
I-40 Regional Partnership

Purpose: Protect and enhance the long-term viability of the Interstate 40 corridor for travel and commerce through an ongoing, cooperative, public-private engagement initiative



I-40 Regional Partnership Initiative – Overview and Action Plan (draft rev. Feb 19, 2015)

Overall strategic goals

- Improve and/or sustain the travel experience, both today and in the future
- Strengthen relationships among public and private partners and leverage shared expertise both within the region and across the state
- Identify, prioritize, fund, and implement both short-term and strategic multimodal, cost-effective improvements

Focus of Partnership efforts

- Interstate 40 corridor between I-85 and I-95, and those core routes that relieve or provide an alternative to I-40
- Exploration of projects, strategies, and initiatives that may have current or future applicability to the I-40 corridor or a core reliever or alternate route

Construction and Operations-related tactical objectives to achieve strategic goals

- Accelerate I-40 corridor enhancement projects including signing and delineation, active traffic management, reconstruction, widening, and enhanced transit options
- Accelerate parallel corridor improvements — including US 70 freeway conversion, Aviation freeway, and NC 54 — to enhance viable reliever routes in advance of future I-40 reconstruction/express lanes
- Review and implement low-cost interchange improvements
- Implement pilot flow-protected freeway corridor on I-540 using ramp metering signals, with future applicability on I-40 and other core freeways, using transit bypass options where appropriate
- Promote and/or expand the regional Bus on Shoulder System (BOSS)
- Explore managed/express lanes and express shoulder lanes
- Develop, promote, and support interagency freeway operations team to minimize nonrecurring congestion impacts and effects

Communications and Outreach-related tactical objectives to achieve strategic goals

- Maintain I-40 Partnership webpages and create other outreach materials – including 2-pagers on various operational techniques – to expand the reach of the Partnership’s efforts to various transportation and interagency partners, elected and appointed officials, and the public
- Engage and leverage RTA volunteers and staff to fulfill the purpose and objectives of the Partnership
- Meet at least annually as a Partnership and via task forces as needed
- Grow the I-40 Partnership and increase engagement from Partnership members

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The Regional Transportation Alliance business group coordinates the I-40 Regional Partnership in North Carolina’s Research Triangle region in cooperation with the NC Department of Transportation and other area partners.

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