

Eliminating Business 40 in Greensboro to Cost At Least \$300k

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It will cost taxpayers at least \$300,000 to change the road signs that direct drivers onto the Urban Loop and Interstate 40 through Greensboro.

Last week, the Department of Transportation announced it will soon eliminate Business 40 through Greensboro and redirect I-40 traffic back to its original route.

Once the changes are made late this fall, the loop will no longer be I-40 at any point. Instead, the loop will be Interstate 73 and Interstate 840.

The DOT hopes the change will keep truckers traveling east and west off the loop and away from neighborhoods where residents have complained about excessive noise.

Molly Yoder, whose family moved near the loop 10 years ago, said she appreciates what the DOT is trying to do, but doesn't believe it will make much of a difference.

"I think truckers are really smart, and if I were a trucker and I didn't want to deal with going through Greensboro 40 traffic, I don't care what name you give it. I'm going to use the new road," she said.