

## **Gregory Poole Equipment Company** PO Box 469 Raleigh, NC 27602

Many of you are aware of the construction project on Blue Ridge Road between Western Boulevard and the State Fair Grounds. This Blue Ridge Road construction project is the solution to the complex intersection of Blue Ridge Road with Beryl Road, Hillsborough Street, and the railroad crossing. The project will also help ensure the safety of pedestrians, who are often forced to use this unsafe intersection.

Gregory Poole wants to ensure our customers and vendors understand the forthcoming changes as this project progresses. For simplicity, we have defined construction on this project into three phases to better communicate the road closings and how it will affect your access to our Raleigh facilities. The project has already started and is slated for completion in October 2024.

The lanes on Blue Ridge Road adjacent to Gregory Poole have been reduced from 4 lanes to 2 lanes. Soon, work will begin to create a new Equipment entrance into our yard that will be across from Pylon Drive. The work is expected to last approximately 2 months and will have no impact on the traffic flow to and from our operations for our customers. The construction project on Blue Ridge Road will occur in three phases as described below:

**Phase 1** will begin by closing Blue Ridge Road at the railroad tracks between Hillsborough Street and Beryl Road after the fair (October 2022). Beryl Road will remain open and none of our entrances will be affected. Parts traffic will be led to Beryl Road and equipment traffic will be instructed to enter at the current Equipment entrance off Blue Ridge Road. Beginning in February 2023, Hillsborough Street will be closed, and work will begin on Blue Ridge Road on the other side of the tracks to lower the road under the railroad tracks. Please reference the attached map (Phase 1) for a visual on these traffic flows.

**Phase 2** will begin before next year's state fair (June 2023). Beryl Road will be closed across Blue Ridge Road. Parts traffic and people visiting the main Beryl Road building will be directed onto Beryl Road from Powell Drive and Western Boulevard. Blue Ridge Road will be closed past our new Equipment entrance across from Pylon Drive. Our current Equipment entrance will be closed, and equipment will enter our facility from Pylon Drive (see attached map for Phase 2).

**Phase 3** will be the final traffic flow after all the changes have been completed. This traffic flow will be in effect before the 2024 State Fair (October 2024). Blue Ridge Road will open back up, moving underneath Beryl Road, Hillsborough Street, and the railroad tracks. Equipment will continue to enter through the new Pylon Drive entrance, and access to the Parts Department and main office on Beryl Road will be directed from Pylon Drive or Powell Drive. Please reference the attached map Phase 3 for a visual on these new traffic flows.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at <a href="market@gregpoole.com">market@gregpoole.com</a> and we will be happy to assist.

Thank you for your patience as we work through these traffic and entrance adjustments around our main office. The finished project will provide safer intersections and safer traffic flow for our community.

Sincerely,

The Gregory Poole Team





