

Item Title: Public Hearing to Consider Renaming a Portion of Ligon Mill Road

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners holds a public hearing and adopts the attached ordinance to rename permanently a portion of Ligon Mill Road (SR 2044) as Old Ligon Mill Road, effective July 15, 2026.

Item Summary:

Purpose: North Carolina General Statute § 153A-239.1(a) requires that any renaming of state-maintained roads located outside the corporate limits of municipalities must be preceded by a public hearing conducted by the Board of Commissioners. This agenda item initiates that process for a proposed street name change affecting a segment of Ligon Mill Road in the County's jurisdiction.

Background: Logical street naming and addressing have long been recognized as best practices. These practices support ease of navigation, reduce confusion for emergency services, and promote overall cohesiveness within a transportation network. Street renaming may be necessary to maintain an orderly and intuitive street system.

US 401 is a significant thoroughfare connecting Raleigh to Louisburg and beyond. Due to increased population growth, in recent years the N.C. Department of Transportation has made upgrades and improvements to US 401 to reduce congestion and improve traffic conditions. As part of this improvement, they have realigned the Ligon Mill Rd/ Mitchell Mill Rd intersection with US 401 to allow for an offset tee intersection for Ligon Mill Rd. A new section of Ligon Mill Road was built to create the tee intersection. The portion of Ligon Mill Road being renamed extends 0.4 miles from the realignment point to the end, which no longer connects to US 401.

The road construction was complete as of Winter 2026.

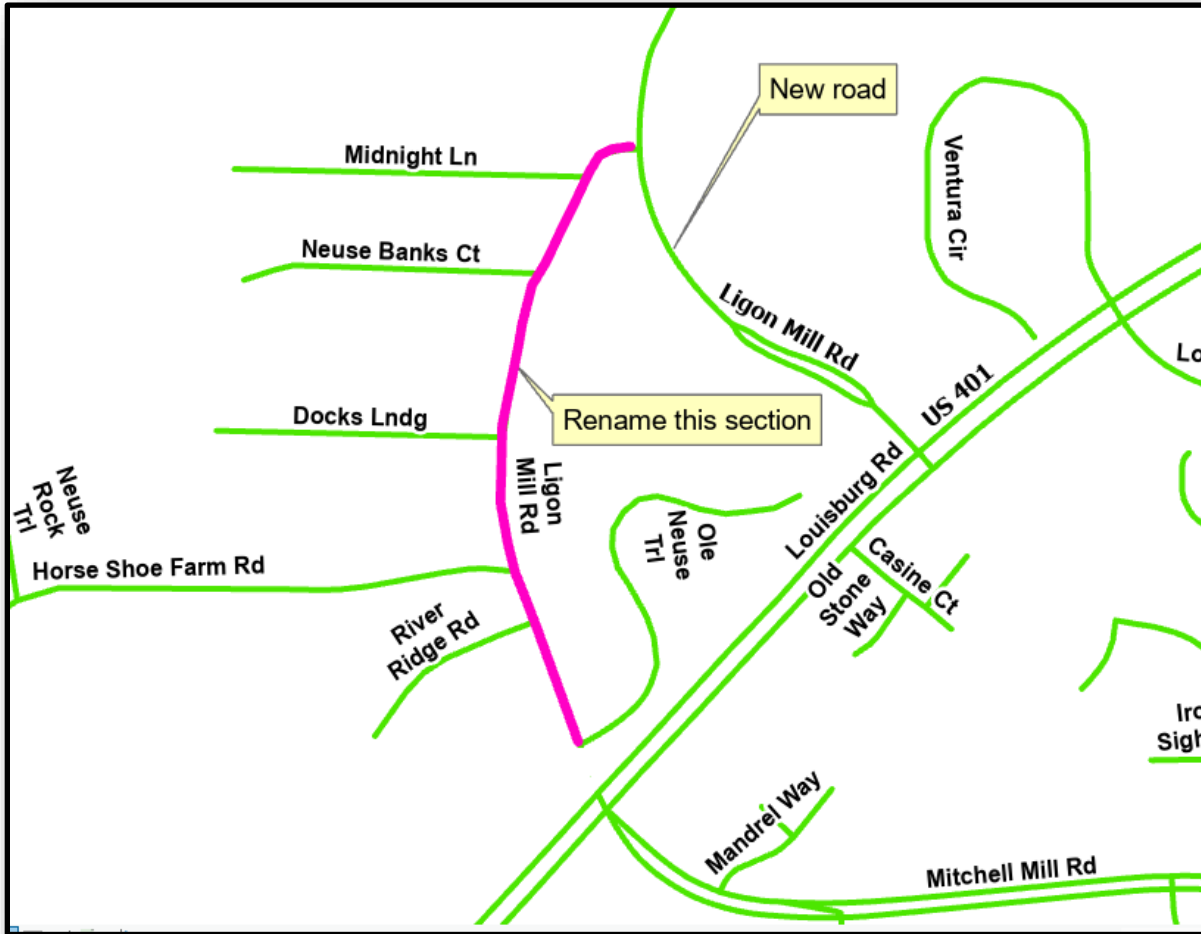
The road name change impacts four single family residences, one vacant parcel, two NCDOT properties, and one City of Raleigh property in the unincorporated portion of Wake County. No businesses are located along the affected segment.

Strategic Plan: This action aligns with the Board of Commissioners' authority to name roads not within a municipality under North Carolina General Statutes and does not relate to a specific Strategic Plan goal or initiative.

Fiscal Impact: No additional appropriation is required. Wake County General Services Administration staff will replace seven street name signs,

and the cost will be absorbed within the existing GSA General Fund budget.

Additional Information:



The highlighted portion of Ligon Mill Road is proposed to be renamed Old Ligon Mill Road and extends 0.4 miles from the new alignment to the end, which no longer connects with US 401.

Wake County GIS 911/Addressing staff have reviewed the proposed change and identified no conflicts with existing street names or addressing conventions. Coordination with NCDOT, the nearby towns, and emergency response agencies will ensure a seamless transition in all applicable systems, including 911 databases and public records.

Wake County Community Outreach:

February 2026: Letters sent to property owners, resulting in two responses in support and one phone call in opposition.

April 2026: Second letters sent to property owners, resulting in two additional responses in support.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Wake County Ordinance