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THE STATE OF MOBILITY 2025

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Friday, Jan. 24 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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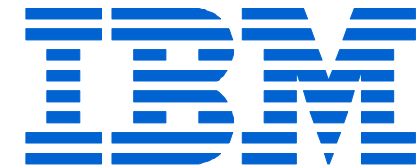
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County | Sanford Area Growth
Alliance |
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| Chatham | Knightdale | Wake Forest |
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| Durham | Raleigh | Wilson |
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Joe Milazzo II, PE; RTA Executive Director
Friday, January 24, 2025

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RTA Mission:

Deliver business leadership
to get our region moving *faster*.

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RTA is a metropolitan private-public partnership that drives consensus and action.

We have served as the voice of the regional business community on transportation for more than two decades.

RTA Purpose:

The regional business community believes that advancing enhanced mobility options and infrastructure is essential for improving the quality of place and life for our associates, customers, suppliers, visitors, and the broader community.

RTA Purpose:

Transportation projects will always take “forever.”

*RTA works with our partners to make them take
“less forever.”*

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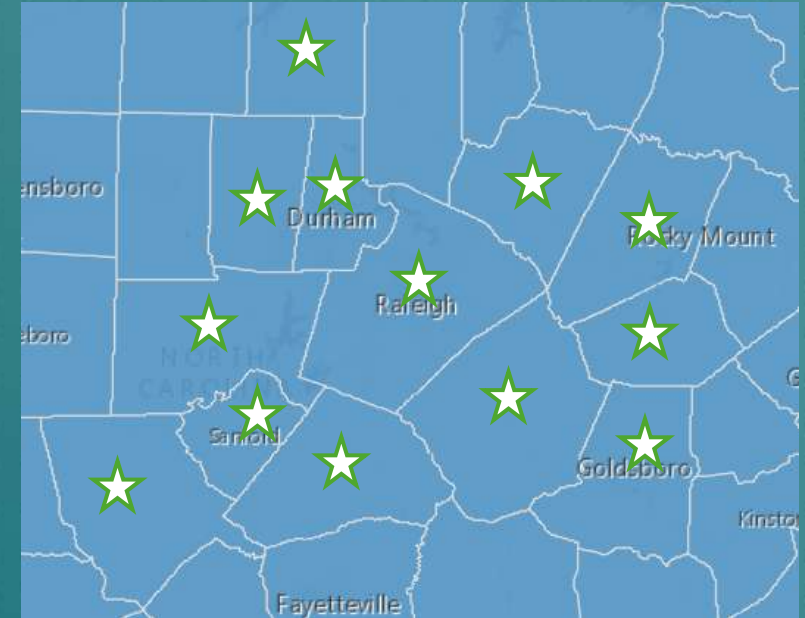
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- 28 Member chambers [in 13 counties]
TOTAL w/ CofCs: around 150 members



To Join the RTA

\$500-\$2000 Basic membership
(\$300 first year small business, if Chamber member)

\$2,500 Bronze membership

\$5,000 RTA Leadership Team
(\$5k = RTA Silver)

RTA MEMBERSHIP

Costco hotdog: \$1.50

[no change for 40 years]

RTA Leadership Team
membership: \$5,000

[no change for ~22 years]

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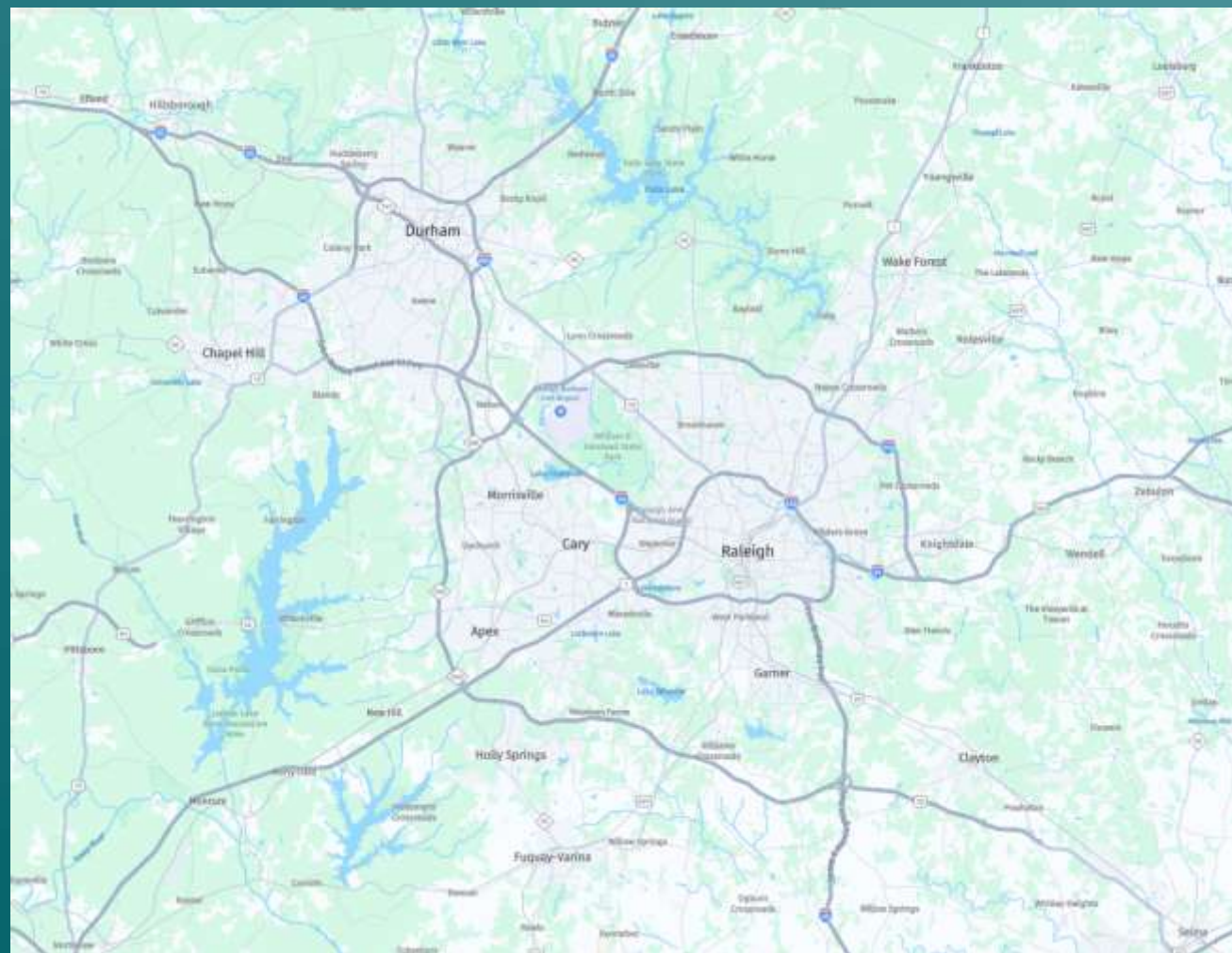
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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

- RDU primary runway construction underway
- 540 Southern Wake freeway opened
- Intercity rail – largest grant in NCDOT history, under construction
- High performance rail grant spearheaded by NC Railroad Company
- Access user fee expansion in legislature
- Multiple new international flights (Mexico City, Panama City, Frankfurt)

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

- I-40 widening in Wake/Johnston – substantial completion
- I-40 widening in Orange proceeding
- I-440 widening/modernization in west Raleigh – milestones
- 540 Eastern Wake freeway – which will Complete 540 – under constr.
- I-42 upgrade in Johnston, Wayne advancing
- US 1 / Capital Boulevard freeway acceleration toll study underway



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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

- RTP mobility hub receives federal funding
- FAST study with 15+ partners, \$900k funding, summer 2025 deadline
- Dynamic Left Turn intersections – multiple sites advancing
- Freeway cap conversations, including RTA Richmond QuickTour
- RTA maintains RTI research and policy partnership

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

- RTA maintains level Leadership Team pricing for 22nd consecutive year
- Majority of members support optional membership initiative
- New introductory rate for smaller firms introduced
- Second Omnia Gold firm added plus two new Silver members

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

- RTA major events (State of Mobility, Brunch) – well attended
- Added special event (Airline CEO Forum) to support RDU and new service.
- Held BRT acceleration general membership meeting in June.
- Held QuickTour to Richmond – BRT, freeway caps.
- Held first BRT/FAST/SMART Team meeting at SAS in November.

