



I-40 Regional Partnership 12th Annual Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

*Coordinated by the Regional Transportation Alliance business coalition
in cooperation with the NC Department of Transportation and area partners*



Welcome and Introductions

Joe Milazzo II, RTA



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Pete Marino, Smith Anderson
RTA freeways chair



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**Denny Edwards, Greater Raleigh CVB
RTA tourism and business travel chair**



I-40 Partnership Overview

Meredith McDiarmid, NCDOT
I-40 Regional Partnership Executive



I-40 GOALS and FOCUS AREAS

- Improve the travel experience
- Identify projects and funding opportunities
- Strengthen relationships
- Implement Active Traffic Management techniques
- Transform into “multimodal freeway” to prioritize transit

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I-40 Partnership – past meetings

- **Oct. 17, 2019** SAS, Cary
- **Oct. 18, 2018** Research Triangle Park Headquarters, RTP
- **Oct. 25, 2017** Research Triangle Park Headquarters, RTP
- **Oct. 24, 2016** Research Triangle Park Headquarters, RTP
- **June 18, 2015** Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ), Raleigh
- **June 12, 2014** Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ), Raleigh
- **June 4, 2013** Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ), Raleigh
- **Dec. 20, 2012** Research Triangle Park Headquarters, RTP
- **June 28, 2012** Research Triangle Park Headquarters, RTP
- **Dec 6, 2011** Fidelity Investments, Cary
- **Sep. 13, 2011** Cisco Systems, Research Triangle Park
- **April 26, 2011** NetApp, Research Triangle Park
- **Dec. 7, 2010** Research Triangle Park Headquarters, RTP
- **Sep. 24, 2010** Fidelity Investments, Durham
- **June 15, 2010** NetApp, Research Triangle Park
- **June 16, 2009** Research Triangle Park Headquarters, RTP



AGENDA

- **Active projects**
- **Updates on traffic and funding**
- **Upcoming and future projects**
- **Final remarks**



ACTIVE PROJECTS

I-40 and parallel / reliever routes



I-40 active project updates

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NCDOT Div. 5



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Joey Hopkins, Division 5 Engineer

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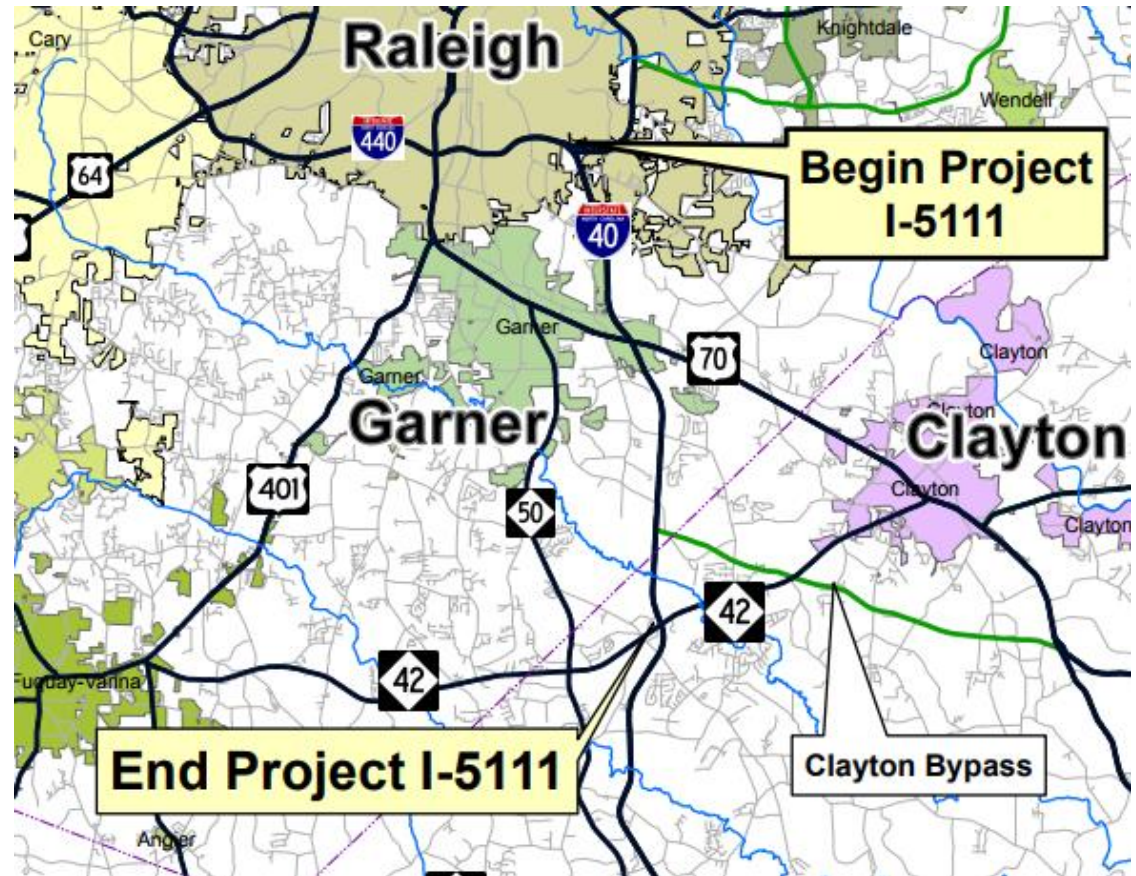
Division 5 Active Projects

- I-40 Widening
- I-40 at Aviation Pkwy
- I-40 at Airport Blvd
- I-885
- I-440 Improvements
- Beautify Fortify
- Complete 540

I-40 Widening, I-440 to NC 42/Cleveland Rd

Project Description

- 440 Beltline to Cornwallis Rd
- Contract July 2018 / STW w/ RK&K
- Contract - \$360,175,000
- Modify Interchange at NC 42 / New Interchange at Cleveland Rd
- Collector Distributor Design at 42 and Cleveland Rd – reduces access points to I-40



I-40 Widening, I-440 to NC 42/Cleveland Rd



Open new flyover Fall 2020

Shift traffic to temporary pattern on NC 42 late Fall 2020



I-40 Widening, I-440 to NC 42/Cleveland Rd



Shift traffic at Swift Creek Fall 2020

Phased traffic shift including loop Fall 2020



I-40 Widening, I-440 to NC 42/Cleveland Rd

Innovations

- Median Access – I-40 to Swift Creek
- Ramp off existing East Garner Rd over I-40
- 21,375 loads of material delivered directly to median
- Conveyor installation Fall 2021



I-40 and Aviation Parkway Interchange

- Contract - \$21.5 M w/Flatiron Construction
- Traffic Shift to Stage II Bridge Fall 2020
- 85% complete (Spring 2021)



I-40/Airport Blvd Interchange

- Contract \$34.9M w/Zachry
- Bridge Construction & I-40 Traffic Shift late 2020
- Complete Pleasant Grove Church Rd early 2021
- 23% Complete (Summer 2023)

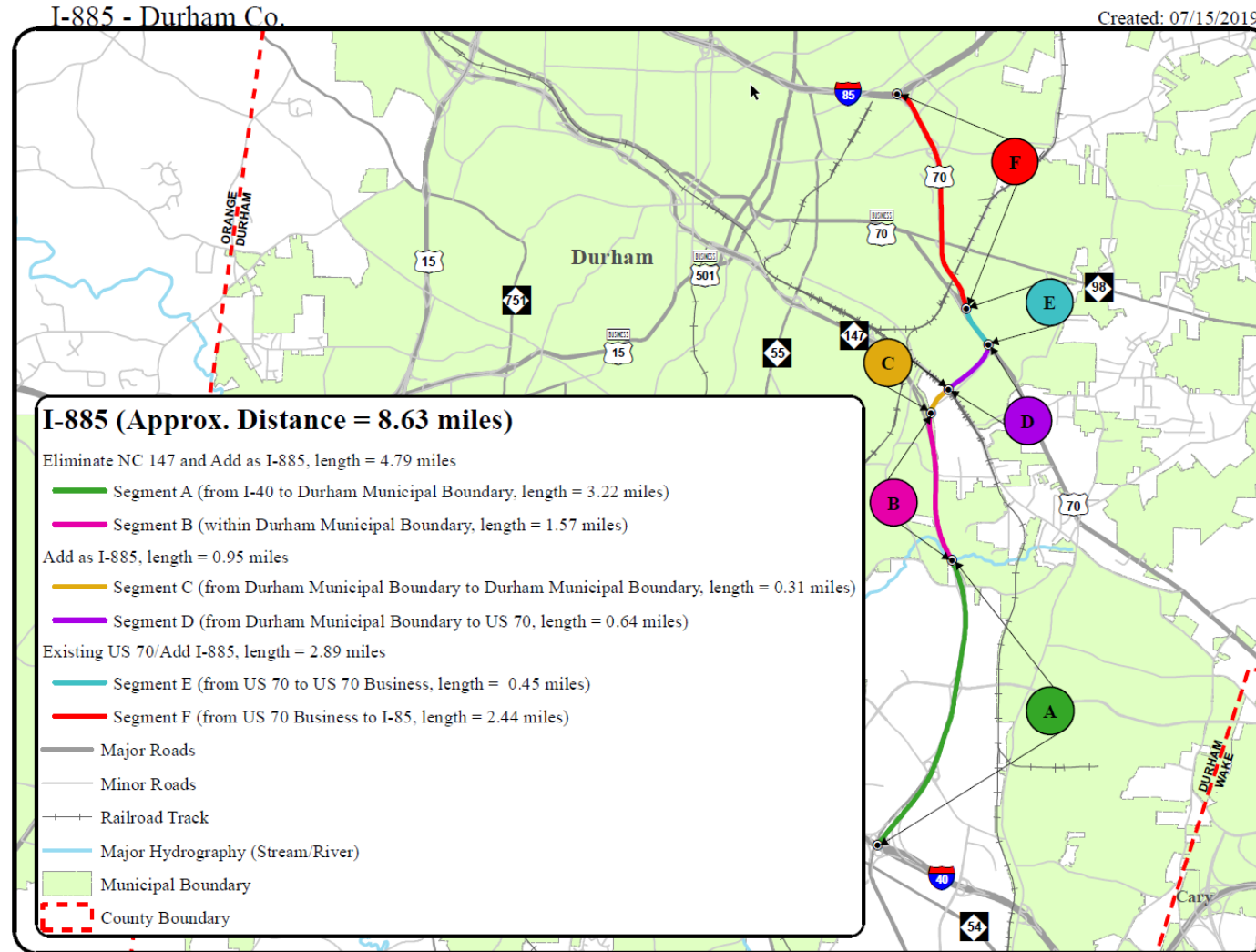


I-885/Triangle Connector

- Contract \$142M to Dragados USA
- US 70 Traffic Shift to Median Fall 2020
- Connector to Open Spring 2021
- 90% Complete (Spring 2021)



I-885/Triangle Connector



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Potential Design Exceptions

- Substandard Bridge Rail
- Landscaping
- Interchange Spacing
 - I-40/Cornwallis/T.W. Alexander
 - I-85/Cheek Rd
- Additional Investigation Needed
 - Cheek Road Bridge
 - US 70 EB Exit onto Cheek
 - Other?



I-440 Improvements



- Awarded to Lane Construction/HDR Design Build Team in October 2018.
- Work Began July 2019
- Contract Value \$346 MIL
- Completion Date July 2023
- Add Additional Lane in Each Direction
- Bring up to Current Interstate Standards
- Modify Existing Interchanges

I-440 Improvements

Active Construction

- Utility Relocation
- Wade, Western, Melbourne, Jones Franklin Bridges
- Grading
- Drainage

Upcoming Construction

- Hillsborough St. Bridge
- I-440 EB Traffic Shift
- Hillsborough/Blue Ridge



Blue Ridge Road Grade Separation

- Closure Begins After State Fair 2021
- Reopens Summer 2023
- Hillsborough Closed 6 months
- Beryl Closed 10 months

View North



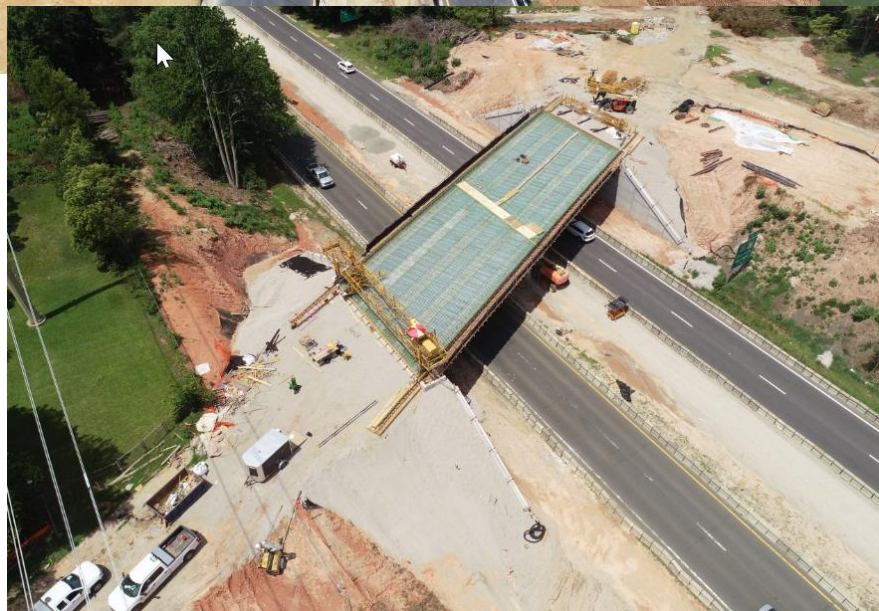
View West



Hillsborough Road

Blue Ridge Road

Jones Franklin



Melbourne Rd

Wade Avenue

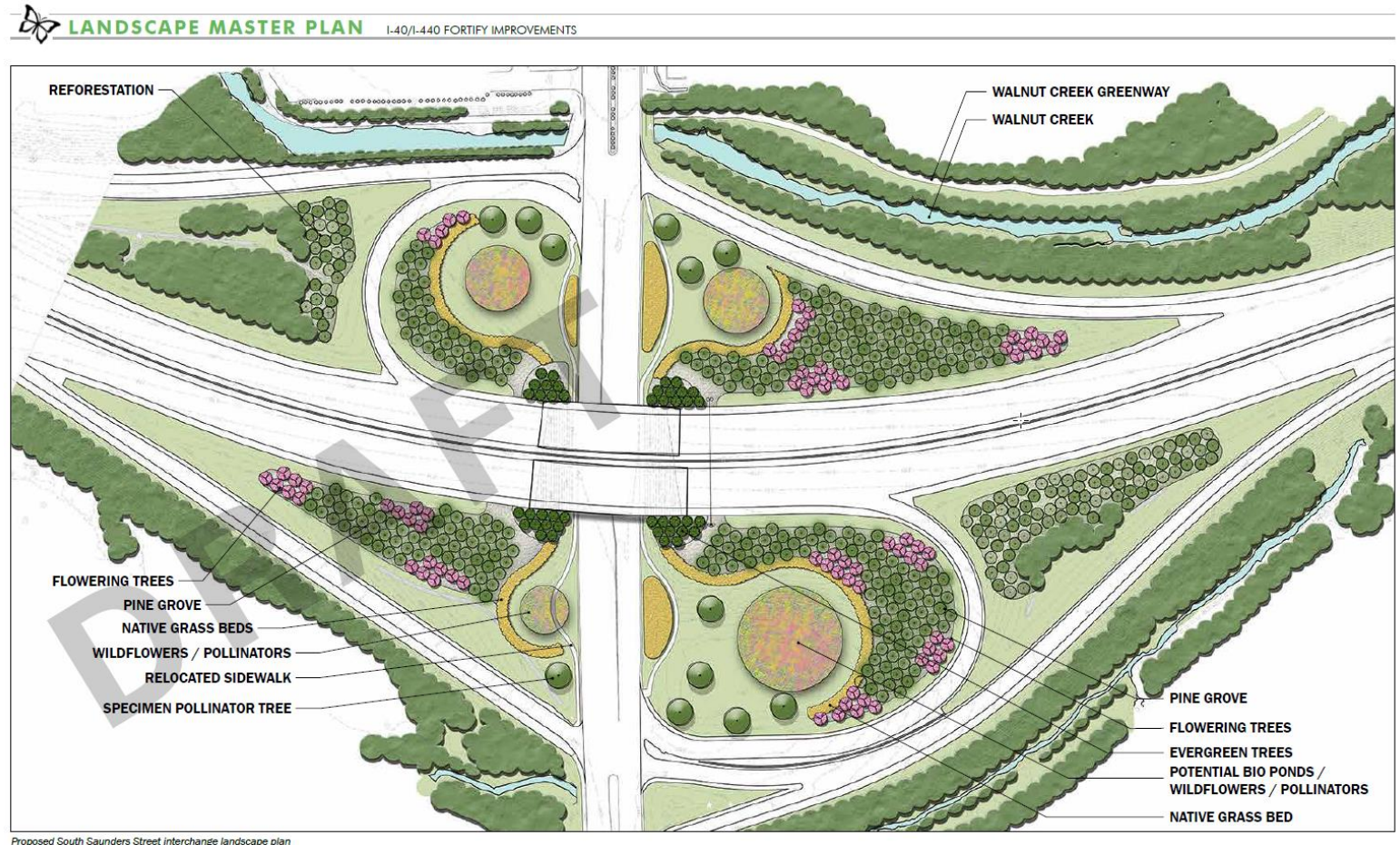
I-40 Landscaping

What is it?

- Over 1400 Plants/Trees
- 3000 CY of Mulch
- Over ½ Million SF of Pine Straw
- 1 Year Establishment

Where is it?

