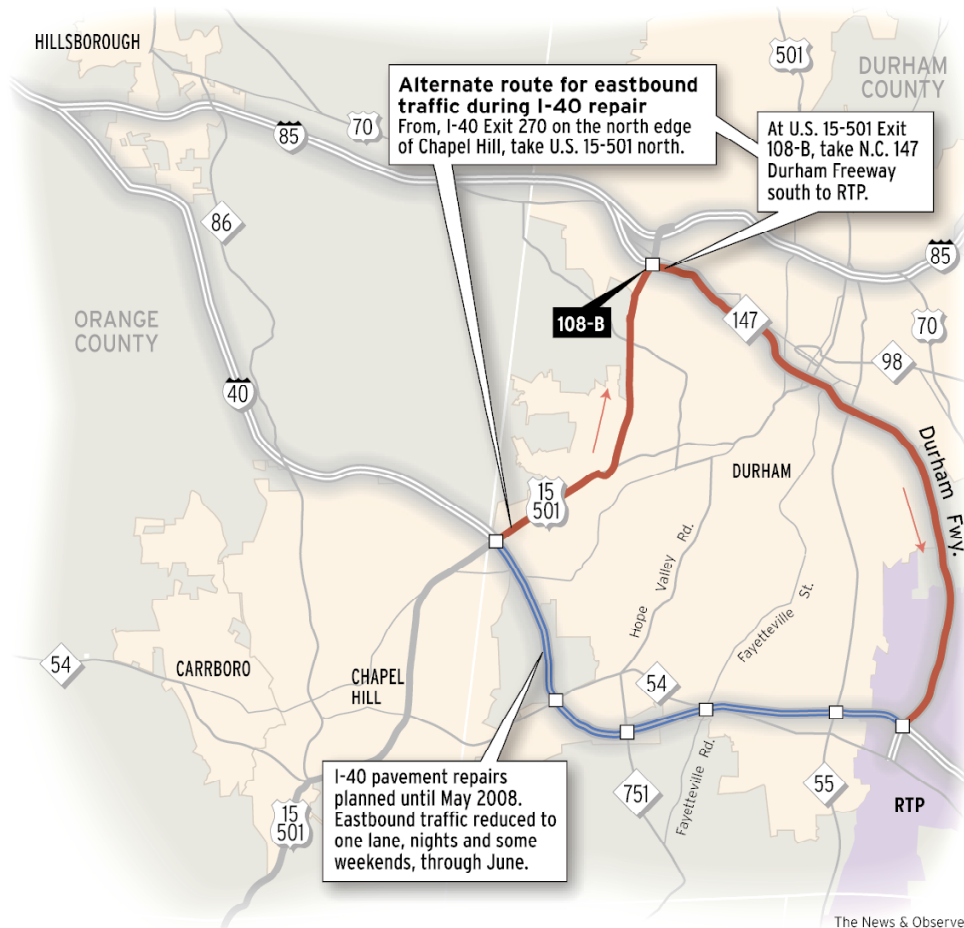


## I-40 construction detour: US 15-501 / NC 147

Detour for I-40 eastbound when U.S. 15-501 interchange is not blocked by construction. Take US 15-501 north from Chapel Hill 6 miles to Durham, then NC 147 south for 12 miles to I-40 in RTP (18 miles).



### **DETAILED DIRECTIONS:**

1. From I-40 Exit 270 on the north side of Chapel Hill, take US 15-501 north for 6 miles to Exit 108-B (NC 147 south) in Durham.
2. Drive NC 147 Durham Freeway south for 12 miles to Exit 5 (I-40) in RTP.
3. Stay in the left lane of NC 147 to take I-40 east toward Davis Drive, I-540, RDU and Raleigh

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Stay in the right lane of NC 147 to take I-40 west toward NC 55, southern Durham and Streets at Southpoint mall.

### **NOTES:**

This 18-mile drive took me 22 minutes on an average afternoon. It will be quicker at night, but probably not on the weekend.

Be careful to stay on the US 15-501 bypass. US 15-501 business (South Square) splits off from the two left lanes. After you pass the Garrett Road stoplight (Chili's and a Toyota dealer are on your left), use the two right lanes in order to stay on the bypass.

This stretch of US 15-501 is slow going, with heavy traffic on weekends and five stoplights. You may spend a few minutes waiting for the lights to turn green. NC 147 is a freeway with no lights.

**More convenient shortcuts may be available**, using such 2- and 4-lane roads as Cornwallis Road, NC 54, NC 751, US 64, Fayetteville Road and NC 55. It depends on exactly when and where you're traveling, where the construction work takes place, and which exits are blocked by backed-up traffic. These side roads can handle only a fraction of I-40's usual traffic load. But they may be worth a try late at night.

**Should you take the US 15-501 / NC 147 detour?** It's 18 miles in place of a 9-mile stretch of I-40. But it should be faster than sitting through a 20-minute backup on I-40.

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