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REGIONAL GROWTH

- NC - Top 3 states to move to, according to U-Haul
- Raleigh - best City / region in America
- Durham – top City to live in







GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY





WADE AVENUE FACING SOUTH



AIR SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

Fastest Growing top 50 Airport in US

Record Setting Traffic in 2024: 15M Passengers

\$1.3 Billion in Local, State Tax Revenues

\$24 Billion Economic Impact

\$2.5 Billion in Infrastructure Investments Over Next 10 Years

Strategic advocacy priorities

- Identify sustainable business model for RDU infrastructure
- Lobby for access user fee implementation for state highway funding
- Complete FAST study, accelerate BRT and transit priority

Rapid implementation initiatives

- Accelerate US 1 / Capital Boulevard freeway
- Implement multiple Dynamic Left Turn intersections (DLTi)
- Secure funding to activate SMART freeway for I-40

Organizational priorities

- Grow RTA Leadership Team investments letsgetmoving.org/BusinessCase
- Expand overall RTA membership
- Create member recognition initiative to promote electrification

Ongoing priorities and initiatives

- Promote innovative, scalable solutions
- Advance US 70 improvements
- Create Triangle Bikeway system
- Advance Southeast higher-speed intercity rail
- Cultivate business community members for board and commission roles
- Continue strong regional RTA events
- Maintain RTA Leadership Team pricing for 23rd consecutive year



Vision 2040 Phase 1

Four major projects planned for next 10 years:

- New 5L-23R Runway: \$1.08 billion
- Terminal 2 Landside Expansion: \$775 million
- Park Economy 3 Expansion: \$164 million
- John Brantley Boulevard Extension: \$175 million

Total cost of these and others: \$2.5 billion

- Phase 1 does not include adding any gate capacity.



Runway Replacement



New Runway 5L/23R



Current Runway 5L/23R

Balfour Beatty

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RDU Raleigh-Durham International Airport

RUNWAY 5L-23R REPLACEMENT

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Terminal 2 Landside Expansion