- Gorman
- Lake Wheeler
- South Saunders
- Hammond
- Rock Quarry
- Poole



South Saunders St

I-40 Landscaping

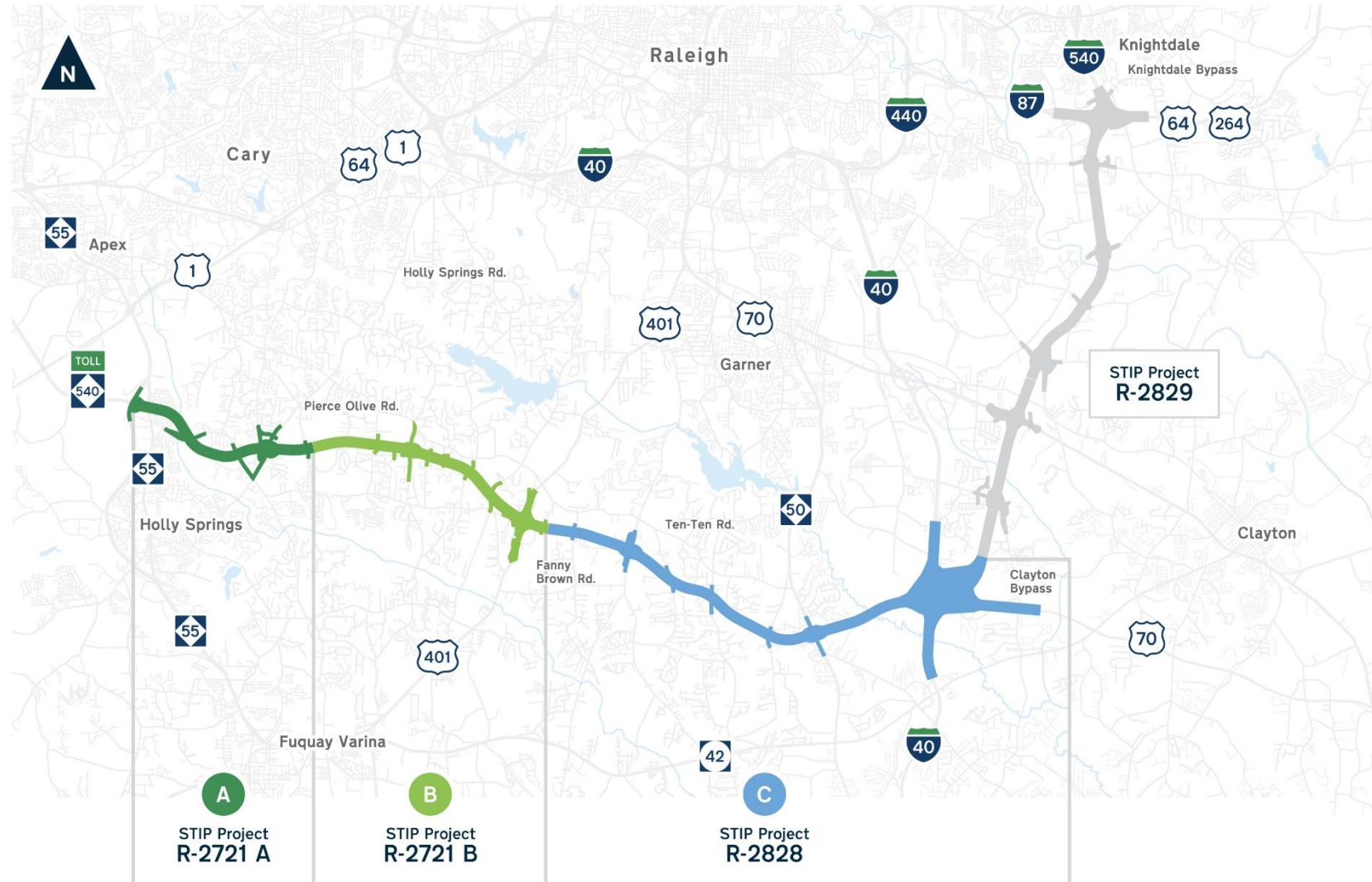


South Saunders St

Complete 540 (Triangle Expressway)



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Design-Build Contracts

R-2721A (4.3 miles)

- Flatiron Constructors, Inc. / Branch Civil, Inc. JV
- Lead design firm - Gannett Fleming, Inc.
- \$183.5M
- Plans 80% Complete / R/W 98% Settled

R-2721B (4.9 miles)

- Flatiron Constructors, Inc. / Branch Civil, Inc. JV
- Lead design firm - HDR Engineering, Inc. of the Carolinas
- \$160M
- Plans 85% Complete / R/W 96% Settled

R-2828 (8.6 miles)

- The Lane Construction Corporation / Blythe Construction, Inc. JV
- Lead design firm – WSP USA Inc.
- \$403.2M
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UPDATES ON TRAFFIC AND FUNDING



Coronavirus and recovery: traffic impacts

Jennifer Portanova
NCDOT Mobility and Safety



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COVID-19 Traffic Impacts

Jennifer Portanova, PE, NCDOT

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COVID-19 Traffic Impacts Overview

- Traffic Volumes decreased
- Interstate Speeds increased
- Interstate Congestion decreased
- Overall Crashes decreased
- Fatal crashes remained the same

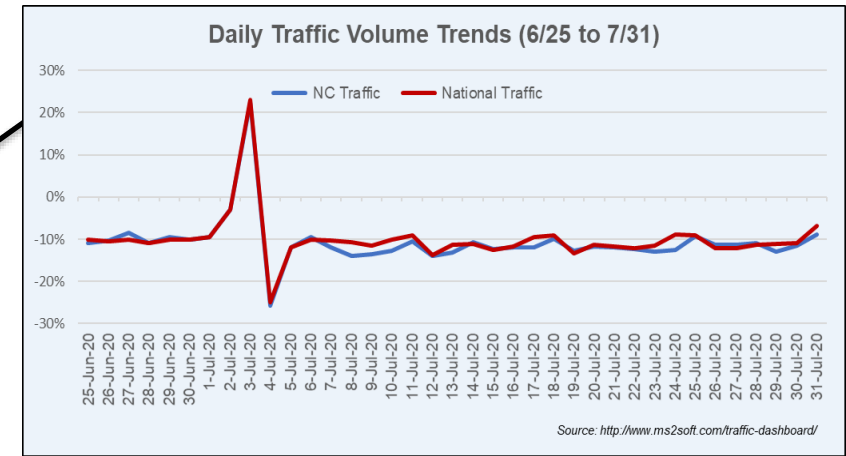
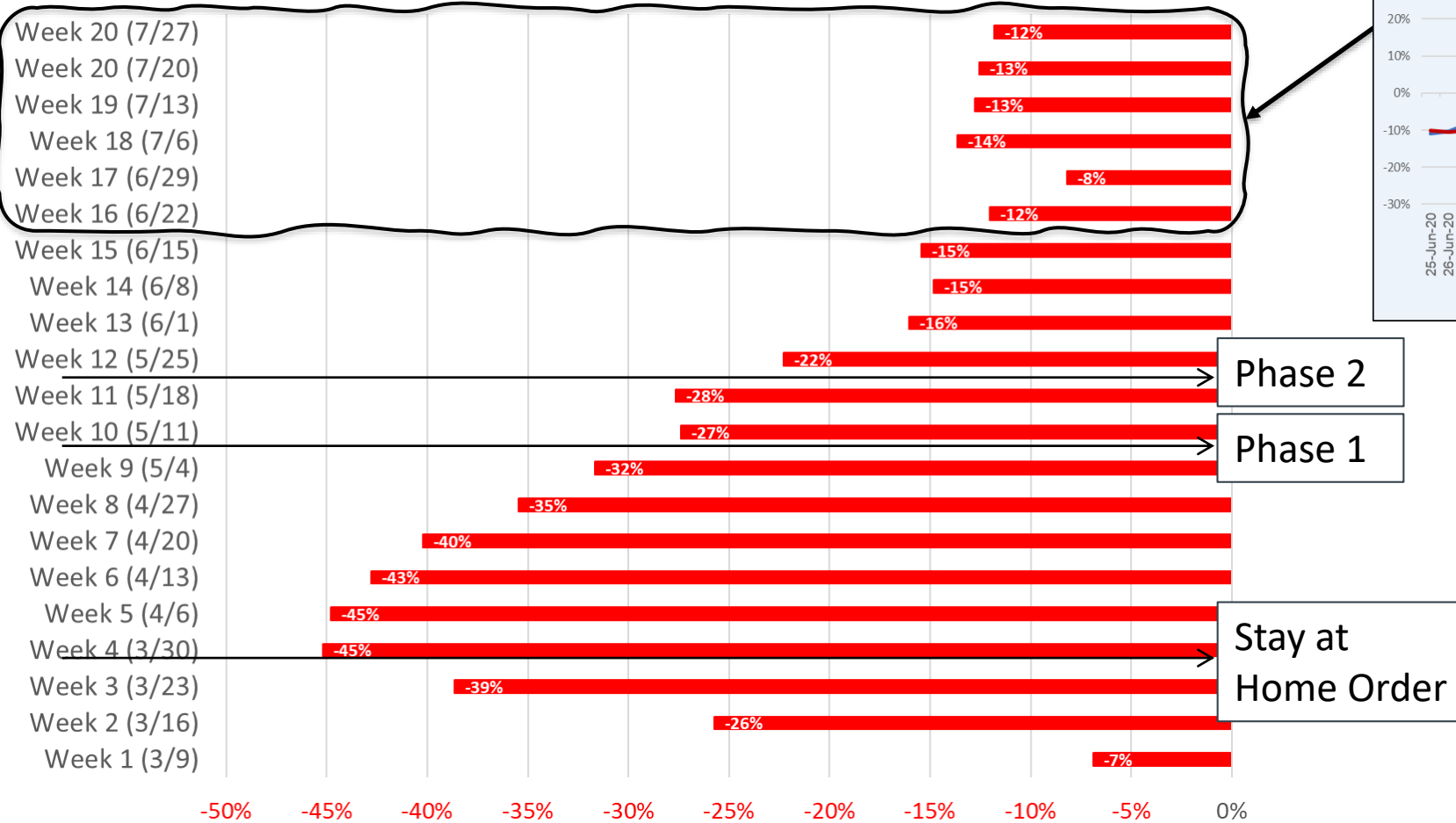
North Carolina COVID-19 Phases

- March 30, 2020 – Stay at Home Order
- May 8, 2020 – Phase 1
- May 22, 2020 – Phase 2
- TBD – Phase 3



Source: Bing

North Carolina Weekly VMT Change



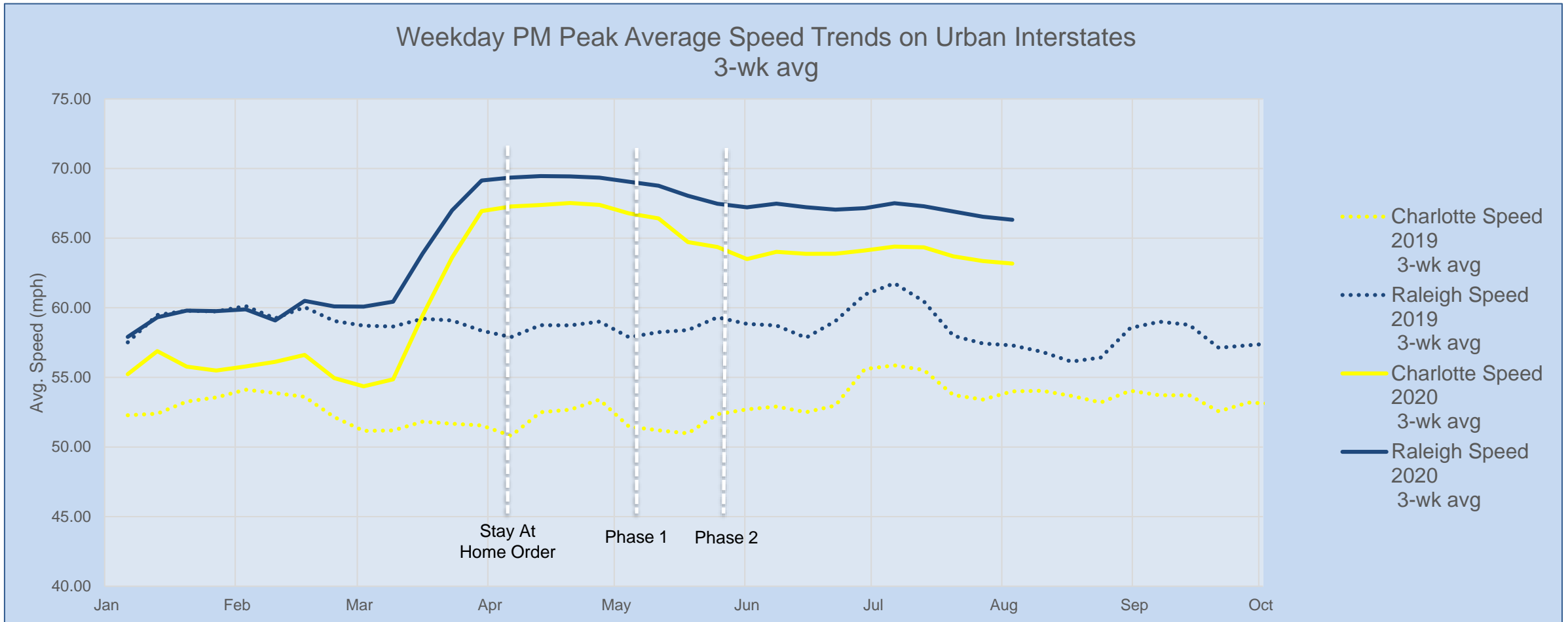
Phase 2

Phase 1

Stay at Home Order

- Average 10% decrease in daily traffic volumes from the yearly average
- NC Traffic follows the National Traffic trends

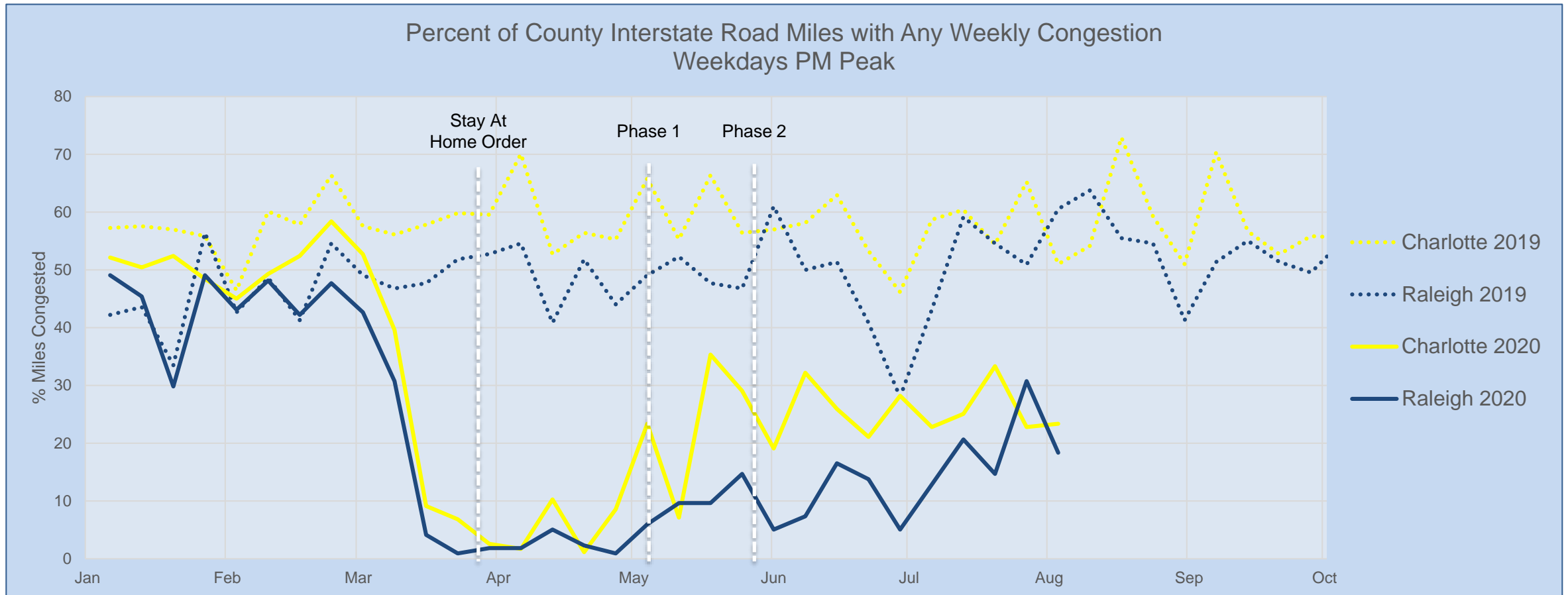
- Greatest decrease in VMT at 45% after Stay at Home Order
- Latest Week 20 – 12% decrease in VMT



- Weekday PM peak speed begin increase in March above 2019 speeds
- Current speeds remain above 2019
- Average interstate speeds are about 10 mph faster than the 2019

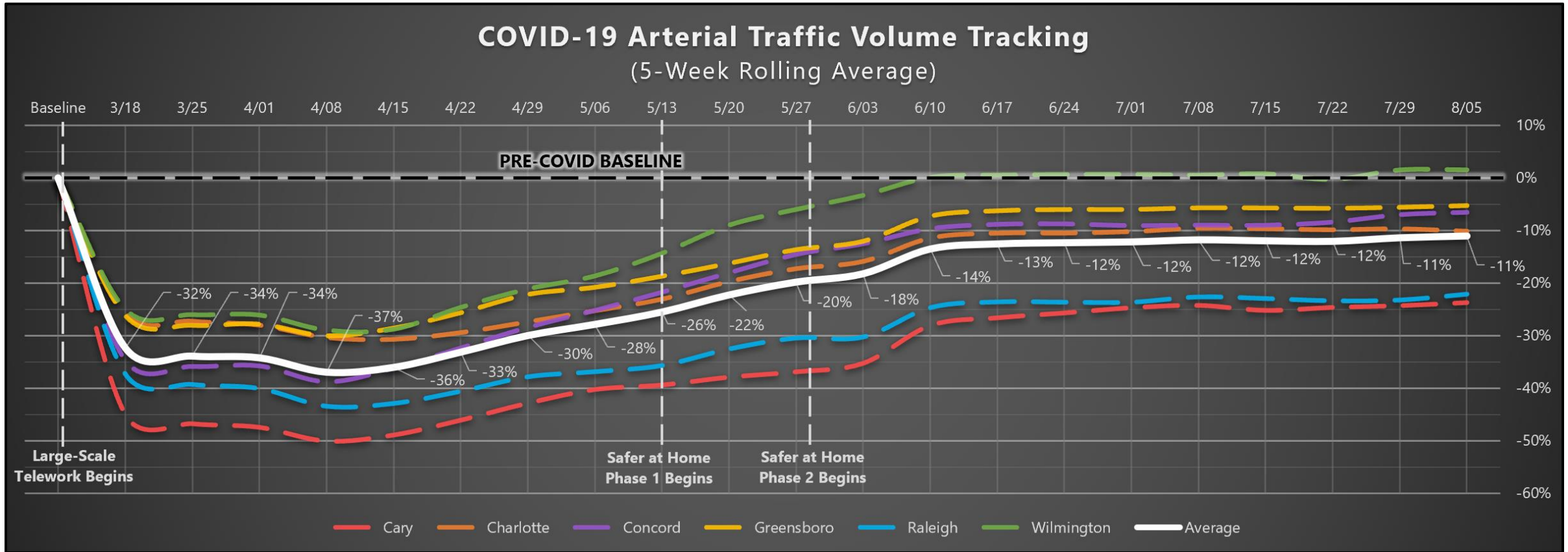
Populations

- Raleigh (2.0 million)
- Charlotte (2.6 million)



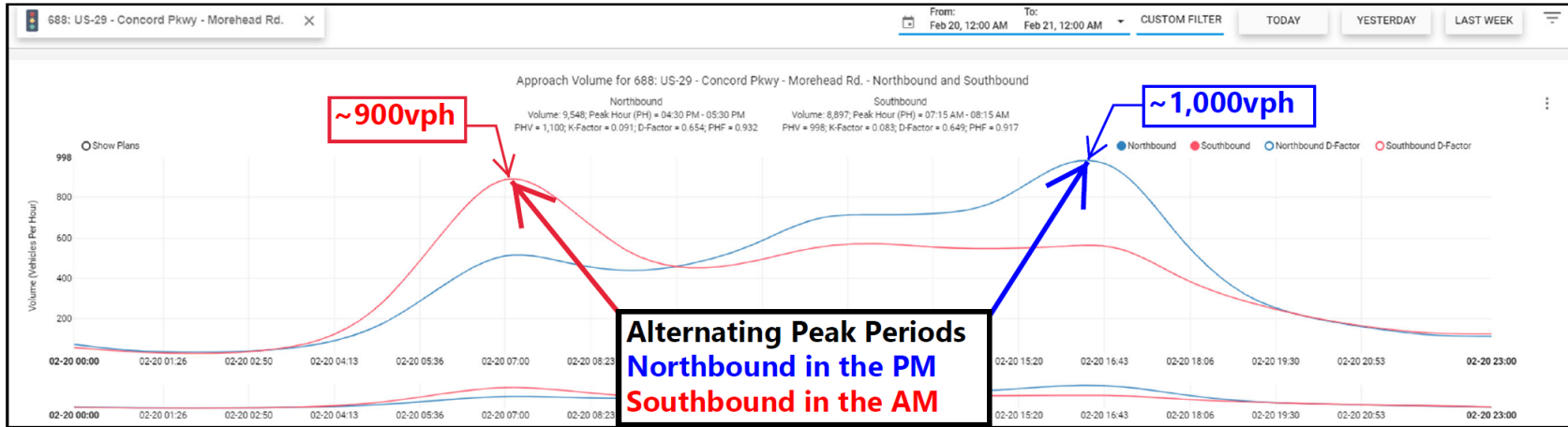
*For each TMC segment, any 15-min aggregated probe speed < 40mph is considered as congestion that week

