



## Business 40 Closures and Your Daily Commute

NCDOT has partnered with the GPS navigation app “Waze” for the ongoing and upcoming Business 40 closures. As closures proceed and traffic patterns and commuter habits adjust, it may be a good idea to build a navigation app into your daily driving routine to save you frustration, time, and gas.



Closure highlights include the Fall 2018 - Fall 2019 closure of Business 40 from Peters Creek Parkway to U.S. 52, and the Fall 2019 - Summer 2020 closure of Business 40 from Peters Creek Parkway to Main Street. For more information on Business 40 closings and how it may impact your daily routine, head to <https://www.business40nc.com/>.



Carpooling options are always available through the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) program called “ShareTheRideNC”, and the Business 40 closures may be an ideal time for you or someone you know to utilize this program. In addition, PART has an abundance of resources for commuters and businesses to help alleviate travel burdens, those resources can be found at <http://www.partnc.org/commuterresources/>.

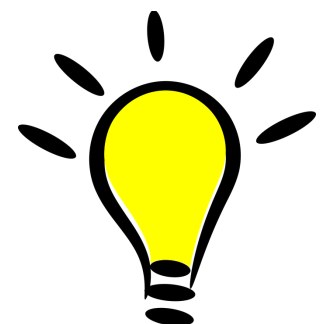
## Complimentary Energy Saving Assessments

Check with your local utility provider to see if they offer complimentary energy saving assessments. For example, Duke Energy offers a free in-home energy usage audit to customers who have owned their single-family home for at least four months and have electric heat, an electric water heater, or central air. For more information visit: <https://www.duke-energy.com/home/products/home-energy-house-call>.



Also available is the US Department of Energy’s “Weatherization Assistance Program” which is designed to help low-income citizens save energy, reduce expenses and create an energy efficient and comfortable home environment. Priority is placed on providing assistance to the elderly, individuals with disabilities and families with children. The 3,352 families that benefited from the program last year saved an average of \$173 per household. For more information about the program and eligibility visit: <https://www.ptrc.org/services/housing/weatherization-assistance>.

If you wish to assess things on your own: look for air leaks, examine insulation levels, review the efficiency of your major appliances, and consider low-flow shower heads and LED bulbs throughout your home. Not only do these changes help you save you money but they also help protect our environment from potentially harmful pollutants produced during the energy production process.



*Thank You!*

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