Bigger Ticketing Hall



More Security Lanes

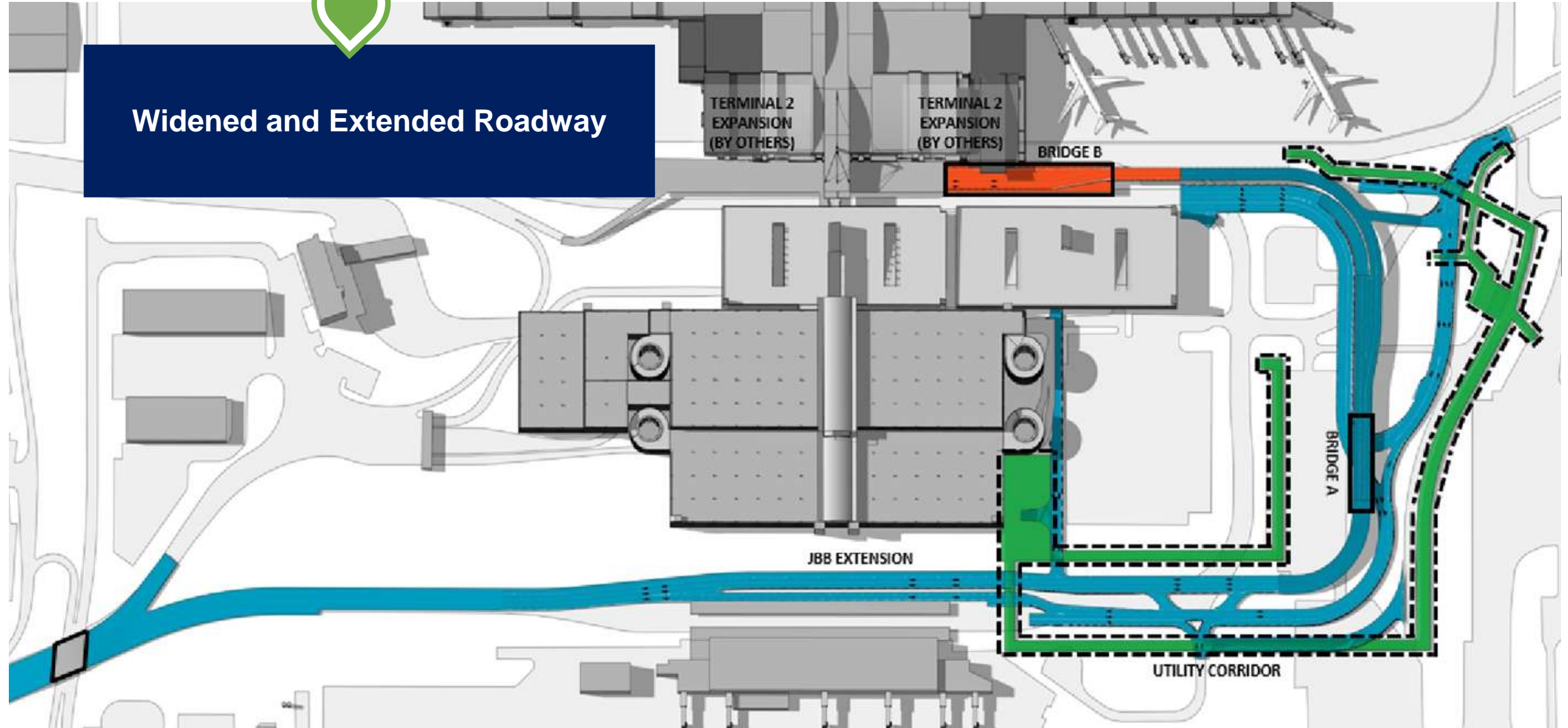




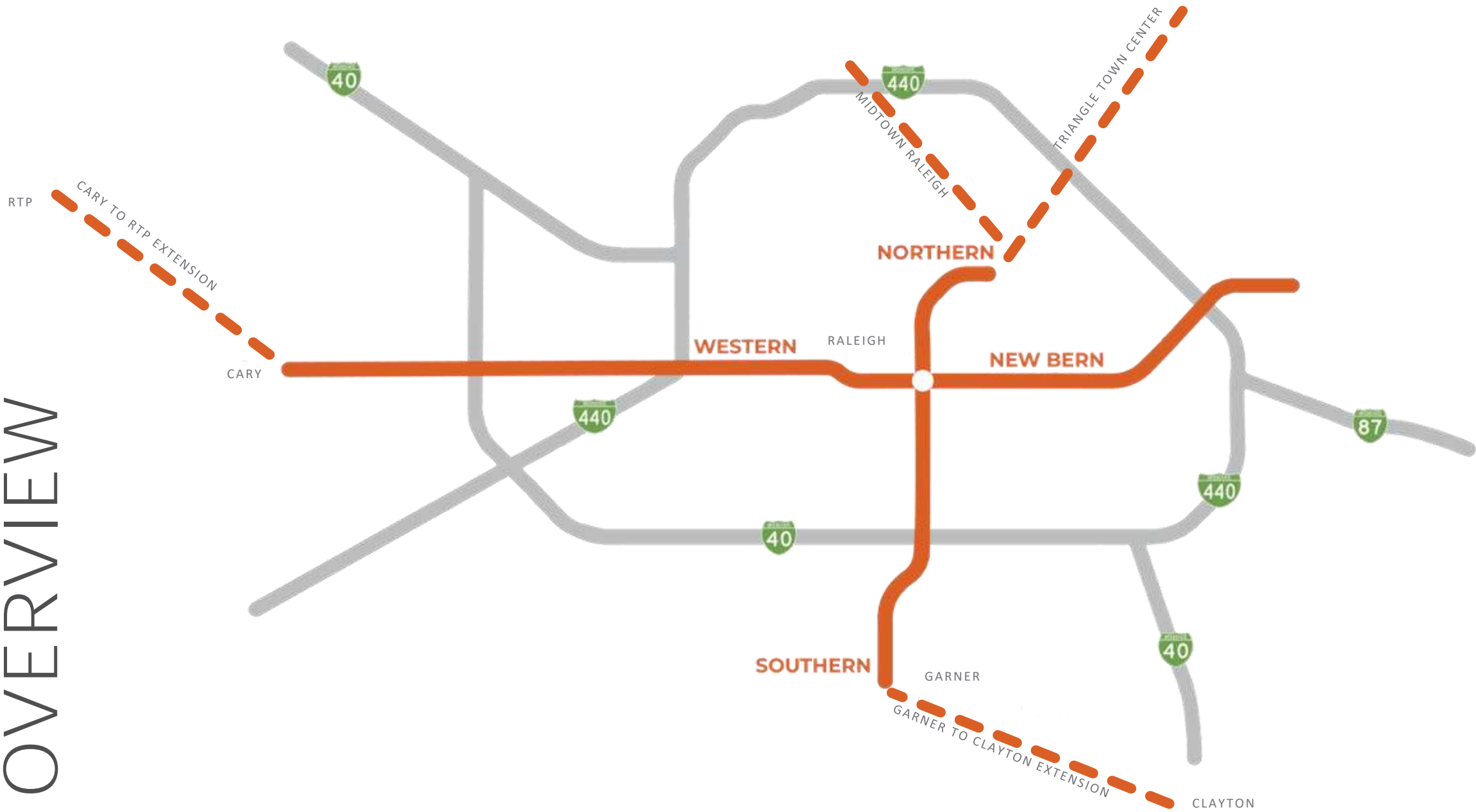
John Brantley Blvd. Extension



Widened and Extended Roadway



WAKE BRI PROGRAM OVERVIEW



RALEIGH BLVD



SOLAR PANELS

DEDICATED LANES

MULTI-USE PATH

HIGH-VISIBILITY CROSSWALK

DEDICATED LANES



MEDICAL DISTRICT



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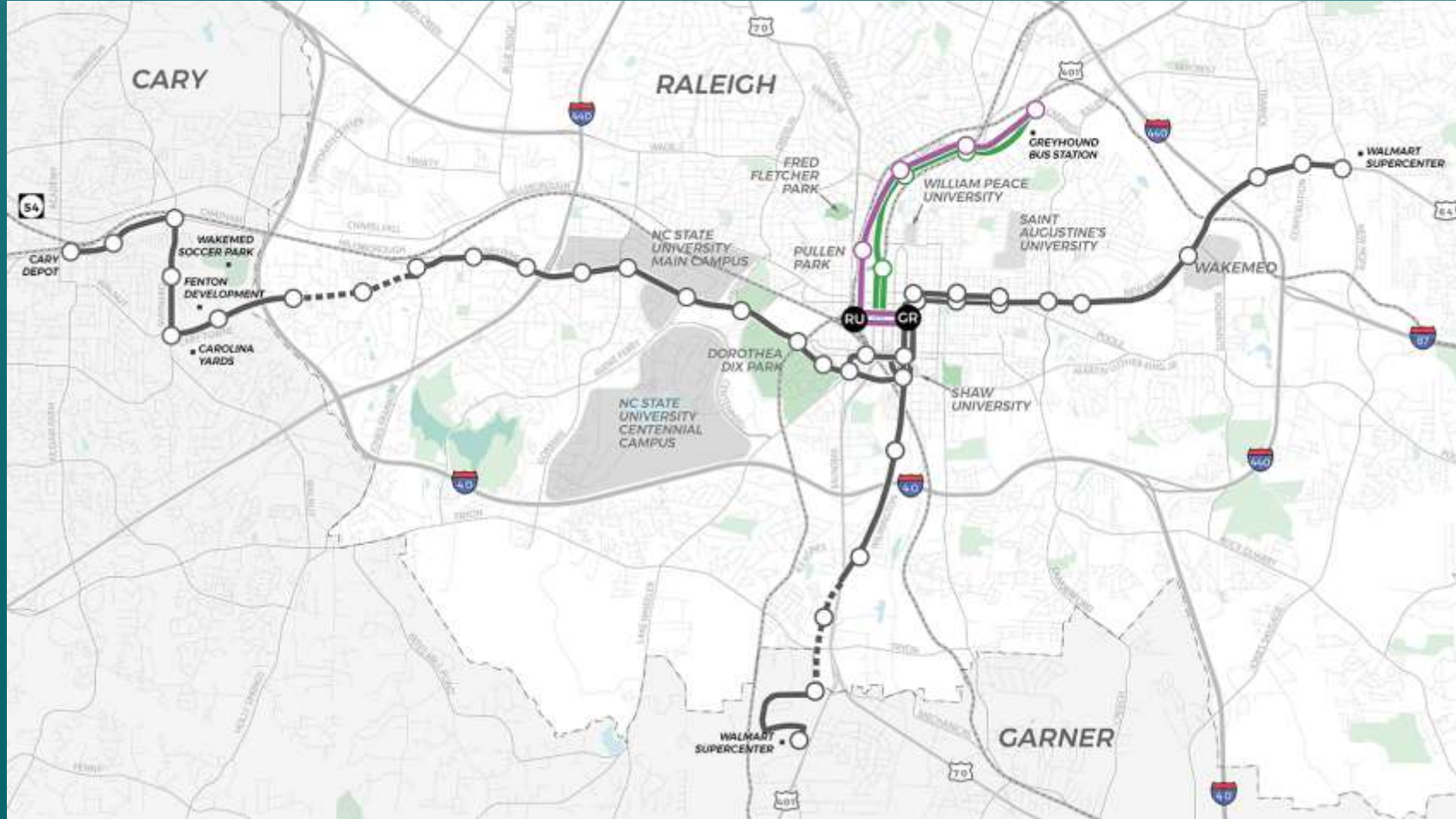
SIDEWALK