- Congestion dropped to nearly zero (Ramp Meters turned off)
- May 2020 – Congestion about half of what it used to be for Charlotte
- July 2020 – Congestion increasing but not back to normal

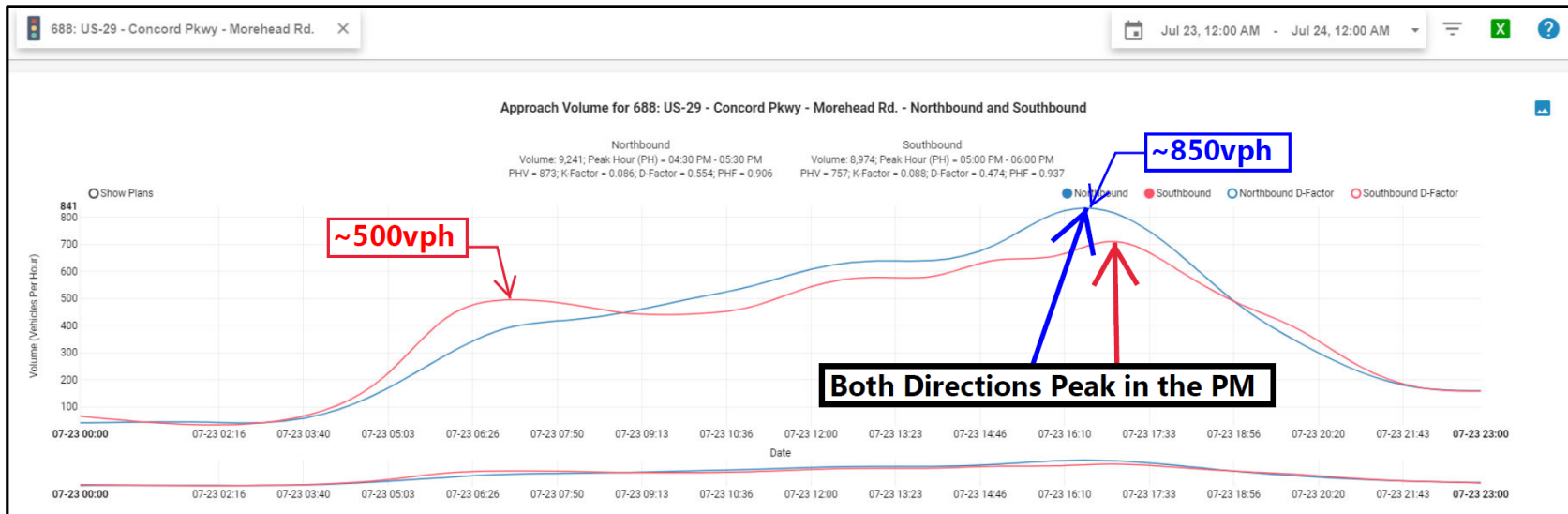


- Overall 5-week rolling average are currently 11% below the Pre-COVID baseline

Before Covid-19 Thursday



After Covid-19 Thursday



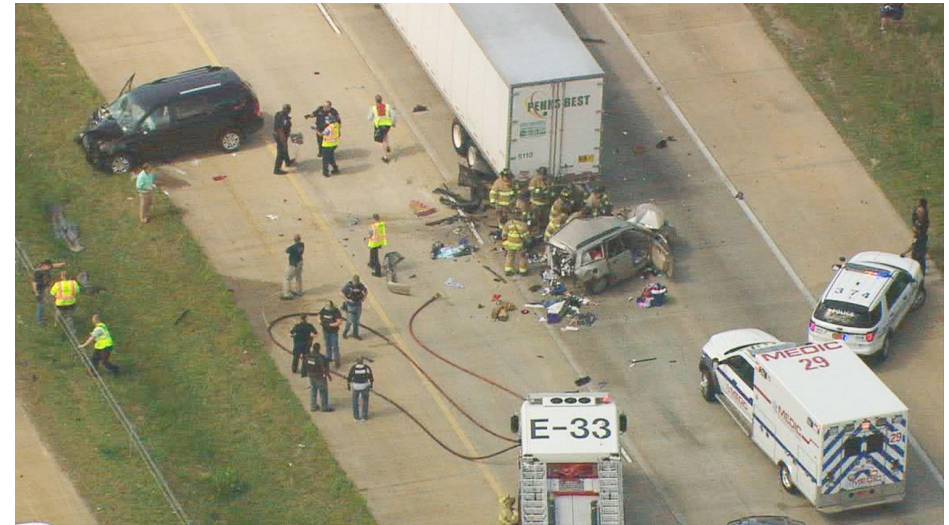
Concord Pkwy – Morehead Rd

COVID-19 Impacts on Arterials:

- Overall less traffic on the arterials
- More evenly distributed traffic throughout the day
- Significantly lower hourly volumes

- North Carolina Crashes:
 - Overall crashes are down
 - Count of fatal crashes have remained the same

- National Safety Council reported:
 - April 2019 fatalities per million vehicle miles = 1.08
 - April 2020 fatalities per million vehicle miles = 1.45



I-485 Fatal Crash in Charlotte
April 29, 2020

Week	Total Crashes by Week		Fatal Crashes by Week	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
March 30 – April 5	6600	2800	24	17
June 22 – June 28*	5100	4000	26	27

*Data from June 2020 is still preliminary and may be underestimated due to processing lag

COVID-19 Traffic Impacts Summary

Increased	Decreased	Remained the Same
Interstate Speeds	Statewide Traffic Volumes	Number of Fatal Crashes
	Arterial AM & PM Peak Period Volumes	
	Interstate Congestion	
	Overall Crashes	

What's Next?

- Phase 3
- Schools
- New norms?

Questions?



NCDOT financial overview

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NCDOT Div. 5



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NCDOT Revenue Overview

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Today's Discussion

Pre-COVID-19

Deferred Maintenance/Recent Storms

Current Situation

NCDOT Response

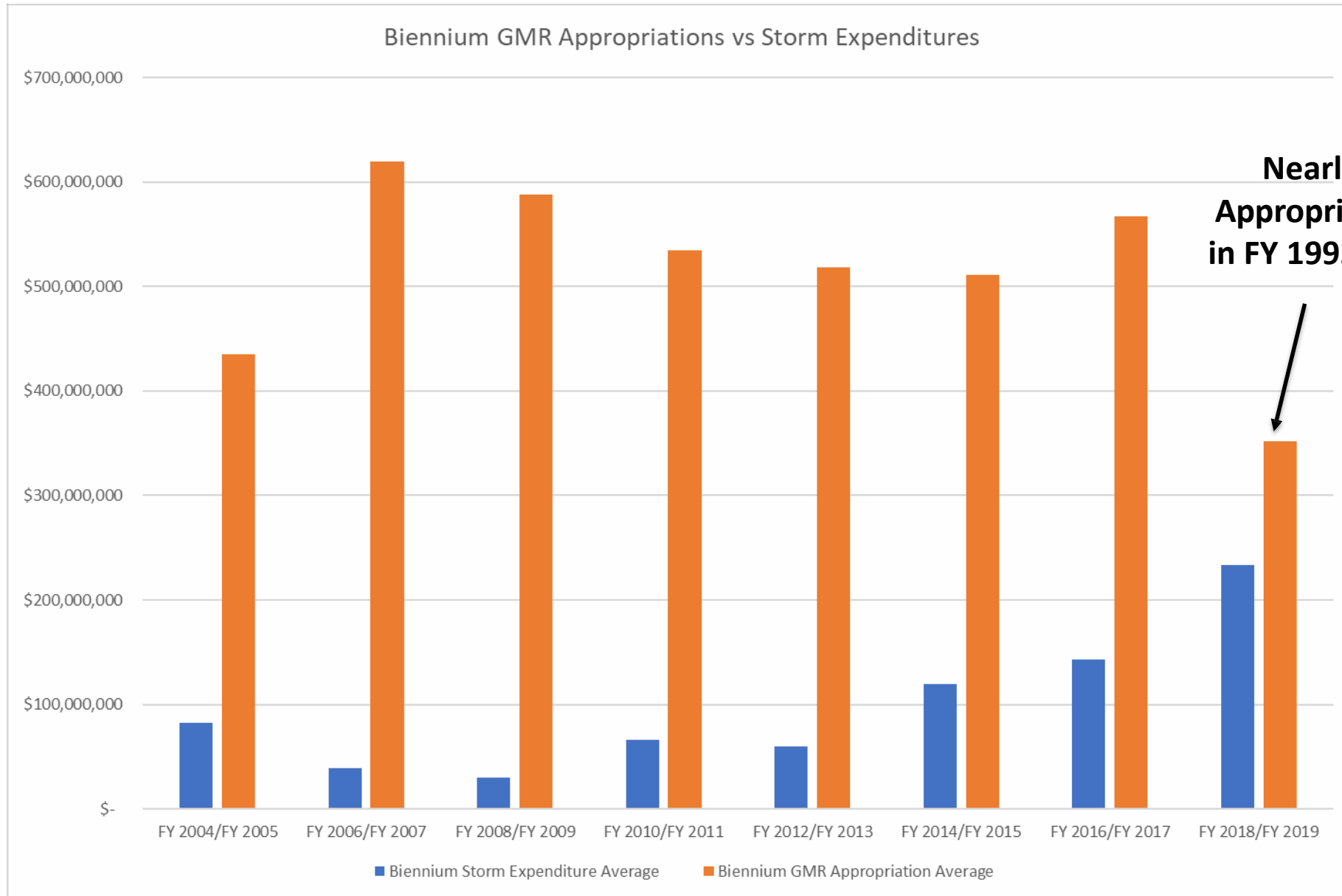
Pre-COVID-19

Storm response/recovery and legal settlements depleted cash balance, department enacted aggressive measures:

- Delayed project lettings, reduced capital program
- Decreased or suspended routine maintenance

NCDOT enacted a spend plan with targets below appropriated levels

- Appropriations for restricted accounts increased, decreased General Maintenance Reserves (GMR)
- NCDOT had to prepare for mandated move of funds into new disaster reserve



**Nearly the same
Appropriation received
in FY 1992/93 Biennium**

Storm Costs vs GM&R Appropriations

**\$529M average
GMR Appropriation**

**\$353M average
GMR Appropriation**

	FY 2004 - 2016 Cummulative Spend	FY 2004 -2016 Annual Spend	FY 2017 - 2019 Cummulative Spend	FY 2017 -2019 Annual Spend	Increase Annually
Declared	\$ 300,861,306	\$ 23,143,177	\$ 398,272,125	\$ 132,757,375	\$ 109,614,198
Non-Declared	\$ 566,943,620	\$ 43,611,048	\$ 268,424,883	\$ 89,474,961	\$ 45,863,913
Total	\$ 867,804,926	\$ 66,754,225	\$ 666,697,008	\$ 222,232,336	\$ 155,478,111

- Average GM&R appropriations declined by 33% since 2016
- While annual storm expenditures have increased by > 200%
- Result is a “perfect storm” for maintenance funding issues

Comparison of NCDOT spending: GM&R stands out

Cumulative FY 2003-2019 amounts

	Approp' s	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
Capital Program (STIP)	\$34,305m	\$33,273m	+ \$1,031m
Ferry, Rail, Aviation	\$ 2,896m	\$ 2,832m	+ \$ 64m
Programmatic Maintenance	\$ 8,836m	\$ 8,660m	+ \$ 175m
General Maintenance and Reserves	\$ 9,029m	\$ 9,699m	- \$ 669m
SUBTOTAL	\$55,067m	\$54,465m	+ % 602m
less GARVEE debt service reserve			- \$ 132m
TOTAL UNEXPENDED or CASH BALANCE			+ \$ 470m

Note: programmatic maintenance includes contract resurfacing, pavement preservation, bridge program, bridge preservation, roadside environmental

Note: the above table doesn't include the smaller accounts (Contingency, Spot Safety, Secondary Road, etc.)

- Storm costs were **\$667M** from FY17 through FY19

Current Situation

Pre-COVID-19, NCDOT operating on thin margin

Because NCDOT is 100% receipt supported, COVID-19 impact to traffic volumes is devastating

- Volumes down by 40% - 50%
- Impacts revenue by nearly \$300M in FY 2020
- Projected to impact revenue by more than \$550M in FY 2021

Even with cuts already made, obligations not being kept, NCDOT hit cash floor

Comparison to Previous Event

The Great Recession (Dec/2007 to June/2009)

Comparison Time Interval	1 st Quarter	Next 4 Quarters	Total Recession 12/07 to 6/2009
Fuel Consumption	-1.8%	-4.3%	-4.9%
Total Revenues	-3.1%	-7.3%	-6.5%
Recovery Time*			57 Months

COVID-19 Impact (Mar/2020 to ????)

Comparison Certified Budget	Quarter (Apr – June/2020)	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	COVID Impact ?? to ??
Fuel Consumption	-38% to -42%	-7% to -11%	-2% to -6%	???
Total Revenues	-32% to -36%	-6% to -10%	-7% to -11%	???
Recovery Time*				???

*Recovery Time to Pre-recession levels

State Revenues (Highway Fund and Highway Trust Fund)

Comparison Certified Budget	Quarter (Apr – June/2020)	SFY 2020	SFY 2021	COVID Impact 2020 to 20??
Fuel Consumption	-40% average	-9%	-4%	
Total Revenues		-\$261M	-\$513M	

Current Actions

Keep 620 active construction projects moving if possible

- Suspension of these projects could cost \$1.5M per day in claims

Delay contract advertisements over next 12 months

- Delay approximately 250 projects estimated at \$2.1B
- Remaining projects estimated at \$675M (all supported by bonds or grants)

Personnel Changes

- Hiring Freeze
- 50% cost reduction in temporary and contract employees
- Planning for possible furloughs, Reduction In Force (RIF)

Actions Going Forward

Immediately suspend:

- Wildflower Program
- Litter Sweep
- Engineering Training Program
- HBCU and Summer Internship Program
- Economic development grants and projects
- Passenger ferry from Hatteras to Ocracoke
- State Park road maintenance
- Reimbursement to schools for road improvements

Significantly reduce:

- Mowing along roadways and rest areas
- Storm repairs
- Sign repairs
- Patching pavement
- Municipal support for traffic signal/signs/landscaping
- Traffic signal installation
- Spot safety projects
- Incident Management Assistant Program (IMAP)
- Ferry and rail operations

State Legislation

- SB 704 – Delays the transfer of \$61M into the new Transportation Emergency Reserve for future storms
- HB 1043 – \$300M from CARES Act to GMR subject to amending language to allow for continued operations
- HB 77 – Budget Appropriations for FY21

HB 77

- Increases maintenance funding
- Reduces funding to Modes
- Reduces funding to STI
- Reduces funding to Mobility/Modernization
- Reduces Powell Bill Allocation

HB 77

- Gas Tax Floor (36.1c) for 2021
- NC Build Bond Changes
 - \$700M for 2021
 - Active Projects
 - Unexpended funds
- GARVEE Debt Service
- COVID-19 Funds

HB 77

- Changes to Tax Revenue Distribution
- Additional Reporting
- Board of Transportation
- Restructure
- Duties

Questions?



UPCOMING AND FUTURE PROJECTS



Upcoming and future projects

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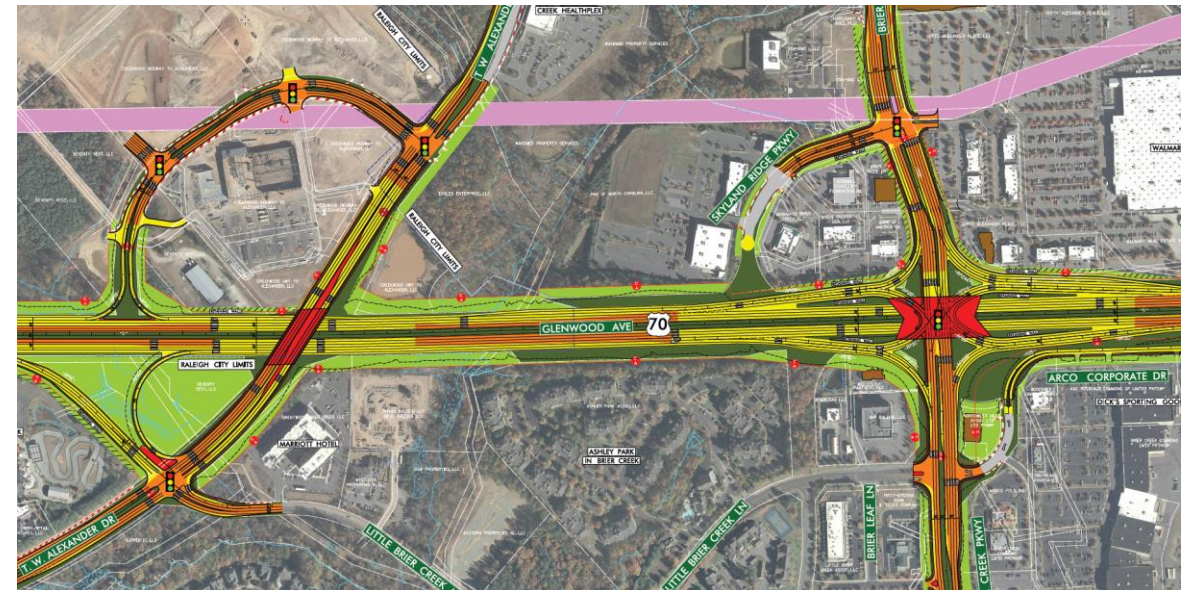
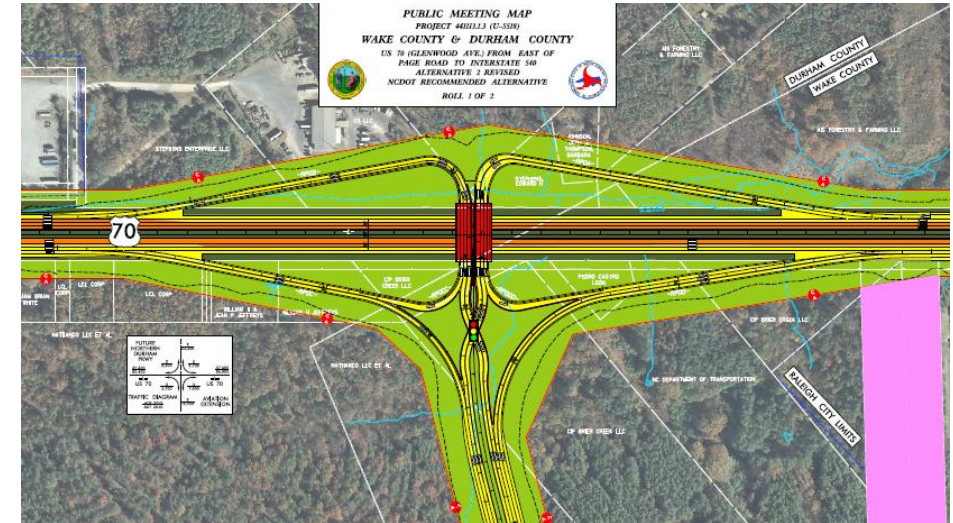
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Division 5 Future Projects

