

# Love Grove neighborhood additional access

## What & Why

An additional access into the Love Grove neighborhood was included in the Transportation Bond Wilmington voters in 2014. Love Grove is currently only served with one entrance, which can be blocked by train traffic. Another entrance will ensure access to this neighborhood, regardless of train schedules.

## Timeline

Building an additional access into Love Grove is one of the first bond projects started because it will be among the most complex of the bond projects and is expected to take 2-3 years to complete. (\*All times are estimates.)

- **Design**  
August 2015-August 2016
- **Second public meeting to review preliminary design**  
February, 2016
- **State and federal permitting**  
May-July 2016
- **Bids for construction, award contract**  
September-November, 2016
- **Construction**  
December 2016-December 2017



## Cost

While design is not finalized and estimates are preliminary at this point, **the total project cost** is expected to be **\$5.1-\$5.4 million**. This includes: design, environmental permitting, soil testing, roadway construction and bridge construction.

## 2014 Transportation Bond

Wilmington voters approved a \$44 million transportation bond in 2014 and the city plans to leverage existing funds to complete \$55 million worth of projects. A total of 38 projects are included in the bond expected to take 5-7 years to complete:

- \$35 million for roadway improvements to improve traffic flow and ease congestion;
- \$20 million for bike/pedestrian projects to make it easier & safer to walk or bike around Wilmington
- [www.wilmingtonnc.gov/transportationbond](http://www.wilmingtonnc.gov/transportationbond)