MULTI-USE PATH

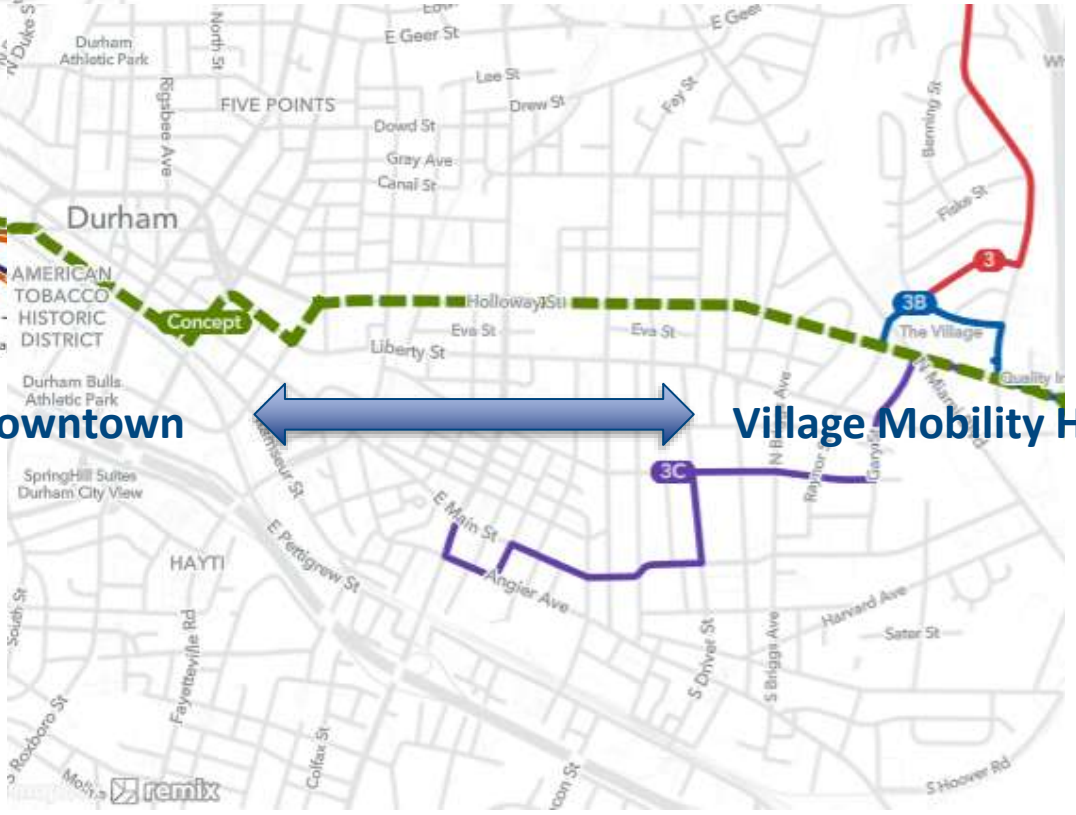
Frequent Transit Area: Allowing More Housing Choice and Opportunity



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Central Durham Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor Feasibility