- US 70
- US 1
- US 64

US 70 from I-540 to T.W. Alexander

- Upgrade US 70 to a controlled-access facility from I-540 to west of TW Alexander Dr in Raleigh
- New Interchange at Brier Creek Pkwy
- Partial Interchange at T. W. Alexander
- New Interchange west of T. W. Alexander
- R/W & Construction January 2021
Design Build Project
- Estimated Cost - \$325 M



US 1 From I-540 to Harris/Purnell Roads

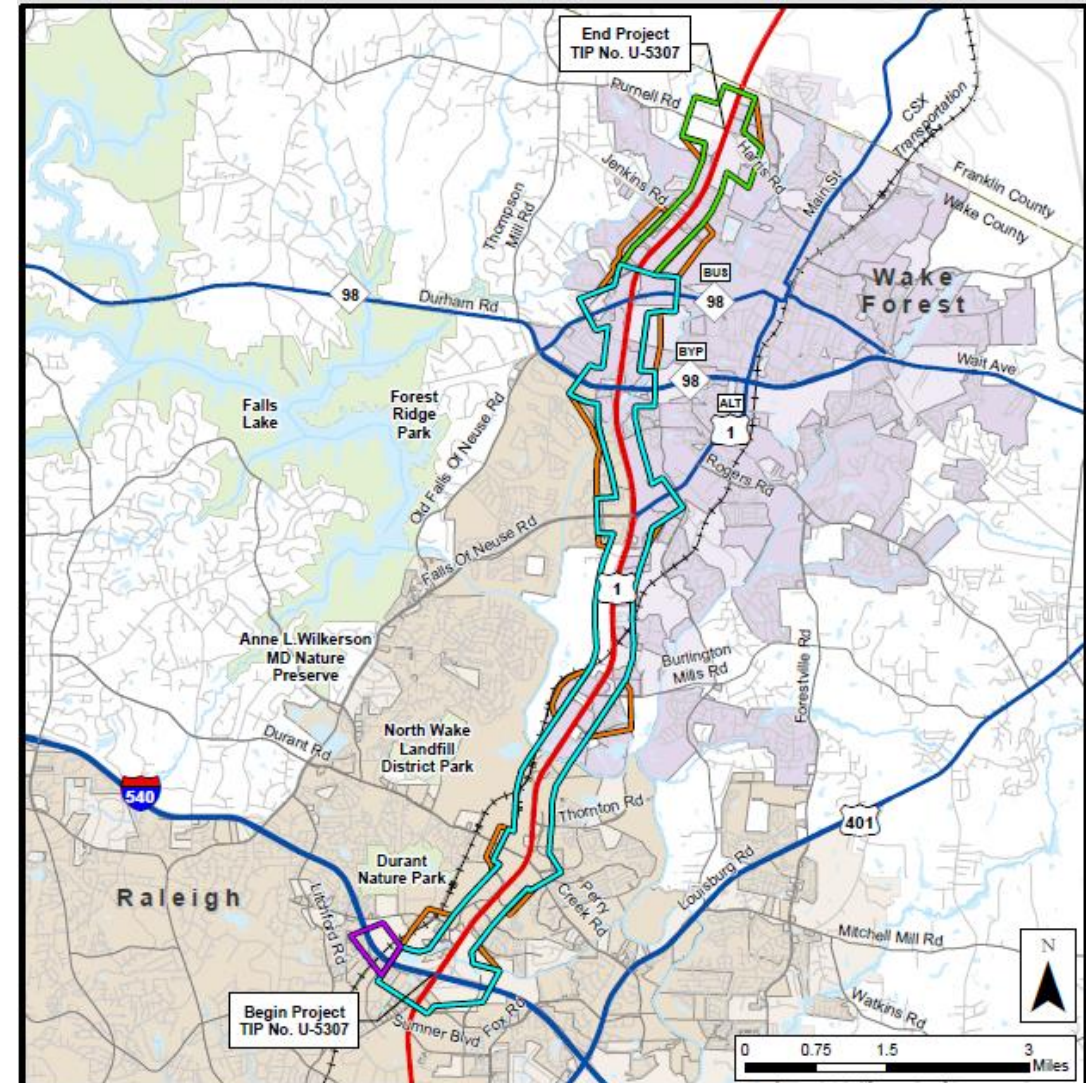
- General Project Needs:
 - Traffic Congestion
 - Trip Time Unreliability
 - Safety Concerns



US 1 From I-540 to Harris/Purnell Roads

Project Description

- Upgrade US 1 to a controlled-access facility
- Interchange locations – Perry Creek/Durant; Burlington Mills; US 1A/Falls of Neuse; Harris/Purnell Road
- Estimated Cost - ~\$460 million
- Project Development on hold
- Construction
 - Durant/Perry Creek 2022
 - Burlington Mills & US 1A 2023
 - Harris/Purnell - 2027



THANK YOU!!



I-40 widening in Orange County

Laura Sutton
NCDOT Project Management Div. 7



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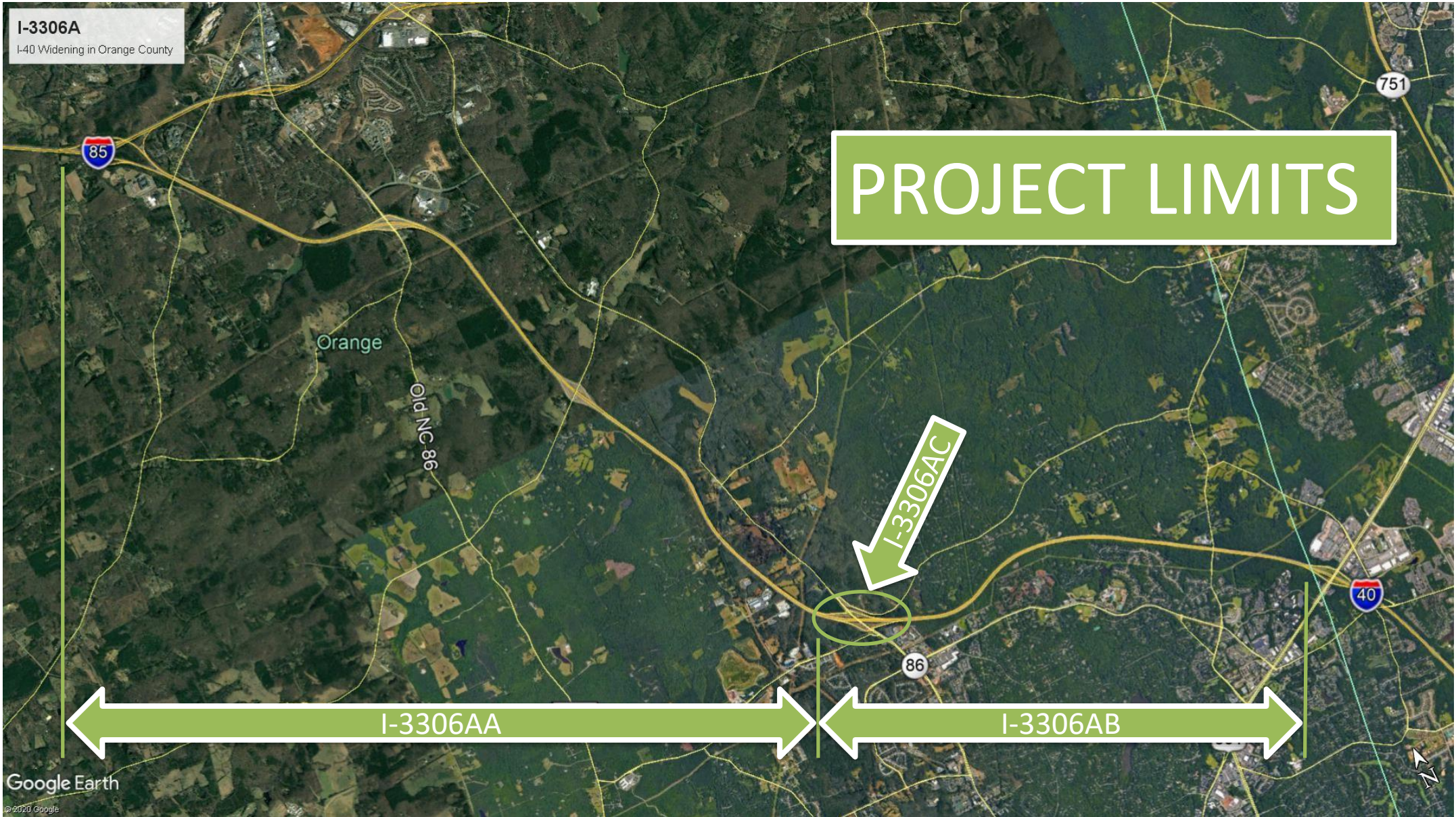


I-40 Widening in Orange County Update

Laura Sutton, CPM, P.E.

NCDOT Project Management Unit

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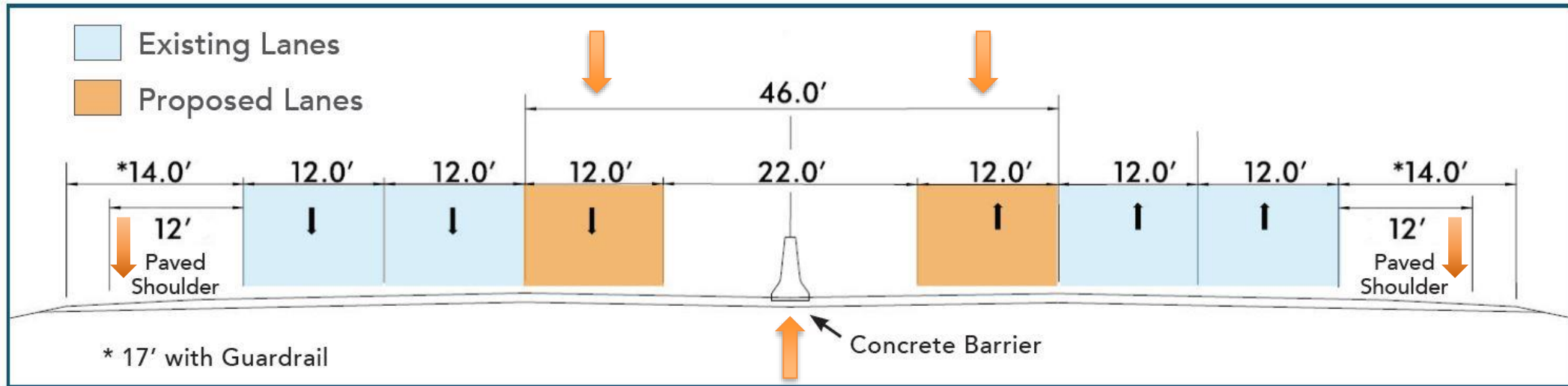


Purpose and Need

- Relieve peak hour congestion with level of service (LOS) D or better in 2040
- Improve traffic flow and continuity between the existing 8-lane section at the beginning of the project (I-85) and the existing 6-lane section at end of the project (Durham County Line).



I-40 Proposed Improvements



- Utilize the existing median width for 1 additional travel lane in each direction separated by a concrete median barrier, for a total of 6 travel lanes.
- Replace the existing 10-foot paved outside shoulders with 12-foot full depth paved shoulders, which will allow for operation of Bus on Shoulder System (BOSS).
- Outside widening is required due to vertical clearance issues and for maintenance of traffic to replace 2 bridges at I-40 WB over Old NC 86 and I-40 EB over Millhouse Road/Norfolk Southern Railroad.

NC 86 Interchange Improvements



- Modify existing diamond interchange by adding loop for I-40 WB to NC 86 SB and relocating on ramp for I-40 WB.
- Add storage capacity at existing ramps.

Completed Activities

- March 2019: Environmental planning document (CE) signed.
- October 2019: Firm contracted to begin work on I-3306AB/AC designs. The AB segment includes the widening of I-40. The AC segment includes the NC 86 interchange improvements. Proposed design improvements on NC 86 SB between the I-40 EB ramp termini and Perkins Drive has not been included at the request of the Town of Chapel Hill.
- April 2020: I-3306AB/AC preliminary plans approved.
- May 2020: Project placed on hold.

Upcoming Activities

I-3306AB/AC:

- Complete right-of-way plans
- Begin right-of-way acquisition
- Complete final plans

I-3306AA:

- Select design firm
- Complete design scoping and fee estimate
- Begin design work for preliminary plans

Schedules

CURRET <i>Design-Bid-Build Letting</i>	FFY 2020				FFY 2021				FFY 2022				FFY 2023				FFY 2024				FFY 2025				FFY 2026				FFY 2027																		
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NC 86 to Durham County Line (I-3306AB/AC)	DESIGN - R/W PLANS				DESIGN - FINAL PLANS				HOLD																																						
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POTENTIAL <i>Design-Build Letting</i>	FFY 2020				FFY 2021				FFY 2022				FFY 2023				FFY 2024				FFY 2025				FFY 2026				FFY 2027							
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I-40 managed freeway: on-ramp signal expansion

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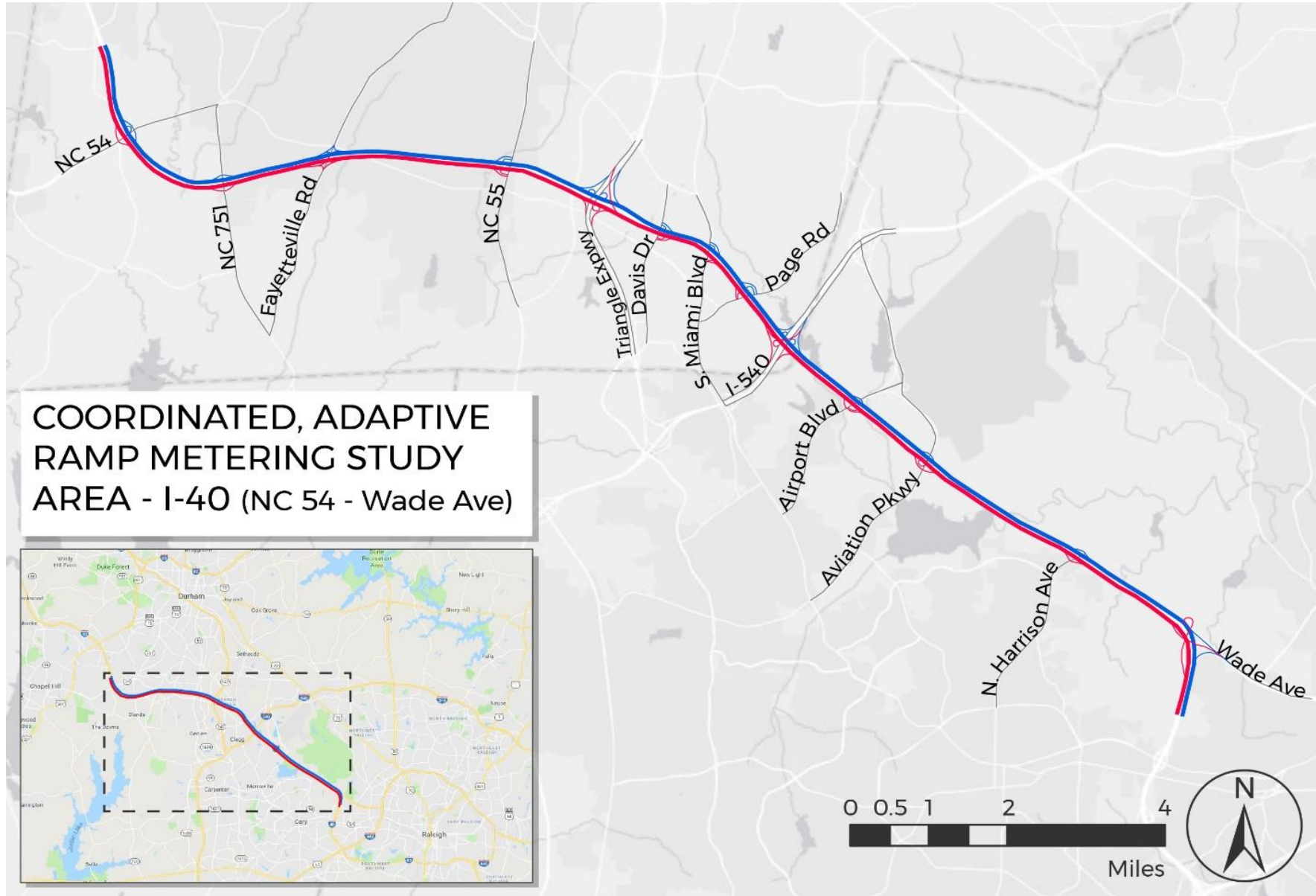


I-40 Managed Motorways

: I-6006, I-40 from NC 54 to Wade Avenue

Derrick Lewis, PE

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Study Components

- ❑ Coordinated Adaptive Ramp Metering (**CARM**) is a signalized ramp metering operational strategy that aims to maximize freeway throughput, reduce delay, improve travel time reliability, and reduce crashes.
- ❑ A series of gantries to enable Advanced Traffic Management Systems (**ATMS**) is also considered. This would allow implementation of systems such as Dynamic Speed Limits, Dynamic Lane Assignment and Queue Warning

	Total Costs		
	Low	Average	High
Ramp Meter	\$41,400,000	\$46,700,000	\$51,900,000
ATMS	\$30,800,000	\$31,800,000	\$32,800,000
Total	\$72,200,000	\$78,500,000	\$84,700,000

Daily Changes

	Daily			
2045	With CARM	Without CARM	Difference	% Diff
Total Demand	290,469,591	288,656,767	1,812,825	0.63%
Total Delay (hours)	446,648	578,911	(132,263)	-22.85%
Total VMT (miles)	90,675,812	89,871,037	804,775	0.90%
Total VHT (hours)	2,535,616	2,682,544	(146,928)	-5.48%
Average Speed (mph)	35.76	33.50	2.26	6.74%
Delay per mile traveled (mins)	0.30	0.39	(0.09)	-23.53%

Peak Hour Changes

2045	AM				PM			
	With CARM	Without CARM	Difference	% Diff	With CARM	Without CARM	Difference	% Diff
Total Demand	71,749,790	70,994,646	755,143	1.06%	86,970,731	86,400,976	569,754	0.66%
Total Delay (hours)	139,987	178,105	(38,118)	-21.40%	209,025	265,513	(56,488)	-22.27%
Total VMT (miles)	22,957,100	22,670,954	286,146	1.26%	27,537,191	27,317,521	219,671	0.80%
Total VHT (hours)	39,903,576	42,399,014	(2,495,438)	-5.89%	50,818,670	54,634,956	(3,816,286)	-6.99%
Average Speed (mph)	34.52	32.08	2.44	7.59%	32.51	30.00	2.51	8.37%
Delay per mile traveled (mins)	0.37	0.47	(0.11)	-22.38%	0.46	0.58	(0.13)	-21.90%

Raleigh/Durham Opportunity Cost

• Average Value of Time (per hour)	\$14.22
• Total Daily Delay (hours)	132,263
• Opportunity Cost for Lost Time (Daily)	\$1,880,778

Questions?

