



**Latest Update on NC 211 Widening Project:**

The NC Department of Transportation, along with contract crews, continue to work in the beginning stages of the NC 211 project. This month, the Contractor continued clearing and grubbing, utility relocations, installing silt fence, and undercut operations throughout the project.

No lane closures are planned, so none of this work should adversely impact traffic. We can expect to continue updates throughout each phase of the project.

Barnhill is starting undercut operations and hauling on the North side of the project starting at their “mining operation” and heading towards Midway. The undercut operations are the start of building the two North side (West bound) lanes. There is no definitive date at the moment as to exactly when they will reach the St. James' entrance. The "embankment" is part of this process. However, this work should not affect ingress and egress to St. James. It may affect aesthetics, but should not affect the function of our entrance.

*NCDOT will continue to update its partners and the public throughout each phase of the project.*

*If there are real impacts to be mitigated, St. James will receive a 30 day notice and comment period.*

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Notes:

1. Wilmington Star News, Thursday, July 14, 2022. Article on page one, mentioned a third overpass US 17 / NC 211. This is not part of the NC 211 Widening Project. The overpass project at US 17 / NC 211 is presently on hold awaiting future prioritization.

Definitions:

- Grubbing - is defined as removing and disposing of all unwanted vegetative matter from underground, such as stumps, roots, buried logs, and other debris.
- Undercut Operations - are when the Engineer determines that the natural soil materials in areas where fills are to be placed are undesirable in their location or condition, the Engineer may require the Contractor to remove the undesirable material and backfill with approved, properly compacted material.