Duke/VA



Downtown



Village Mobility Hub



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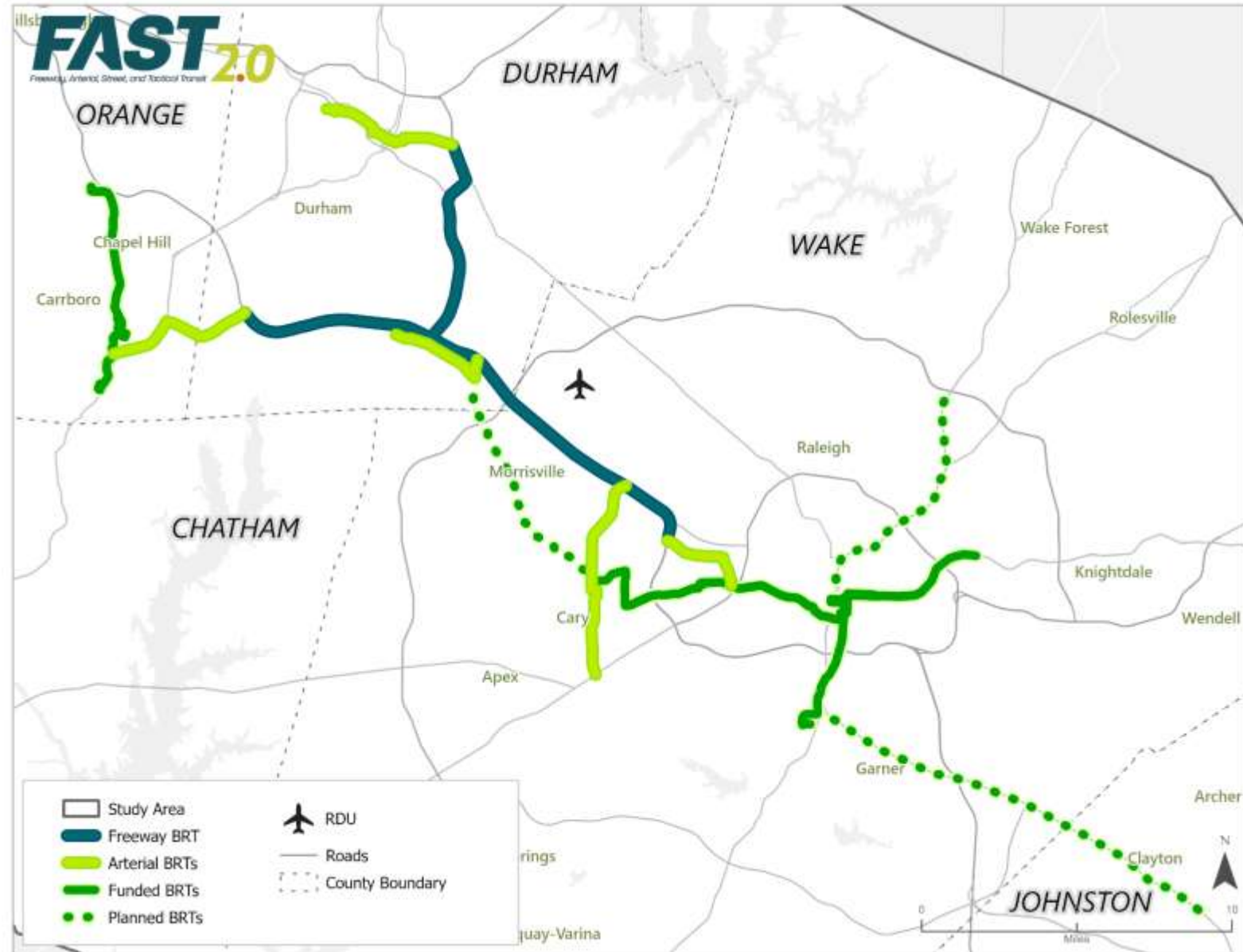
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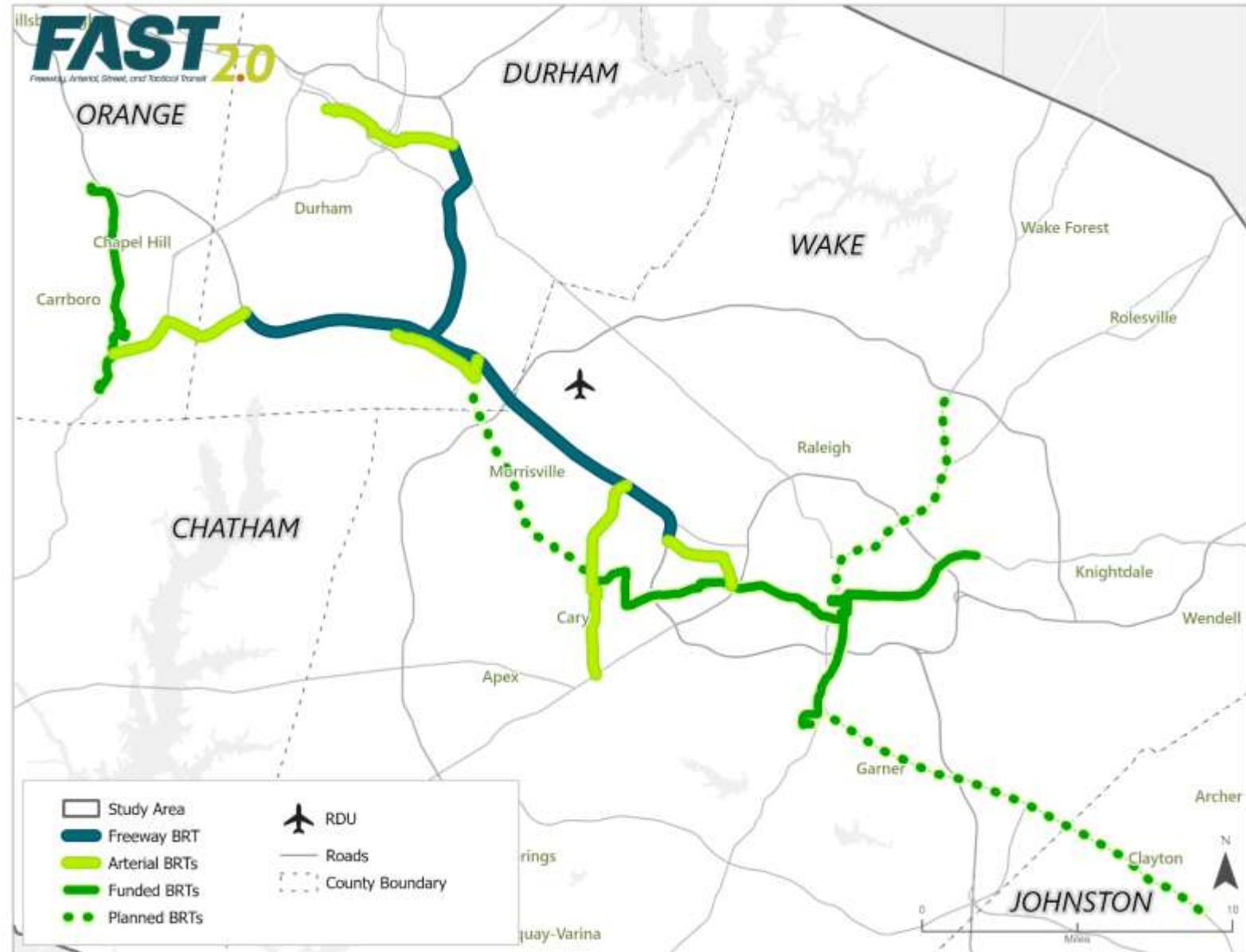
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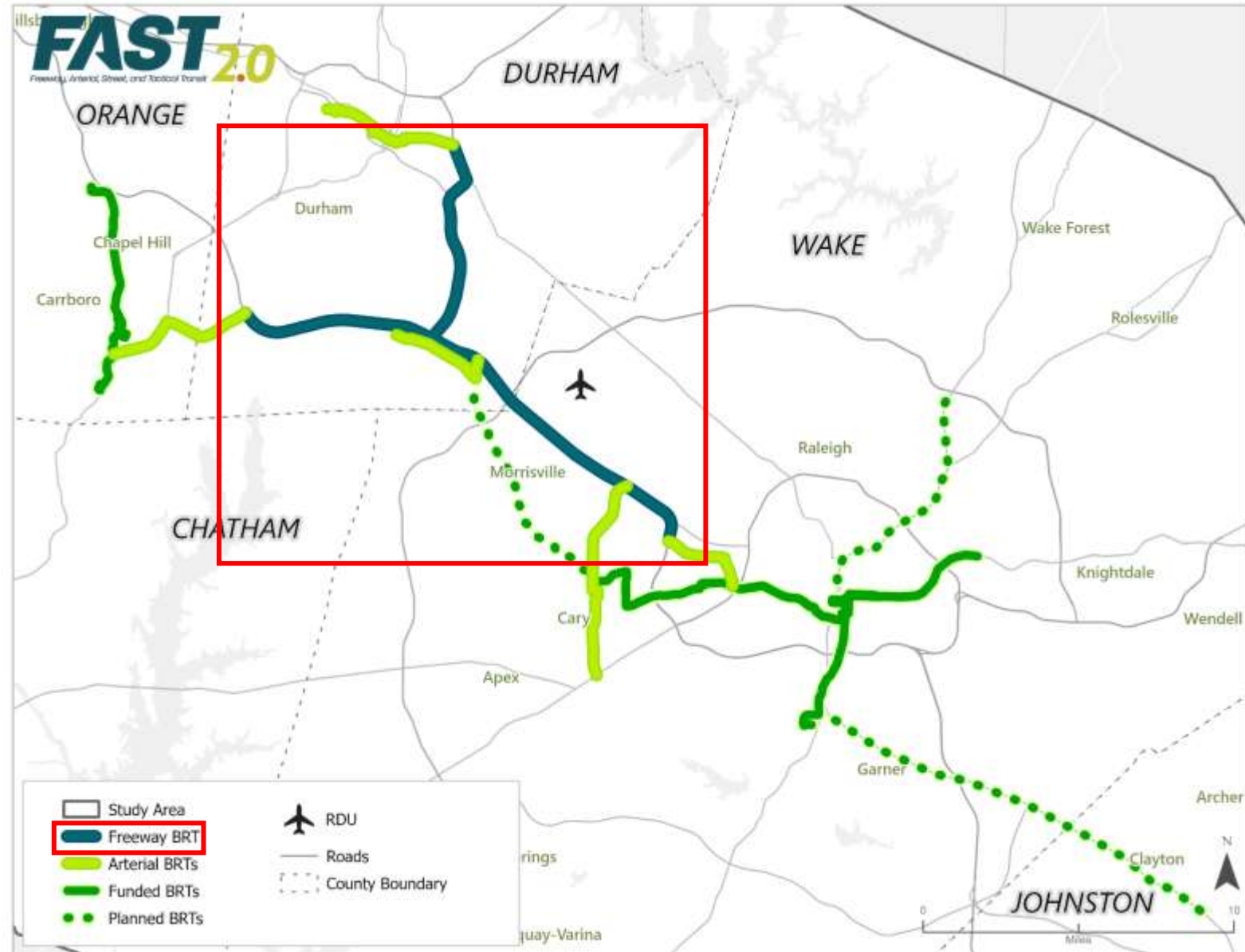
10 Approved BRT Corridors

- Raleigh – New Bern *(Raleigh to E. Raleigh)*
- Raleigh – Southern *(Raleigh to Garner)*
- Raleigh – Western *(Raleigh to Cary)*
- Raleigh – Northern *(Raleigh to N. Raleigh)*
- Cary – North-South *(Harrison/Kildaire)*
- Chapel Hill – N/S *(MLK./S. Columbia)*
- Durham – Central *(Duke Univ./Holloway)*
- Wake – S ext. *(Raleigh/Garner to Clayton)*
- Wake – W. ext. *(Raleigh/Cary to Morrisville/RTP)*
- I-40/I-885 regional *(Chapel Hill/Durham/RTP/RDU/Cary/Raleigh)*