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I-40 express lanes

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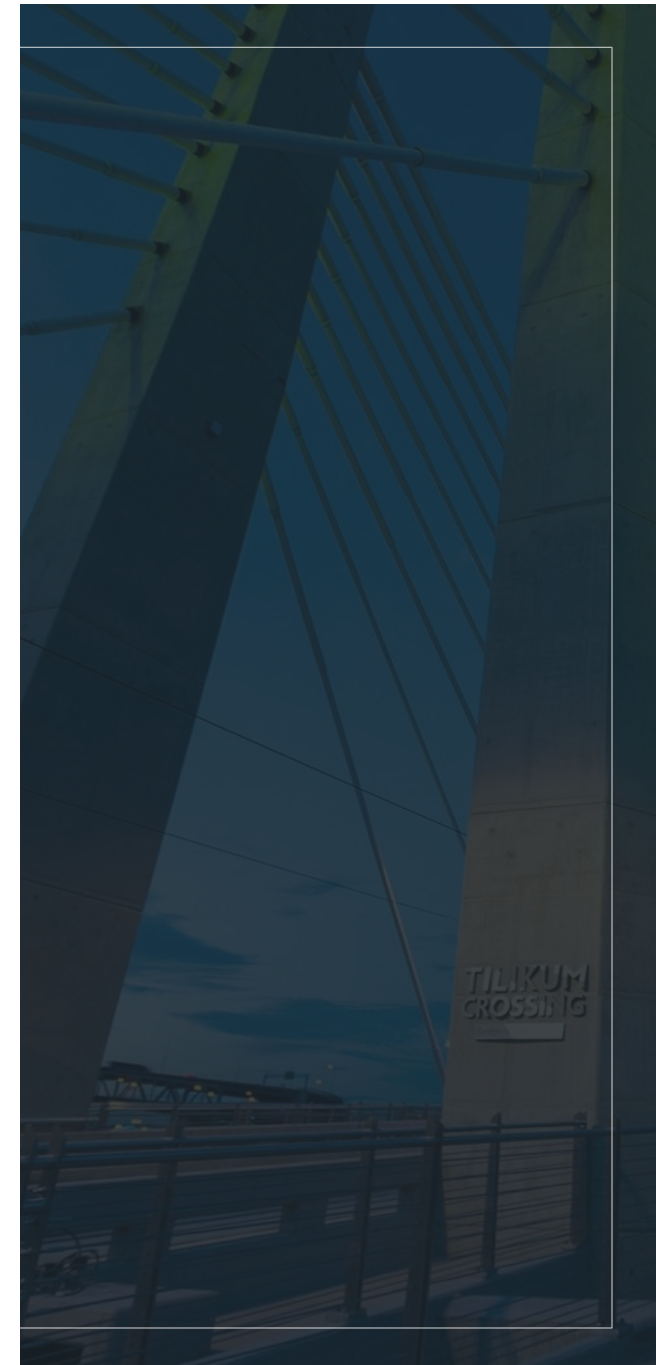
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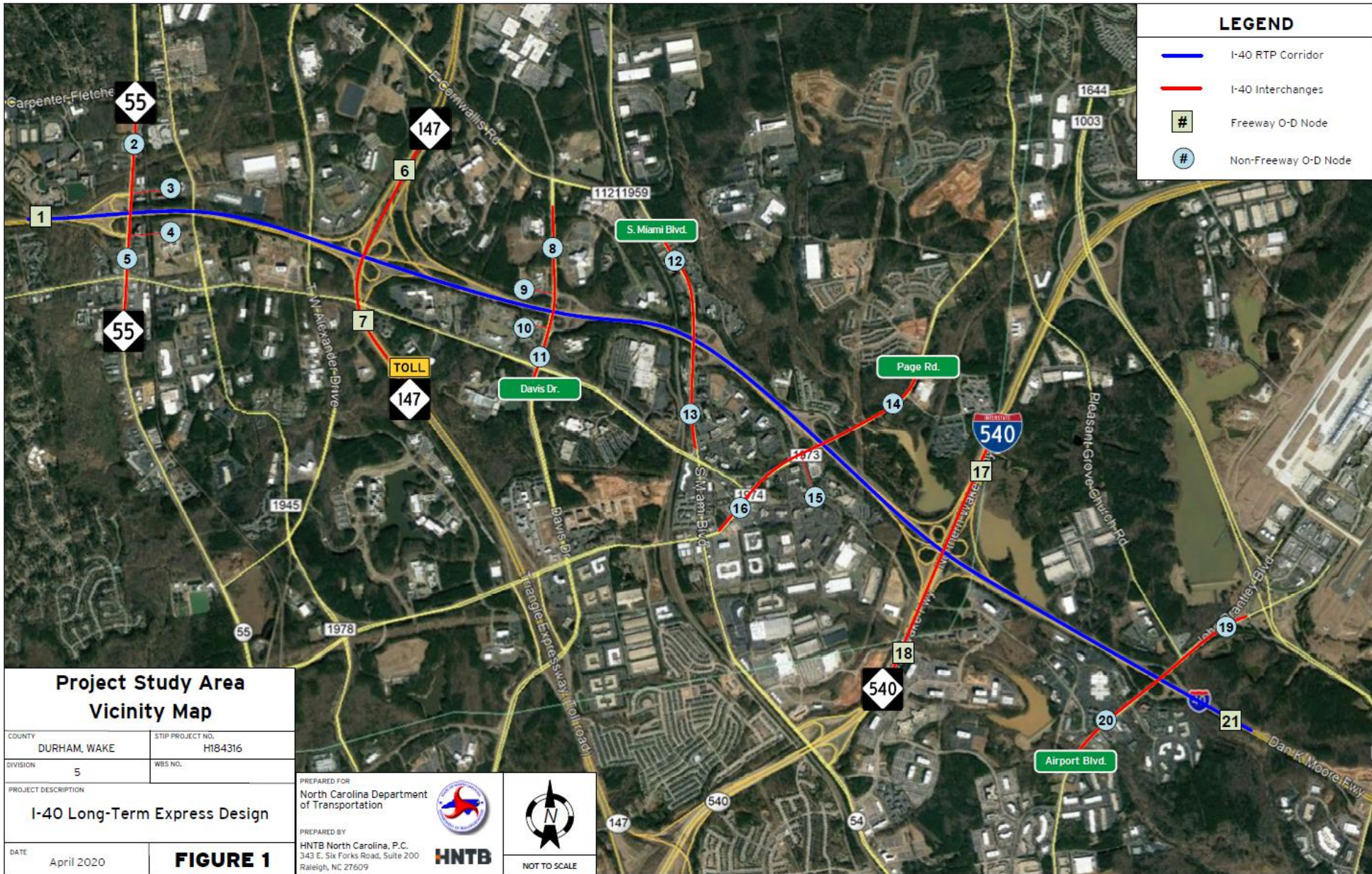


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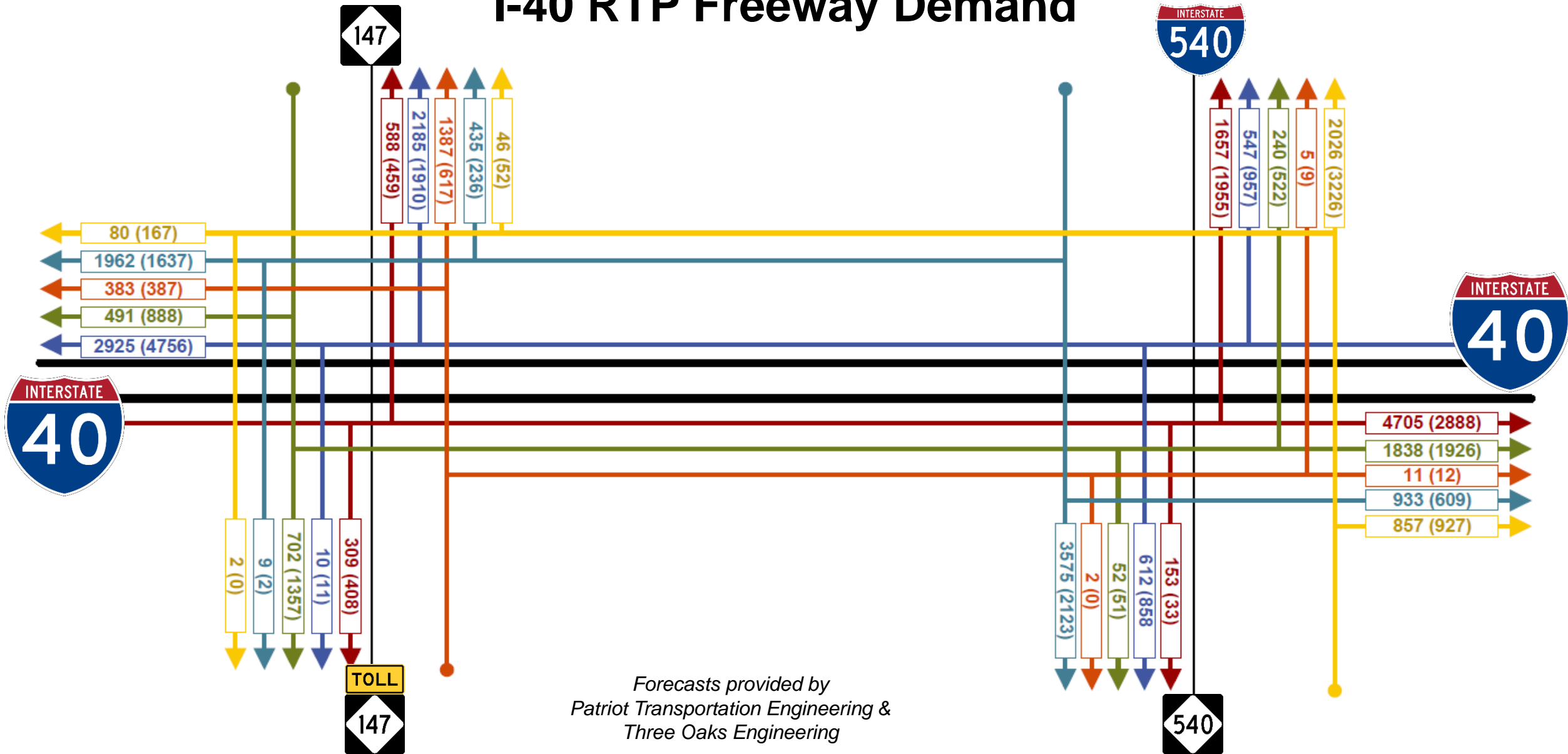
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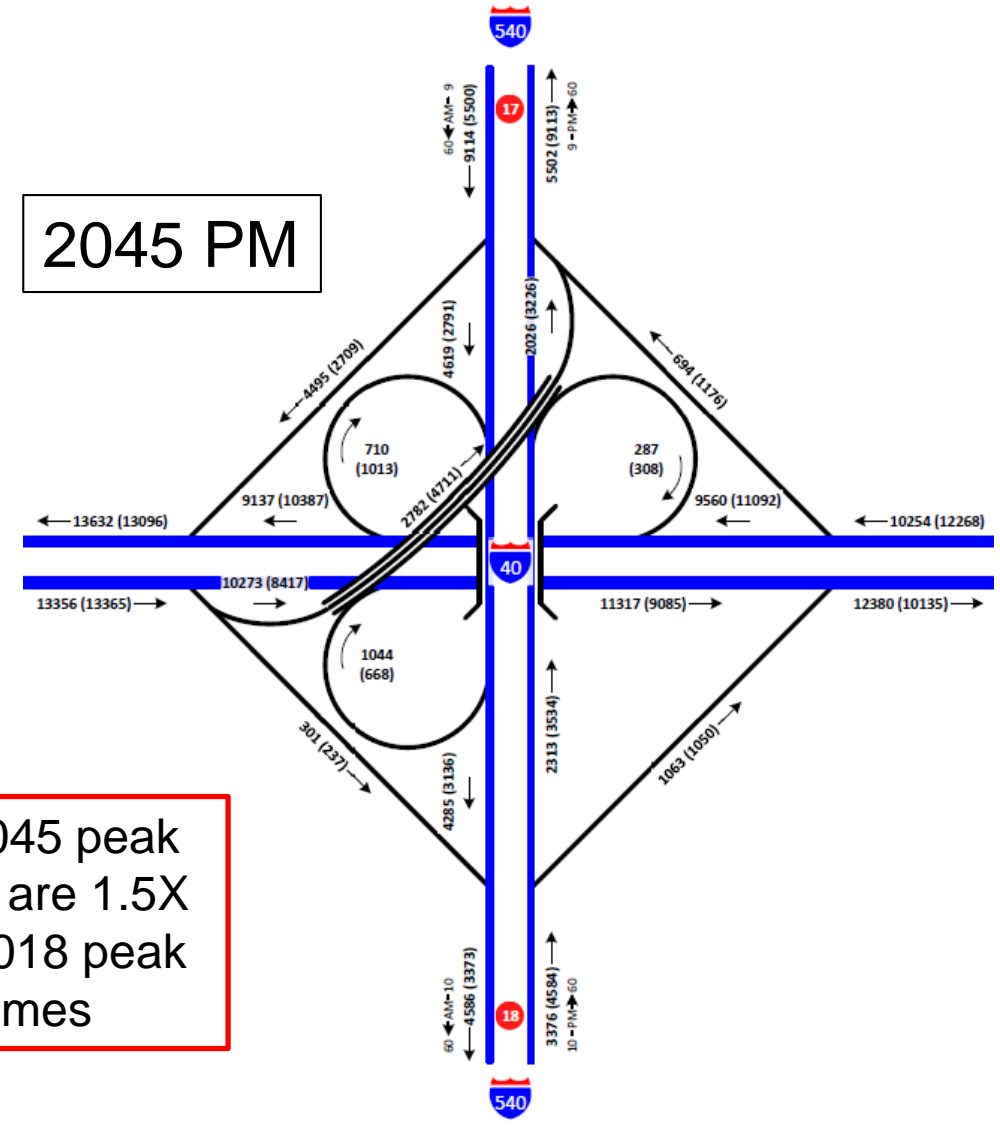
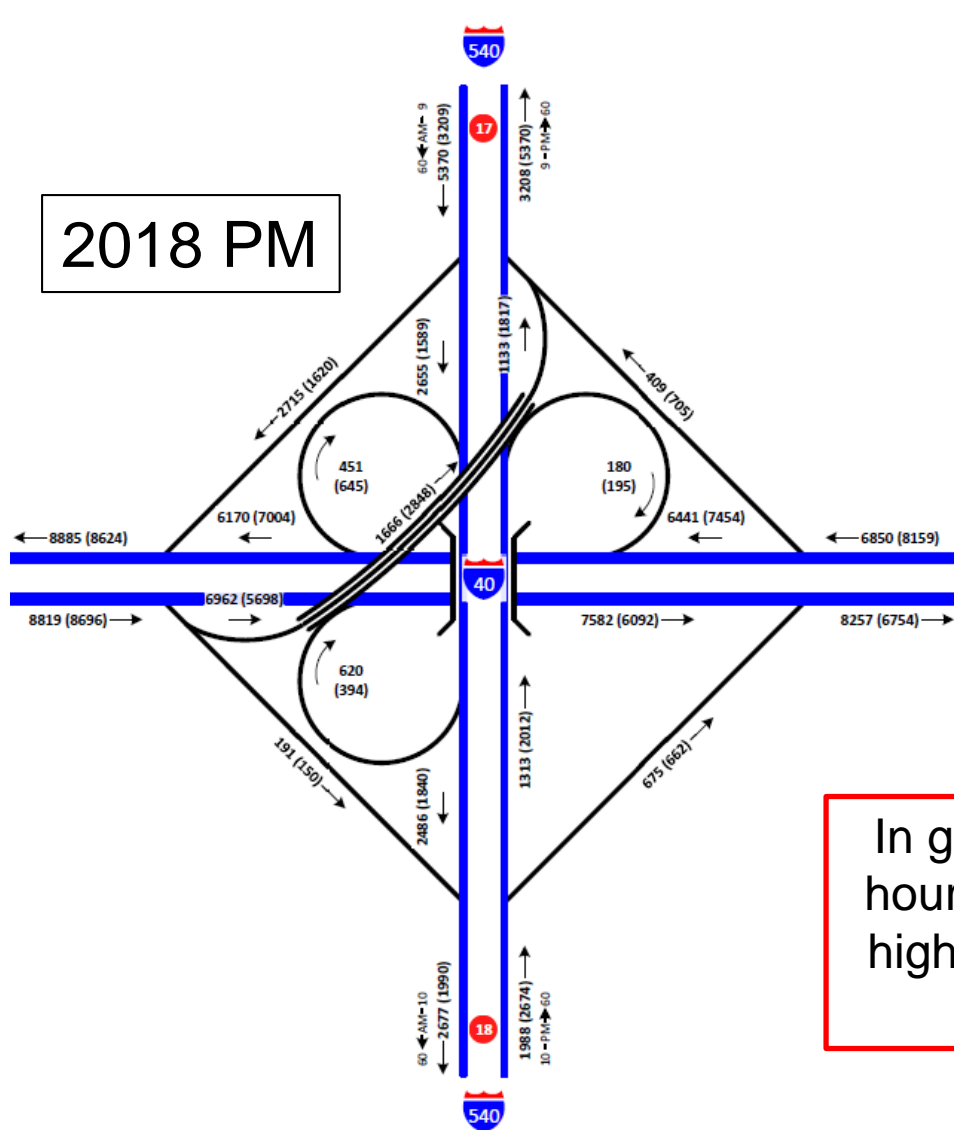


I-40 RTP Freeway Demand



Forecasts provided by
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Peak Hour Volume Diagrams



In general, 2045 peak hour volumes are 1.5X higher than 2018 peak hour volumes

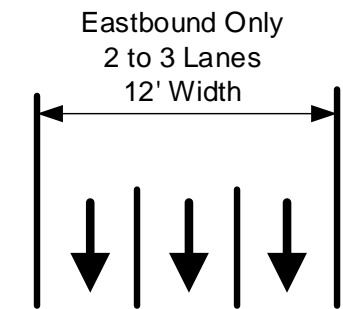
Feasibility Study Considerations

- ✓ Peak-hour congestion
- ✓ Adjacent planned projects
- ✓ Freeway-to-freeway O-D pairs
- ✓ Elimination of weaving segments
- ✓ Transit connectivity
- ✓ Right-of-way costs/impacts
- ✓ Compatibility with Managed Motorways
- ✓ Compatibility with Managed Lanes
- ✓ Potential for expansion, if needed

Short-Term: One-way Frontage Roads

- 2 to 3 lanes in each direction along frontage roads
- Connects ramps between NC 147/I-885 and I-540/NC 540
- Eliminates weaving segments along I-40
- Additional on-ramps for I-40 EB, off-ramps for I-40 WB based on demand
- Higher right-of-way costs, lower construction costs

