, Gregson Street, Juliette Drive, Miami Boulevard, Pickett Road, and Enterprise Street. These locations were selected for this project from the [Bike+Walk Implementation Plan](#) approved by the Durham City Council.

According to Supervisor of Contract Management Ed Venable with the City's Public Works Department, this project is another step toward improving pedestrian access and safety in Durham. "This project is one of many that are constructing sidewalk based on the direction provided by the Bike+Walk Pedestrian Plan, ultimately improving the walking experience around our city."

While road closures and detours are not anticipated, short lane closures may be required during construction. Variable message boards will be deployed prior to the upcoming work beginning in each location noted above to help notify motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The entire project should be finished by June 2018.

For more information, including [locations](#) and [maps](#) of the project areas, visit the [project webpage](#), or contact Project Manager Kitty Thomas with the City's Public Works Department at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30218 or Kitty.Thomas@DurhamNC.gov.

About the Public Works Department

The City of Durham [Public Works Department](#) provides a wide range of services, including street maintenance, engineering design, development review, and stormwater quality and infrastructure maintenance. The department plans and executes the City's winter weather and natural disaster plans. The department ensures that Durham's street infrastructure is safe and well maintained, which supports the quality of life and serves as a foundation of a healthy economy. As guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department serves as a steward of the City's physical and environmental assets and ensures that residents live in a safe, secure, and thriving community.

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