Ex. Regional System

Freeways

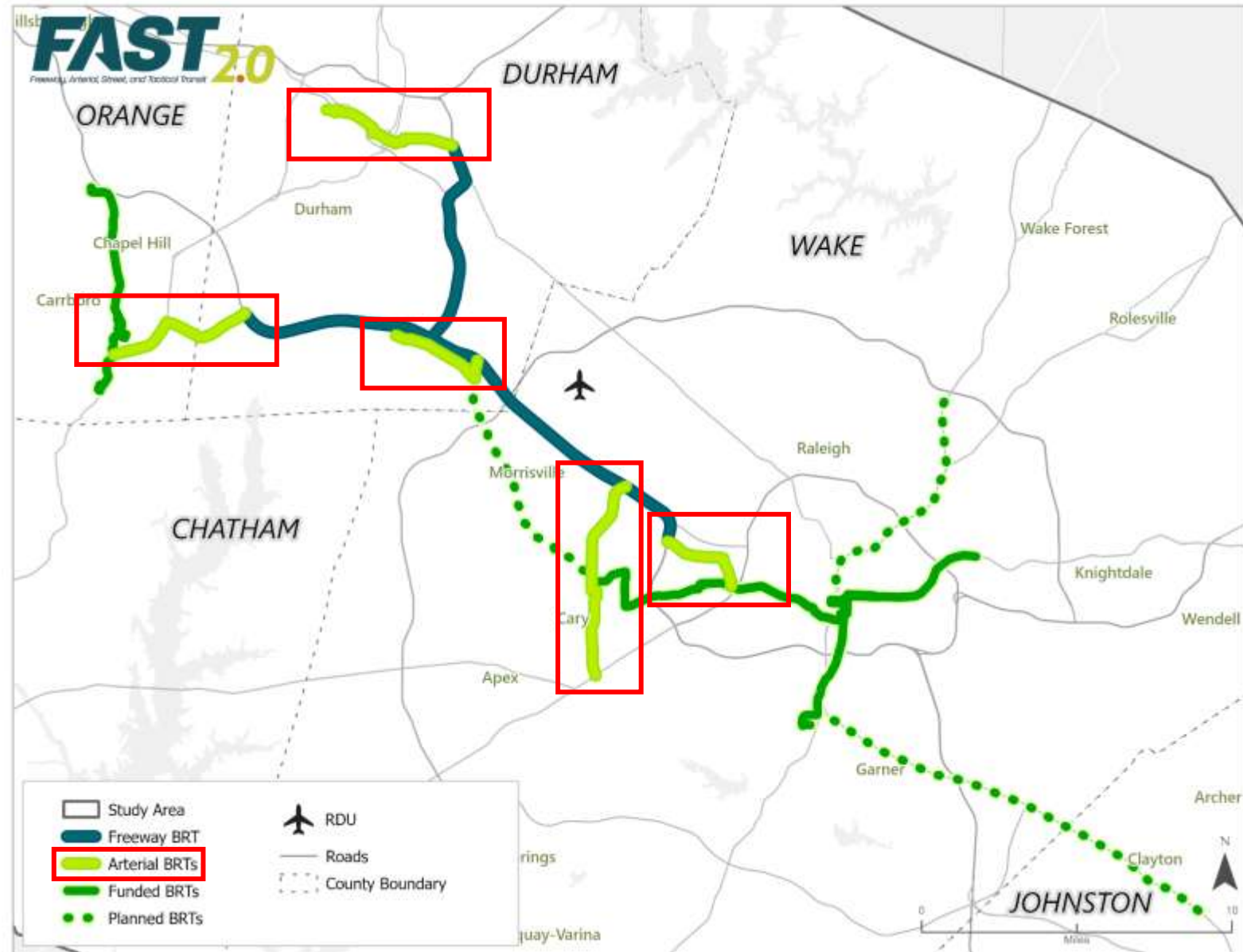
- Durham: I-40, I-885
- Orange: I-40
- Wake: I-40



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Arterials

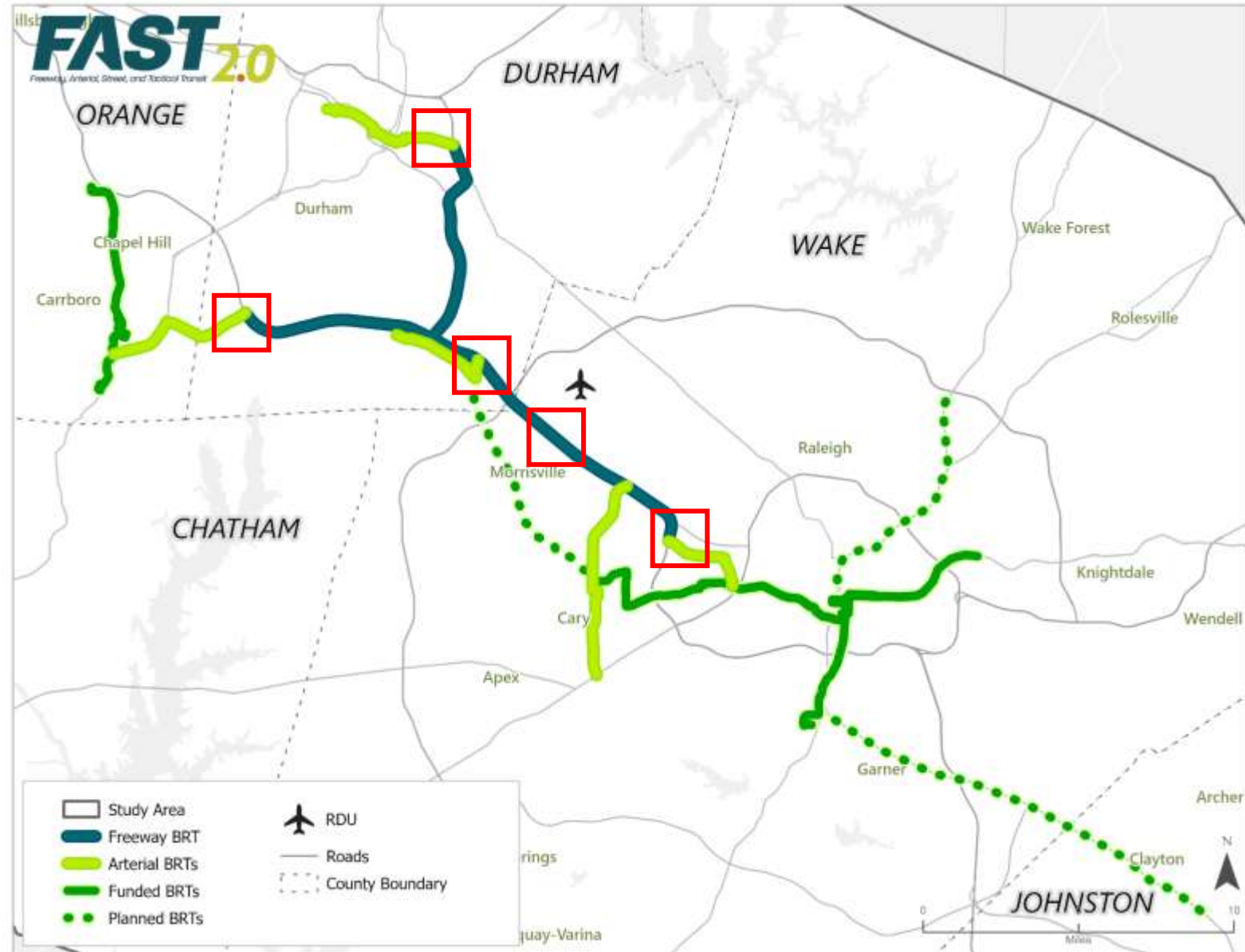
- Durham: Central Durham
- Chapel Hill: NC 54
- RTP: Miami/NC 54
- Cary: Harrison/Kildaire Farm
- Raleigh: Trinity/Blue Ridge