Proposed Frontage Roads



Existing Eastbound I-40
3 to 4 Lanes
Variable Width

Variable
Shoulder



Variable
Shoulder



Existing Westbound I-40
3 to 4 Lanes
Variable Width

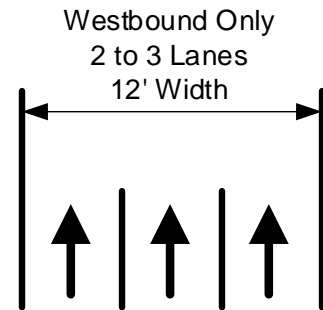
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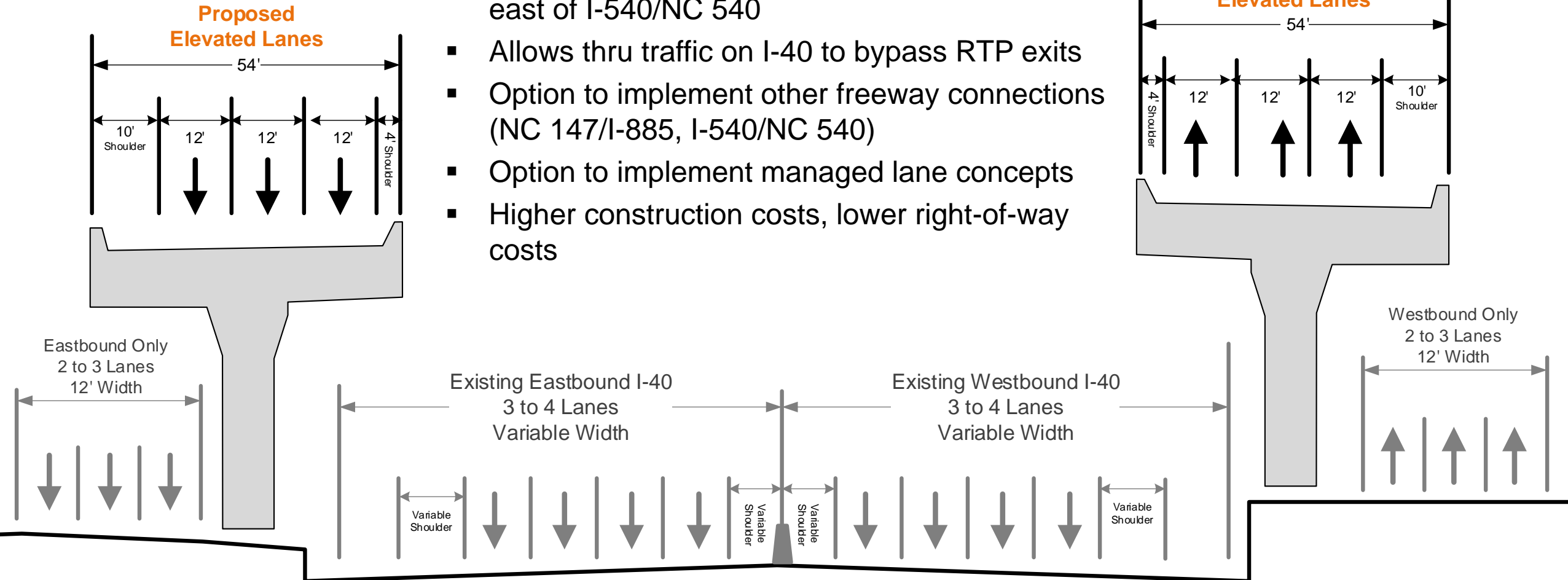


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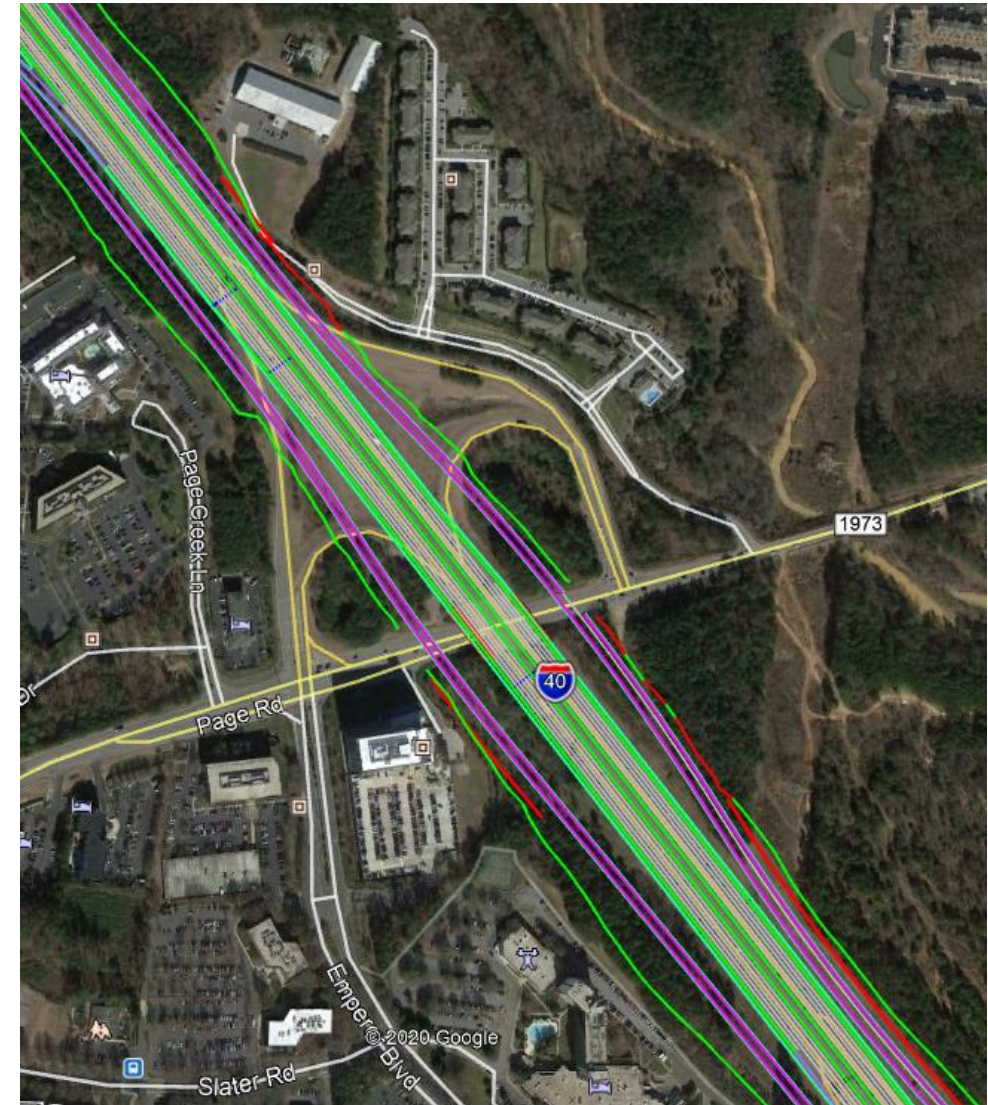
Long-term: One-way Frontage Roads + Elevated Lanes

- 3 elevated lanes in each direction
- Connects I-40 west of NC 147/I-885 with I-40 east of I-540/NC 540
- Allows thru traffic on I-40 to bypass RTP exits
- Option to implement other freeway connections (NC 147/I-885, I-540/NC 540)
- Option to implement managed lane concepts
- Higher construction costs, lower right-of-way costs



Agency Involvement

- ✓ NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit
- ✓ NCDOT Division 5
- ✓ NCDOT Congestion Management
- ✓ CAMPO
- ✓ DCHCMPO
- ✓ City of Durham
- ✓ City of Raleigh



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Bus On Shoulder System (BOSS): Regional study

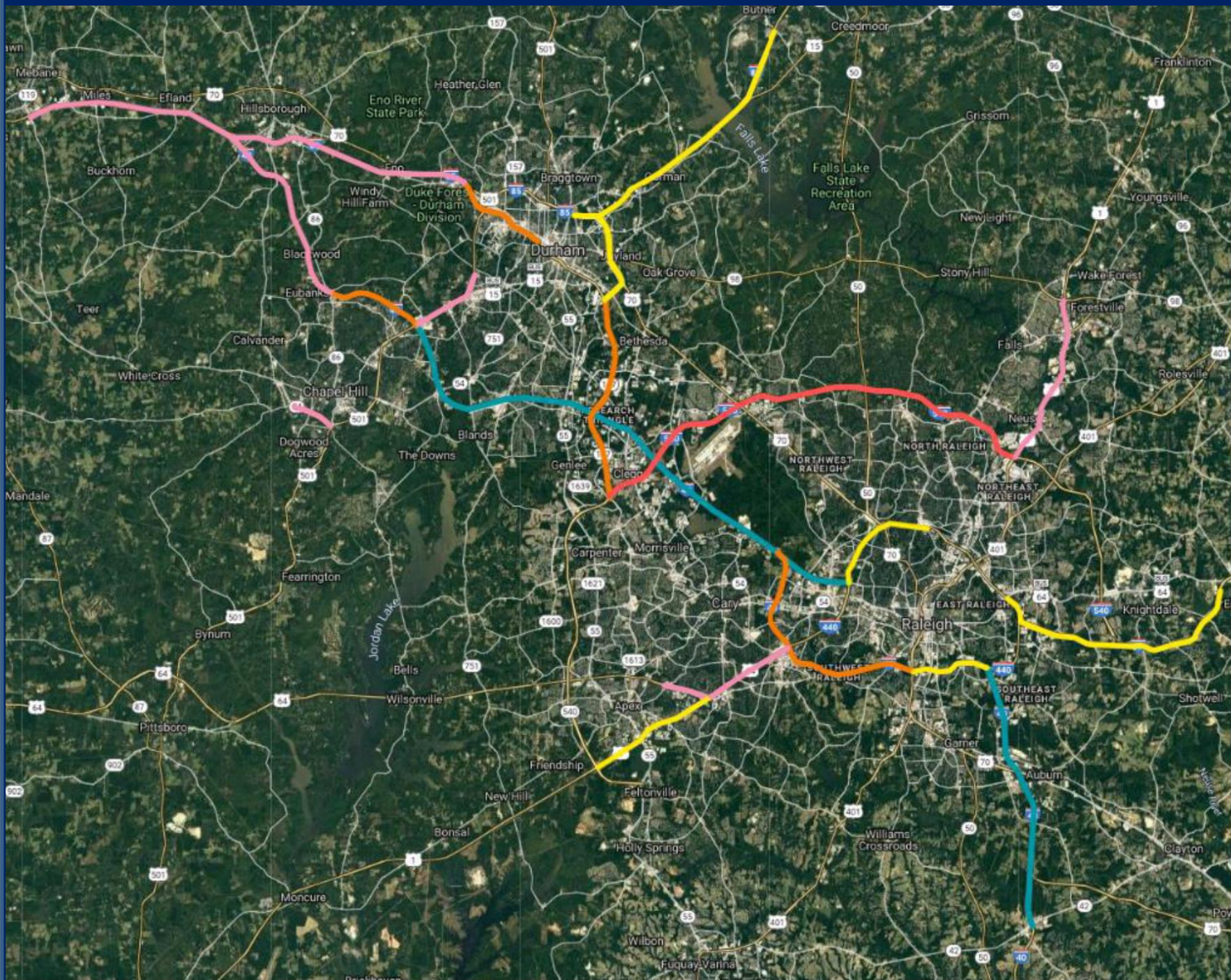
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Bus on Shoulder Study Update

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The Triangle Bus on Shoulder Study has five purposes:

1. Evaluate **peer BOS systems** to identify updates to best practices
2. Evaluate whether conditions are appropriate for **expanding BOS** on the Triangle's roadway network
3. **Prioritize implementation** of BOS expansion, including where improvements could be leveraged through ongoing projects
4. Evaluate the North Carolina **statewide BOS operations guidance** to determine where changes could be made to enhance BOS implementation across the state
5. Develop **updated messaging** to improve public and driver awareness regarding BOS operations, particularly where new operations will begin



Potential Study Corridors will be refined as study moves forward

Who is involved:

Consultant Team: HDR and Cambridge Systematics

Funding Partners: CAMPO and GoTriangle

Technical Steering Committee:

- CAMPO
- GoTriangle
- DCHC MPO
- NCDOT
- FHWA
- NC State Hwy Patrol
- RTA

Bus on Shoulder Study Timeline:

Study Start: July 2020

Expert Panel: August 27, 2020

Recommendations: May 2021

Presentations: June/July 2021

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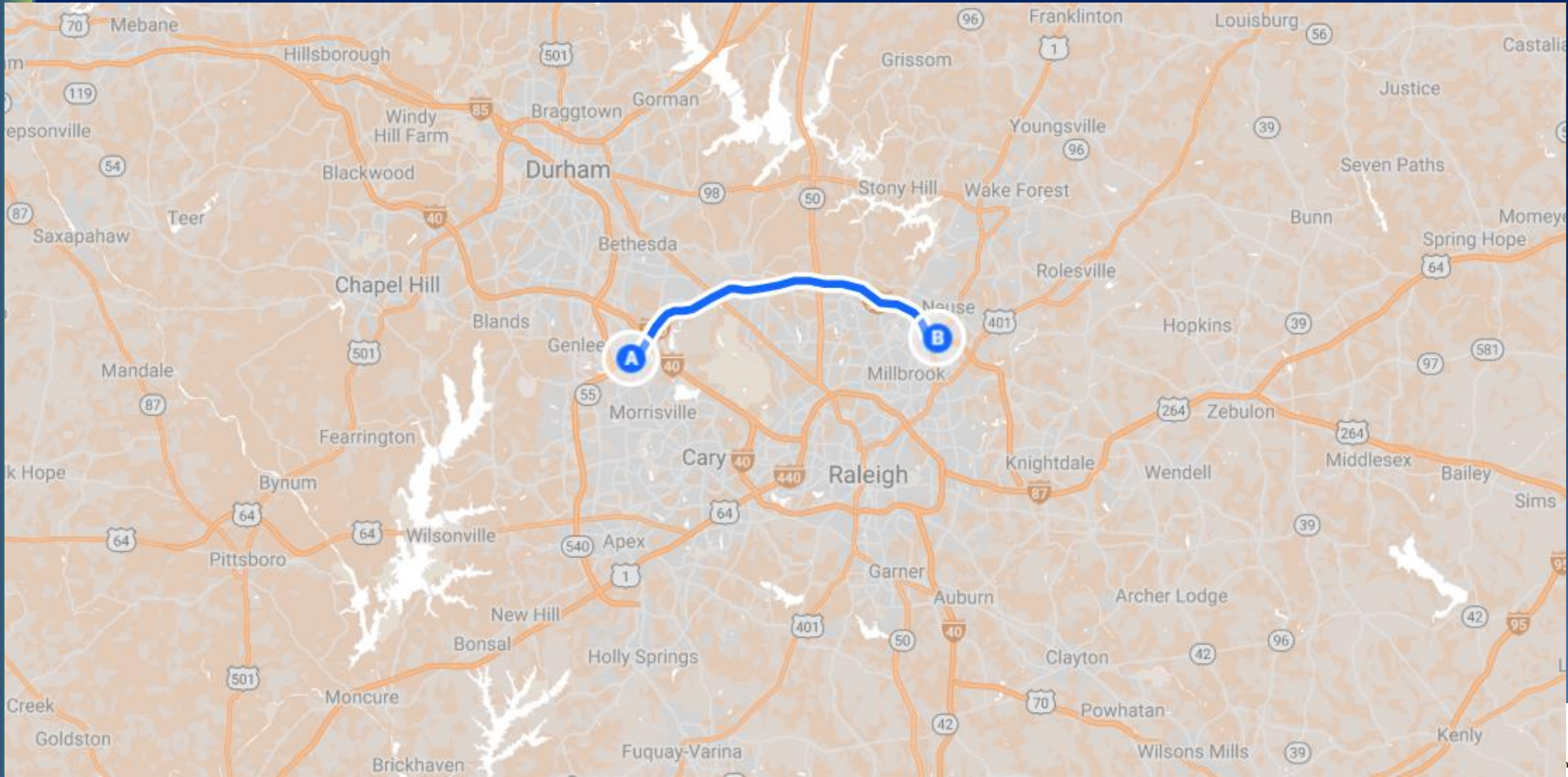
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Bus On Shoulder System (BOSS): I-540 expansion

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I-540 Bus on Shoulder: NC 54 to US 1





FAST network study

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Freeway And Street-based Transit network study

- **Joint initiative funded by RTA business coalition, GoTriangle, and NCDOT**
 - Lead consultant VHB, with Stantec and Catalyst Design

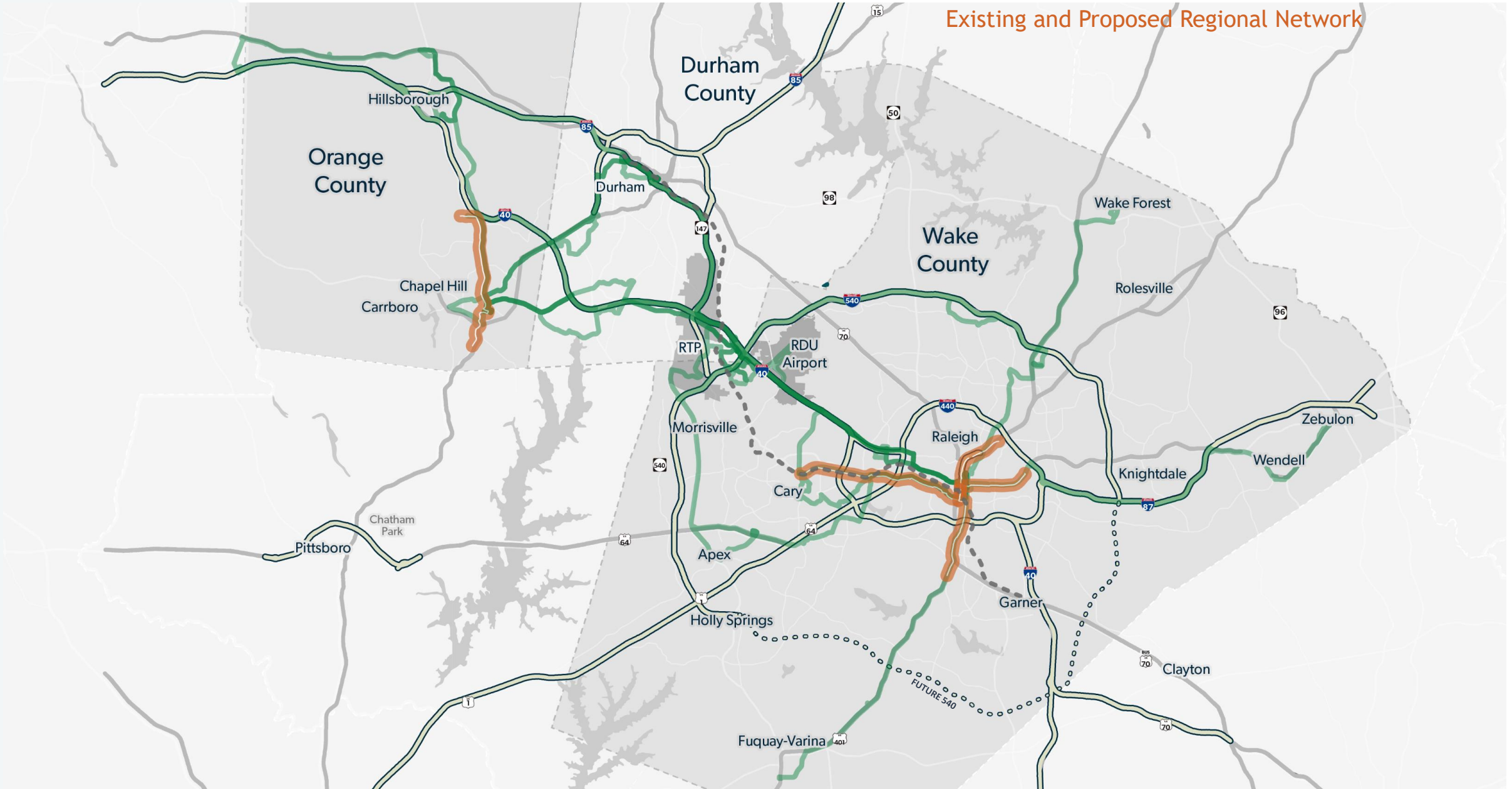
Overall study objectives

- **Advance ideas for improving and accelerating regional connectivity**
- Encourage a “FAST” mindset – identify low-cost transit advantages that can be implemented quickly, scale over time