Ex. Regional System

T-Ramps

- Durham: Holloway
- Chapel Hill: NC 54
- RTP: Miami
- RDU
- Raleigh: Trinity



Ex. Trinity to Western BRT

I-40

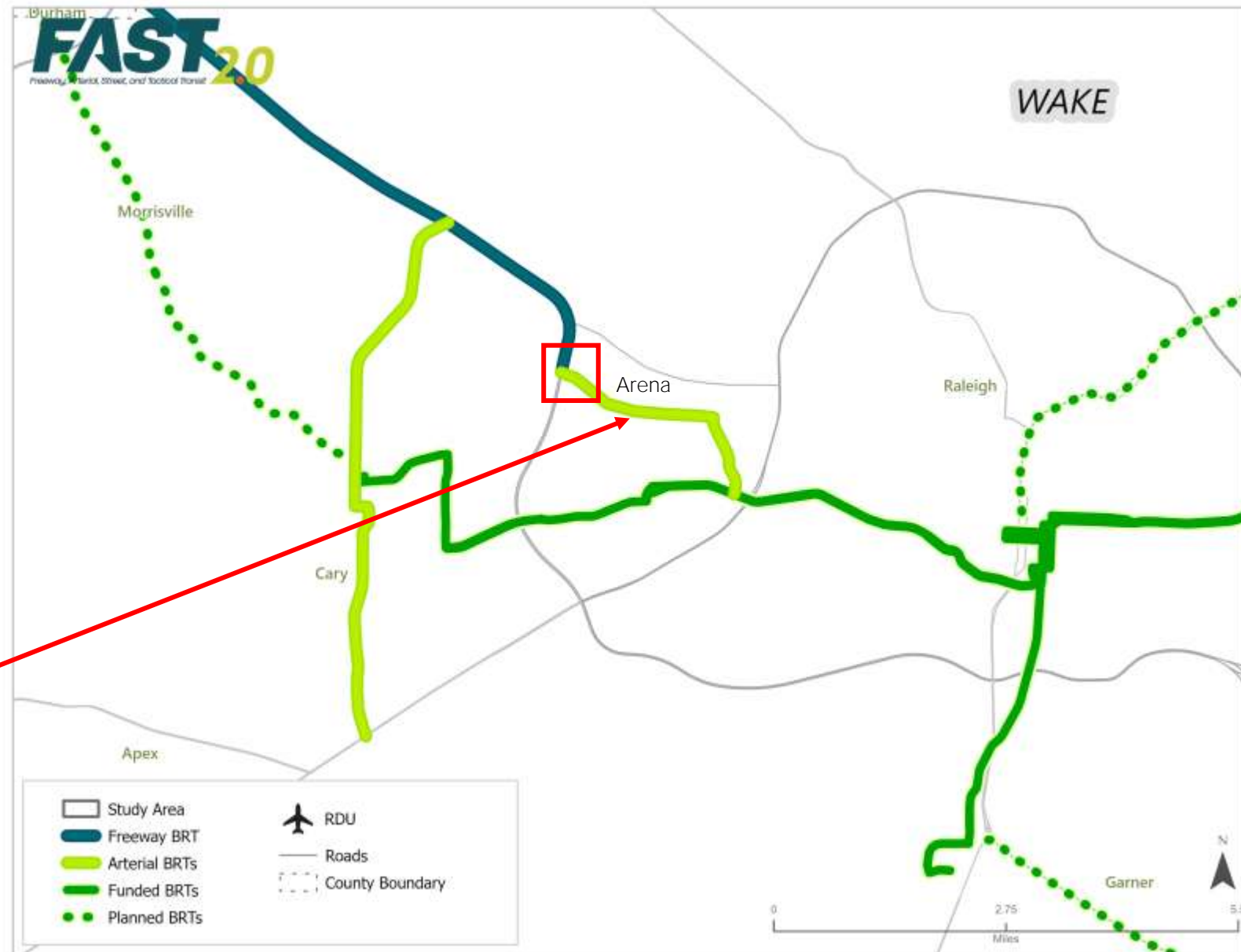
- DMSS: To/From West

T-Ramp

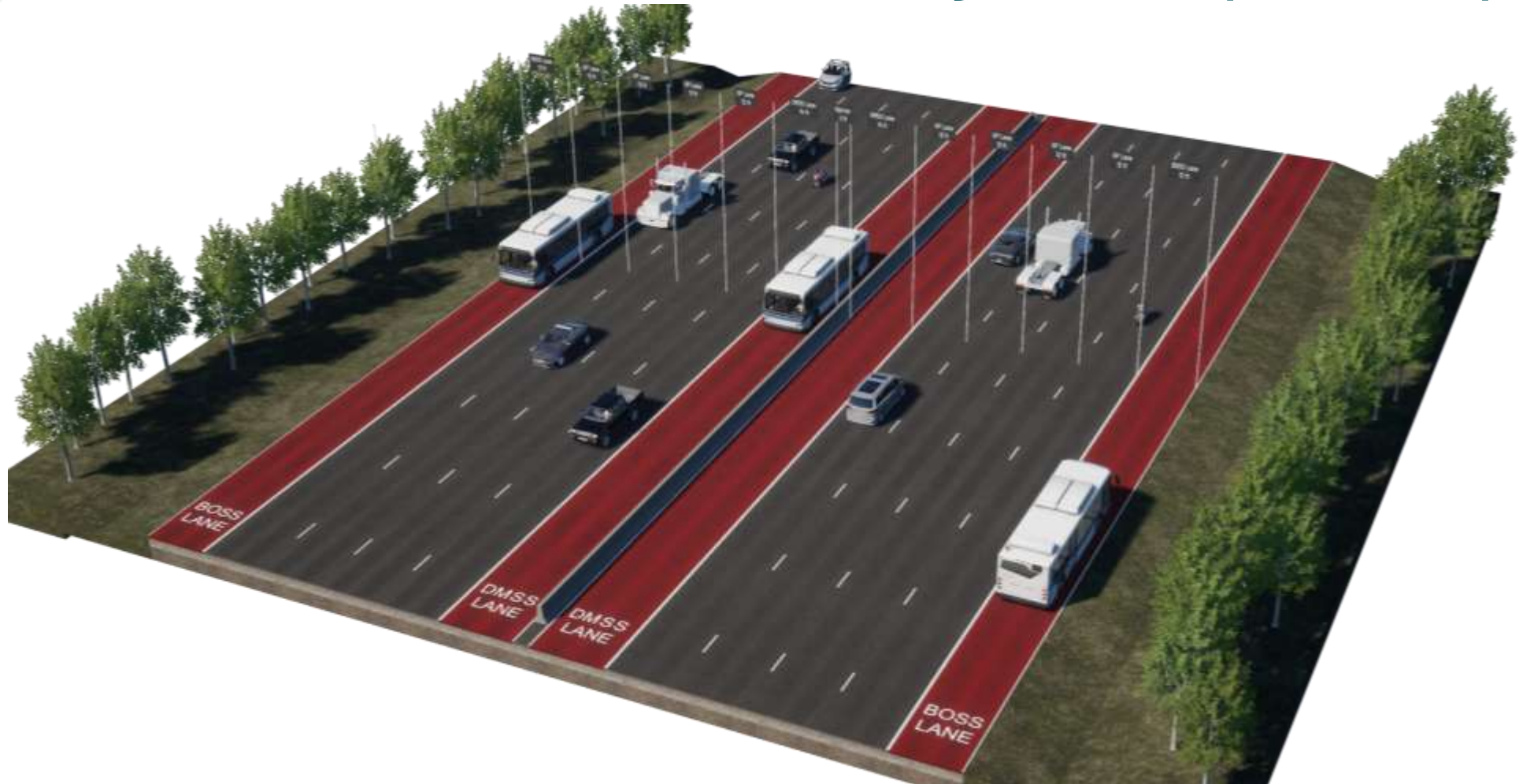
- Trinity

Routing to Downtown Raleigh