Goals of a regional FAST network

- Leverage roadway system to create multimodal freeways and streets
- Incorporate and extend 5 approved BRT corridors, link to commuter rail
- Quickly create a viable, illustrative enhanced regional transit network
- Serve as template for other initiatives in North Carolina

Existing and Proposed Regional Network



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Freeway And Street-based Transit network

Study Methodology

Mobility Criteria

Travel Demand

- Traffic Volume
- Transit Ridership

Transit Performance

- Service Frequency
- Bus Speed

Traffic Performance

- Traffic Delay
- Volume/Capacity

Context

- Land Use Density
- Intersection Density

Accessibility Criteria

Access Equity

- Job Access

Planned Projects

- STIP Review

Missing Links

- Unserved Areas

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Low-cost transit advantages

Low-cost transit advantages: Freeways



Source: SounderBruce



Bus On Shoulder System (BOSS)



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Yield-to-Bus

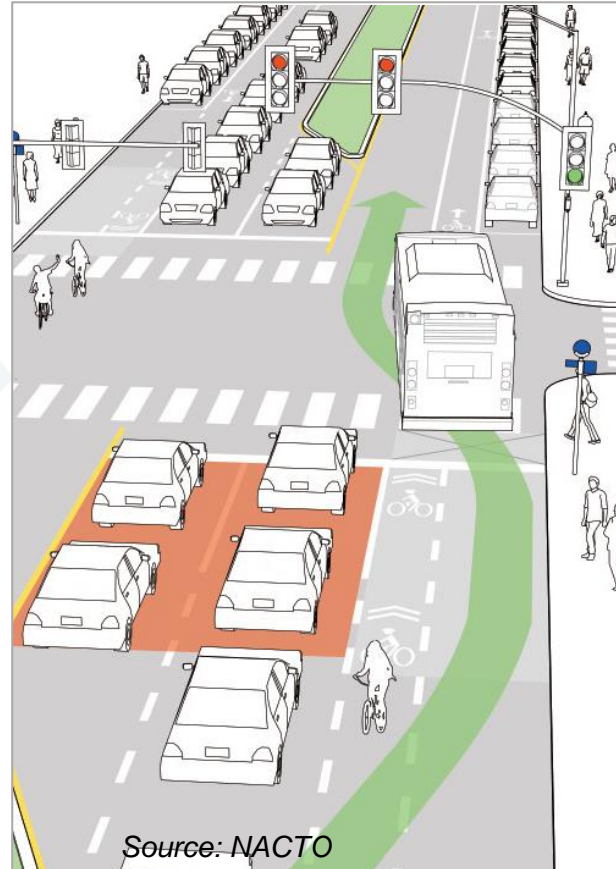
On-ramp signal bypass

Prioritize corridor features where they are anticipated to have the greatest impact.

Low-cost transit advantages: Streets



● Transit Signal Priority



● Queue Jump Lanes



● RED Lanes

Prioritize corridor features where they are anticipated to have the greatest impact.

Low-cost transit advantages: Stops



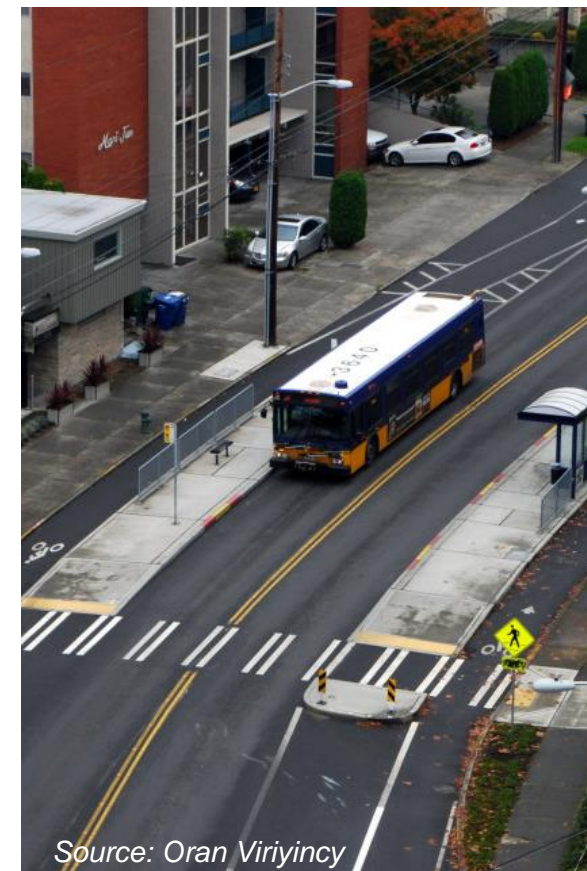
Source: Metropolitan Council

● Level Boarding



Source: KCATA

● Enhanced Bus Stop



Source: Oran Viriyincy

● "Floating" Bus Stop

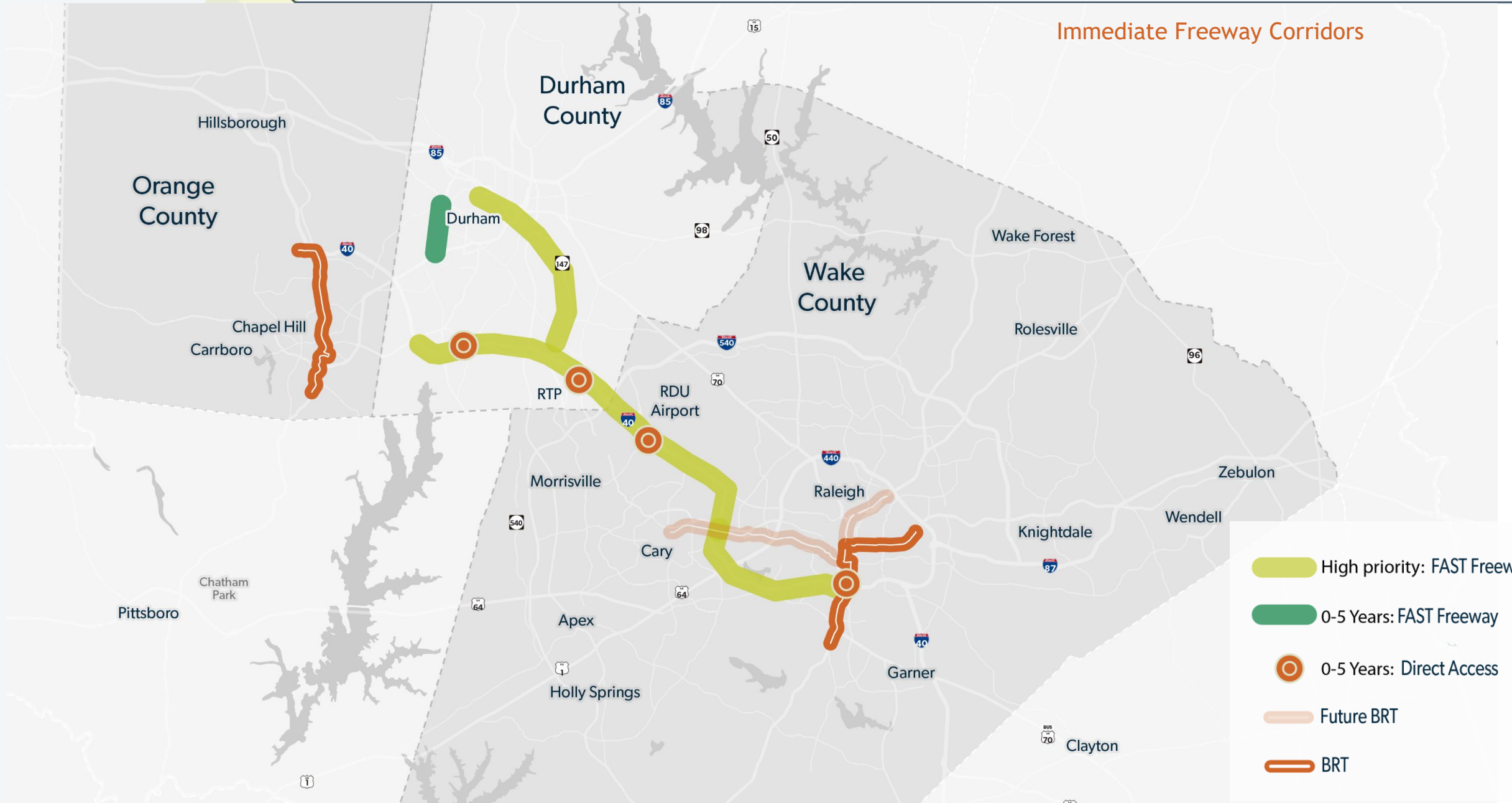
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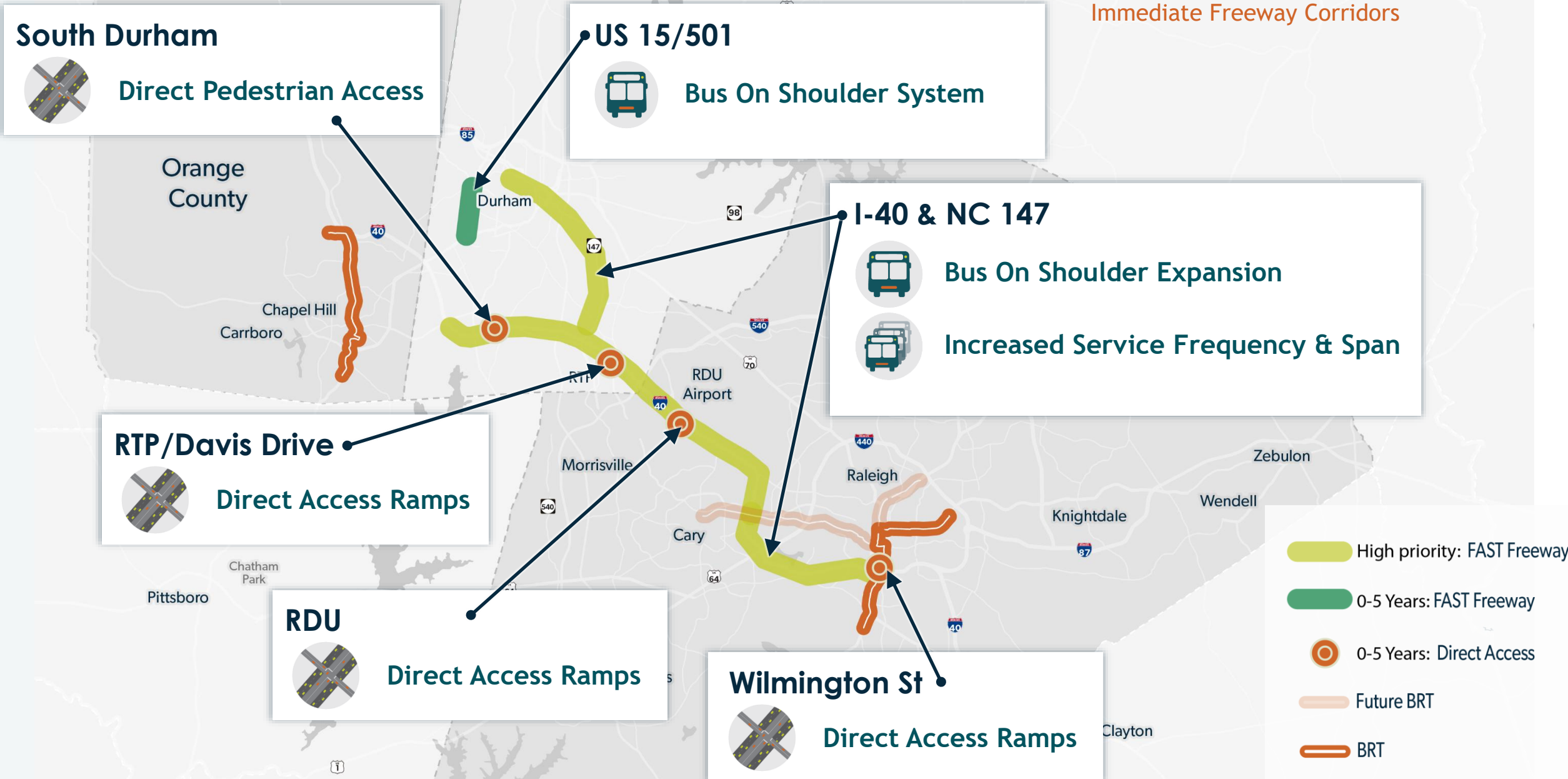
Proposed 2025 FAST network

Immediate Freeway Corridors

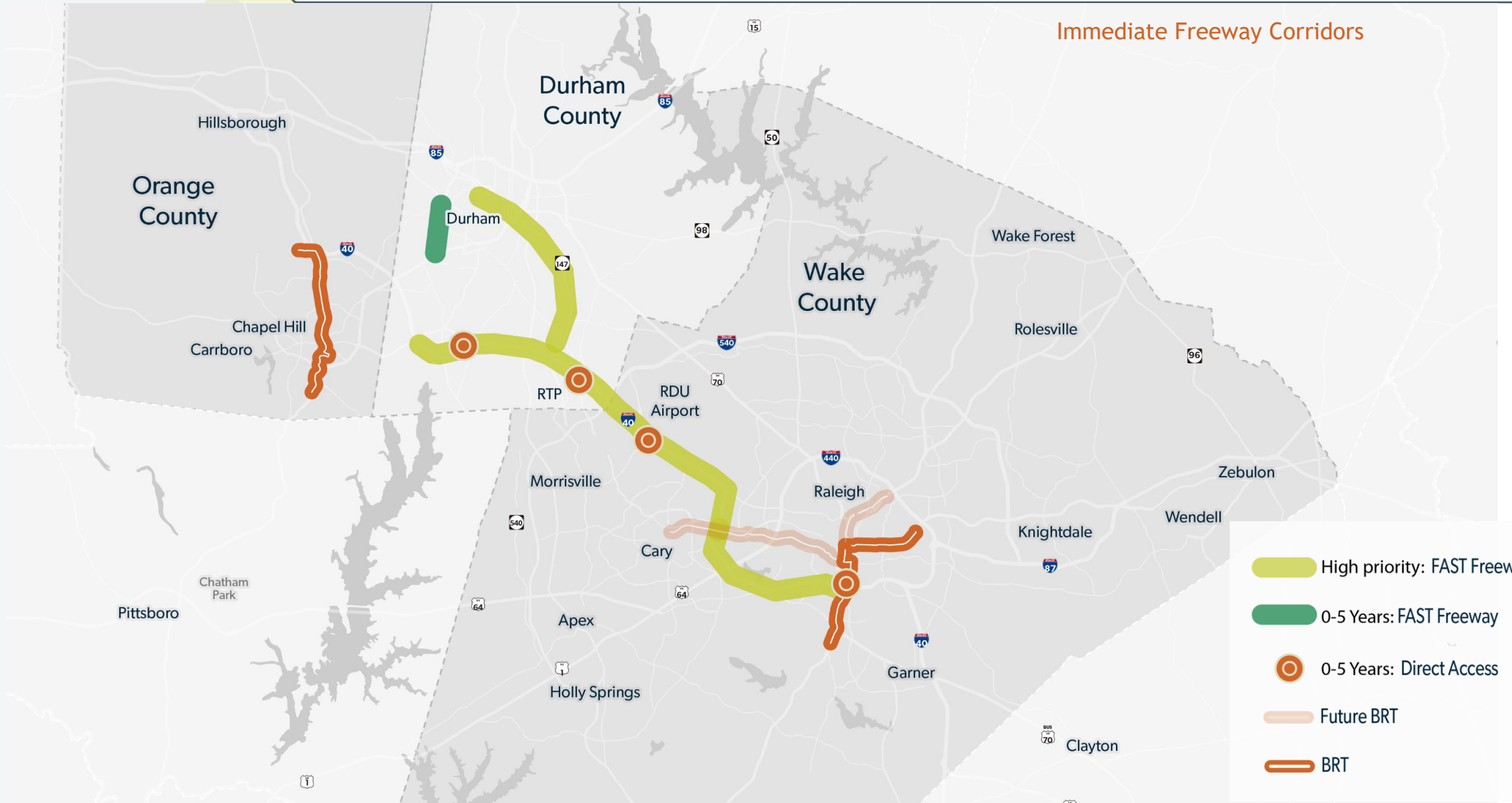


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- 0-5 Years: FAST Freeway
- 0-5 Years: Direct Access
- Future BRT
- BRT

Immediate Freeway Corridors



Immediate Freeway Corridors



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Identify Freeway & Street Corridors

US 15/501

- Traffic Signal Priority
- Queue Jump Lanes
- Enhanced Access/Stops/Boarding

Holloway/Main/Erwin

- Traffic Signal Priority
- Queue Jump Lanes
- Enhanced Access/Stops/Boarding
- Floating Bus Stops

Six Forks Rd

- Traffic Signal Priority
- Queue Jump Lanes
- Enhanced Access/Stops/Boarding
- RED Bus Lanes (portion)
- Floating Bus Stops

Capital Blvd

- Traffic Signal Priority
- Queue Jump Lanes
- Future Through Lanes

NC 54/Raleigh Rd

- Traffic Signal Priority
- Queue Jump Lanes
- Enhanced Access/Stops/Boarding
- RED Bus Lanes (portions)

Glenwood Ave (west of I-440)

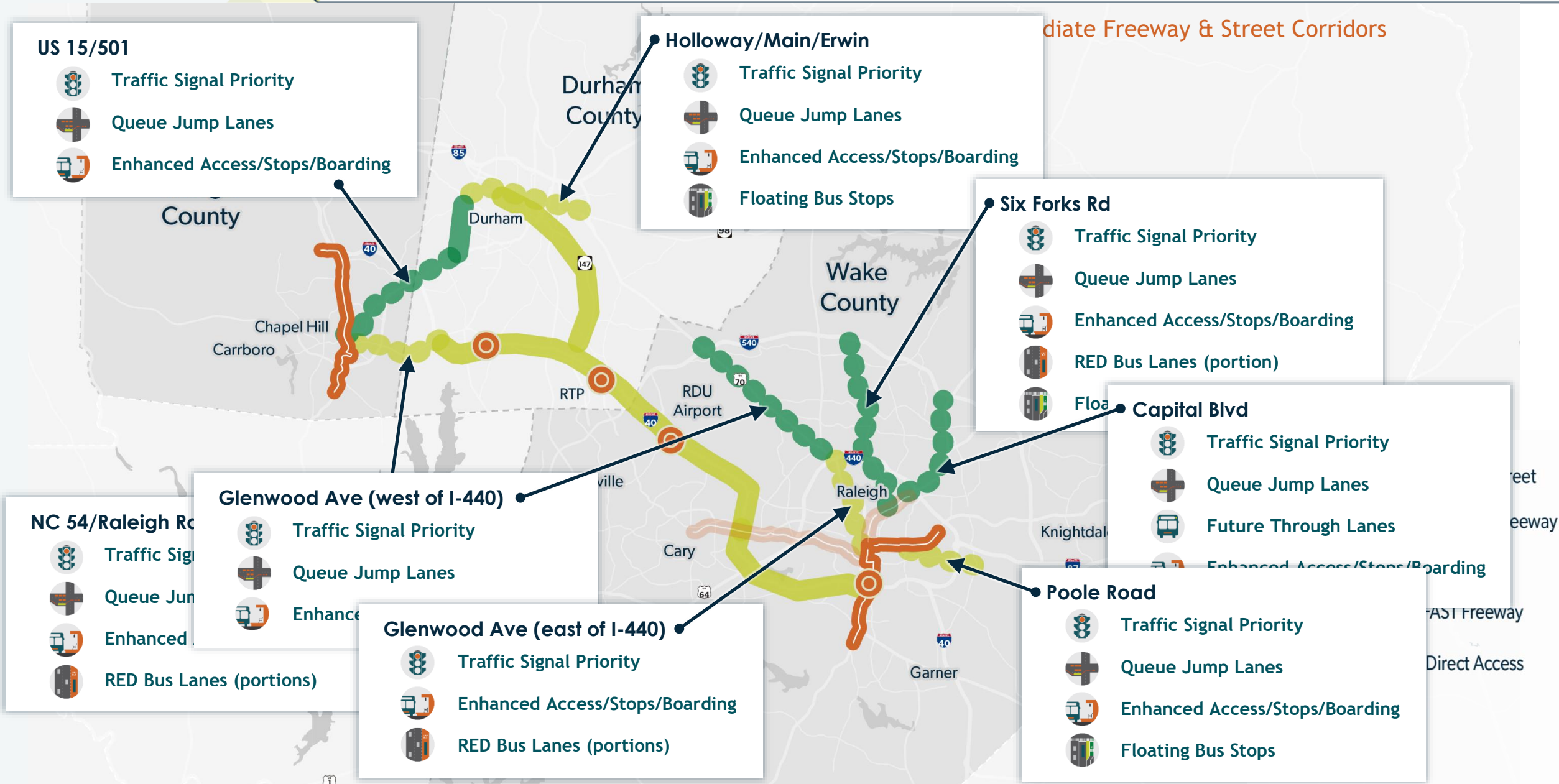
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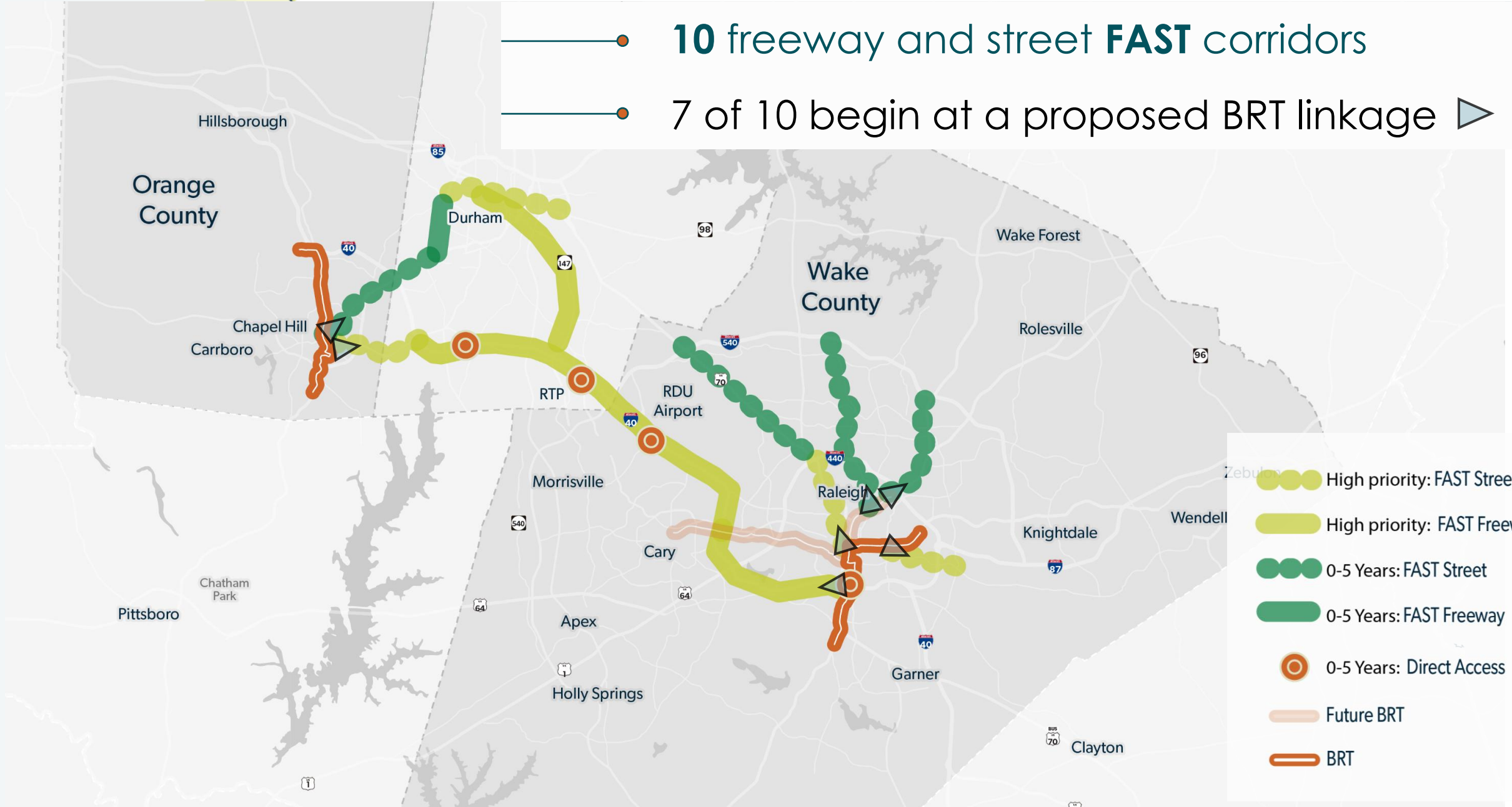
- Traffic Signal Priority
- Enhanced Access/Stops/Boarding
- RED Bus Lanes (portions)

Poole Road

- Traffic Signal Priority
- Queue Jump Lanes
- Enhanced Access/Stops/Boarding
- Floating Bus Stops



- 10 freeway and street FAST corridors
- 7 of 10 begin at a proposed BRT linkage



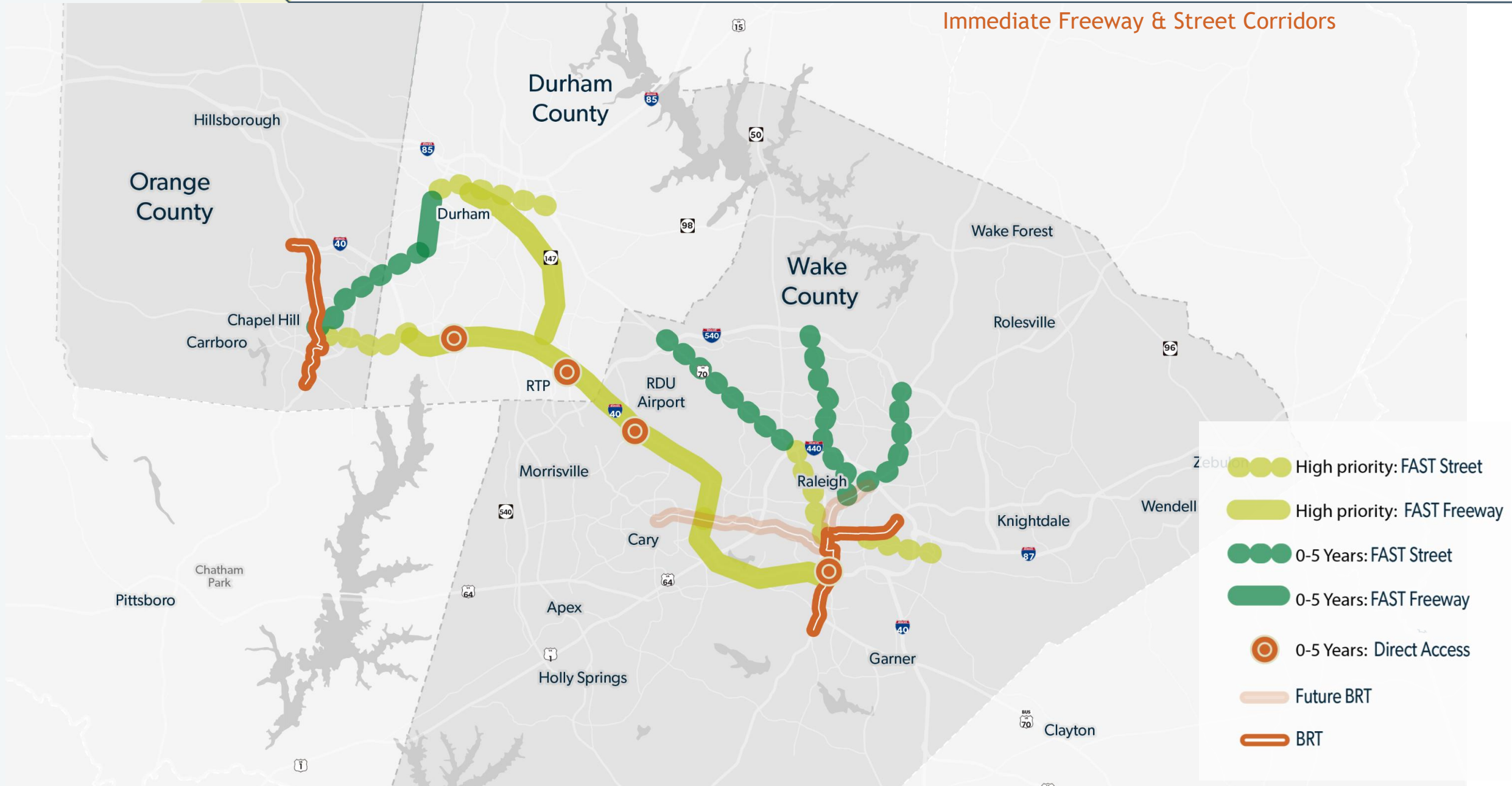
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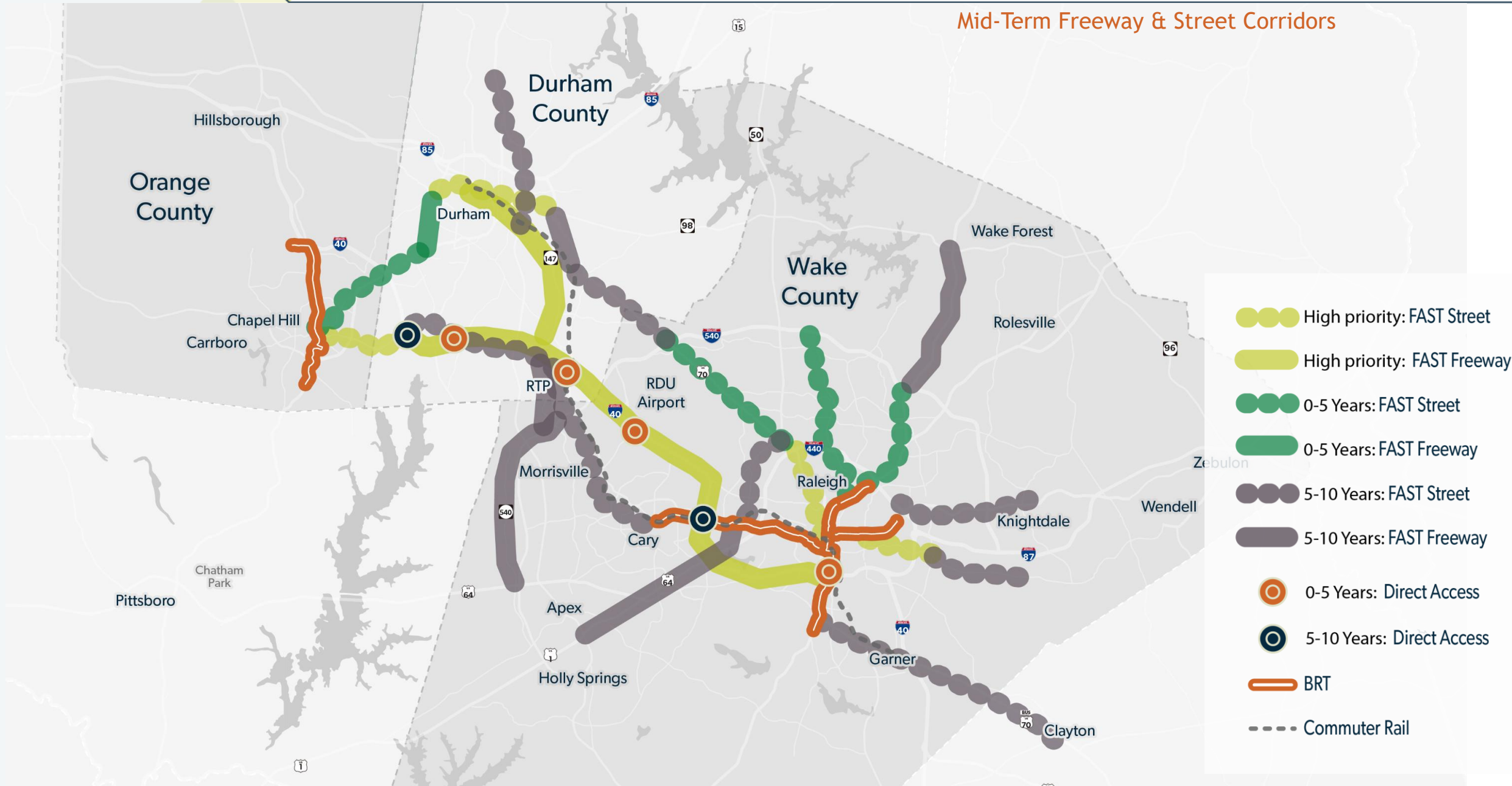
Example future FAST corridors

Immediate Freeway & Street Corridors



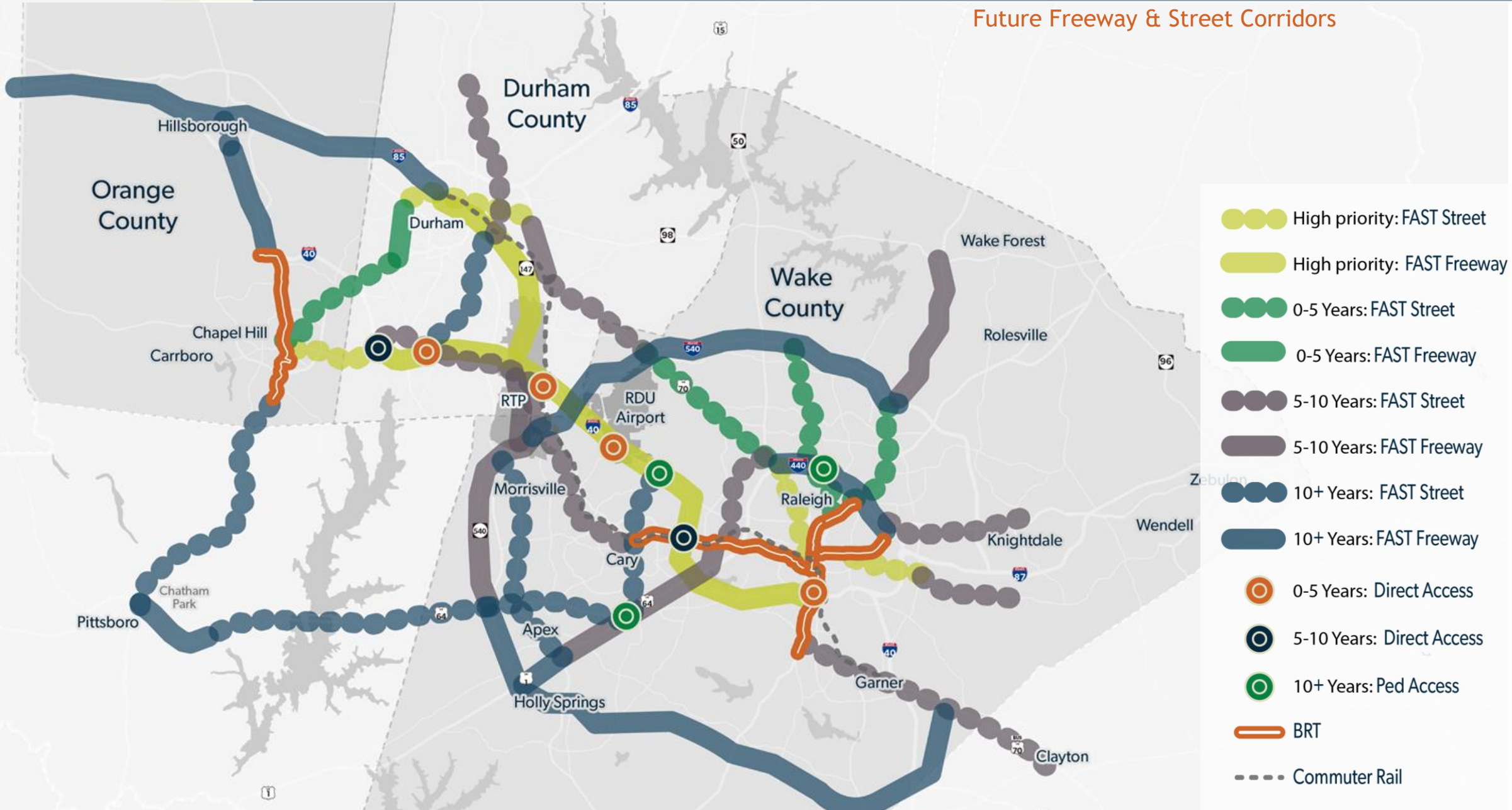
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-  0-5 Years: FAST Freeway
-  0-5 Years: Direct Access
-  Future BRT
-  BRT

Mid-Term Freeway & Street Corridors



- High priority: FAST Street
- ▬ High priority: FAST Freeway
- 0-5 Years: FAST Street
- ▬ 0-5 Years: FAST Freeway
- 5-10 Years: FAST Street
- ▬ 5-10 Years: FAST Freeway
- 0-5 Years: Direct Access
- ◎ 5-10 Years: Direct Access
- ▬ BRT
- - - Commuter Rail

Future Freeway & Street Corridors



- High priority: FAST Street
- ▬ High priority: FAST Freeway
- 0-5 Years: FAST Street
- ▬ 0-5 Years: FAST Freeway
- 5-10 Years: FAST Street
- ▬ 5-10 Years: FAST Freeway
- 10+ Years: FAST Street
- ▬ 10+ Years: FAST Freeway
- 0-5 Years: Direct Access
- ◎ 5-10 Years: Direct Access
- ◎ 10+ Years: Ped Access
- ▬▬ BRT
- - - Commuter Rail

Enhanced freeway transit advantages



● Direct access ramp



● Transit priority shoulder



● Freeway transit station

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Next Steps

Public Comment Period

- Download a version of this presentation at letsgetmoving.org/FAST
- Email comments to FAST@letsgetmoving.org
- 45-Day Comment Period
July 16-August 31



Next Steps

- Review ongoing/upcoming highway projects for potential transit advantage incorporation opportunities
- Develop implementation playbook for several illustrative examples
 - High priority projects
 - 0-5 year projects

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FINAL REMARKS



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