- Trinity
- Arena District
- Blue Ridge
- Western



Bus on Shoulder System (BOSS) & Dynamic Median Shoulder System (DMSS)

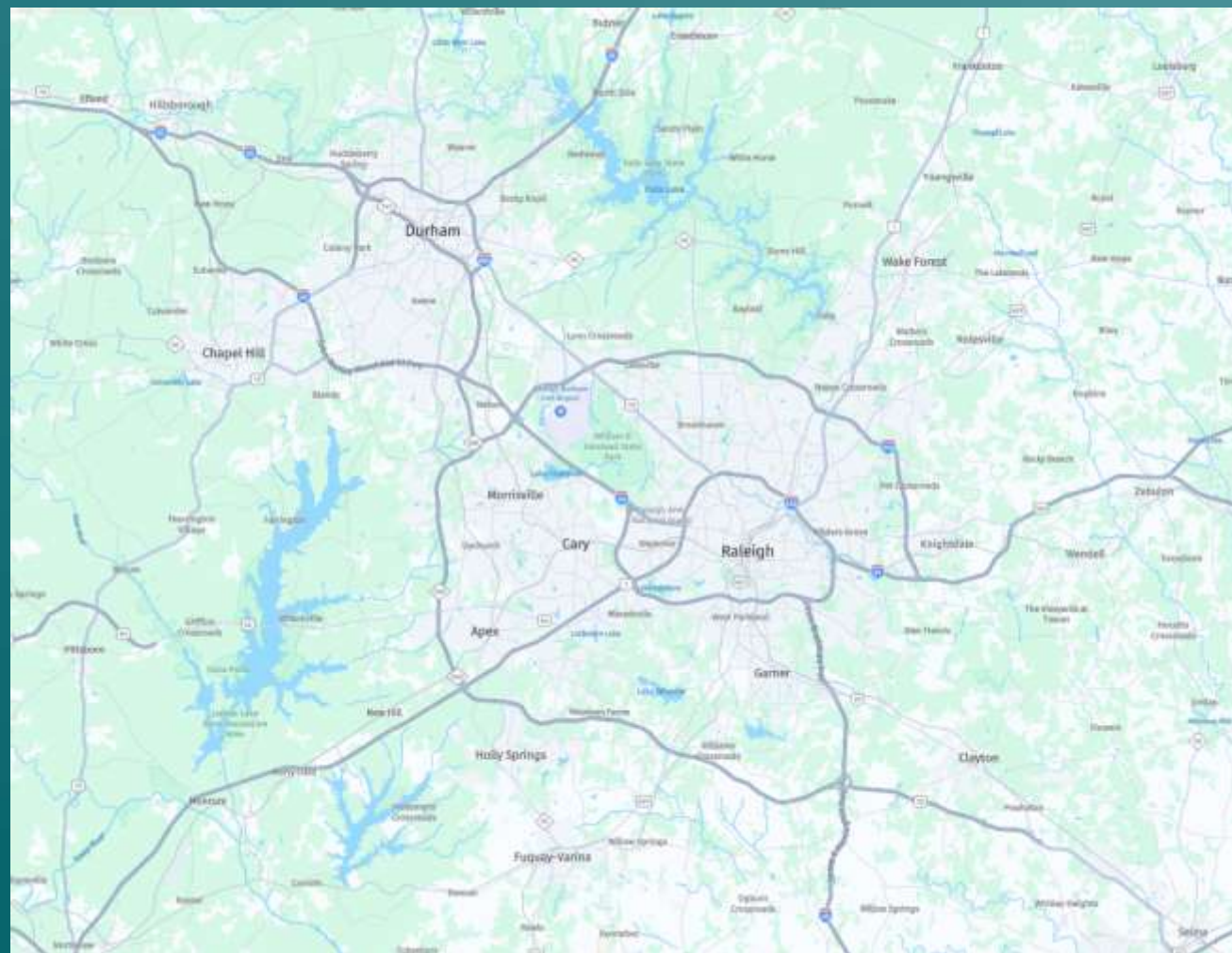




Ex. Trinity to Western BRT T-Ramp



TSP, Gate Arms & Dynamic Signage

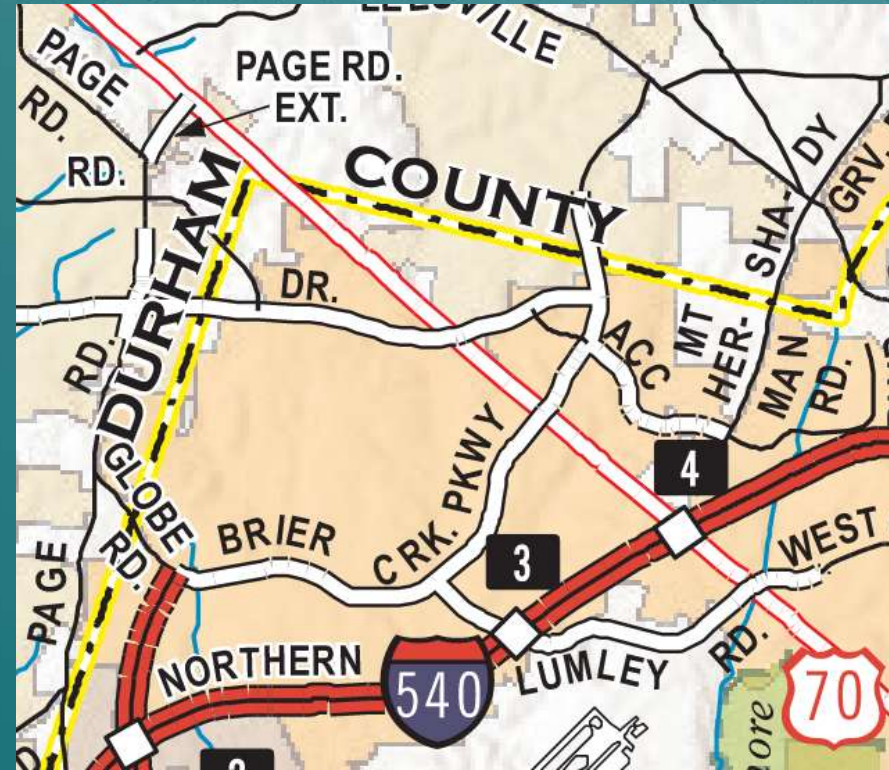
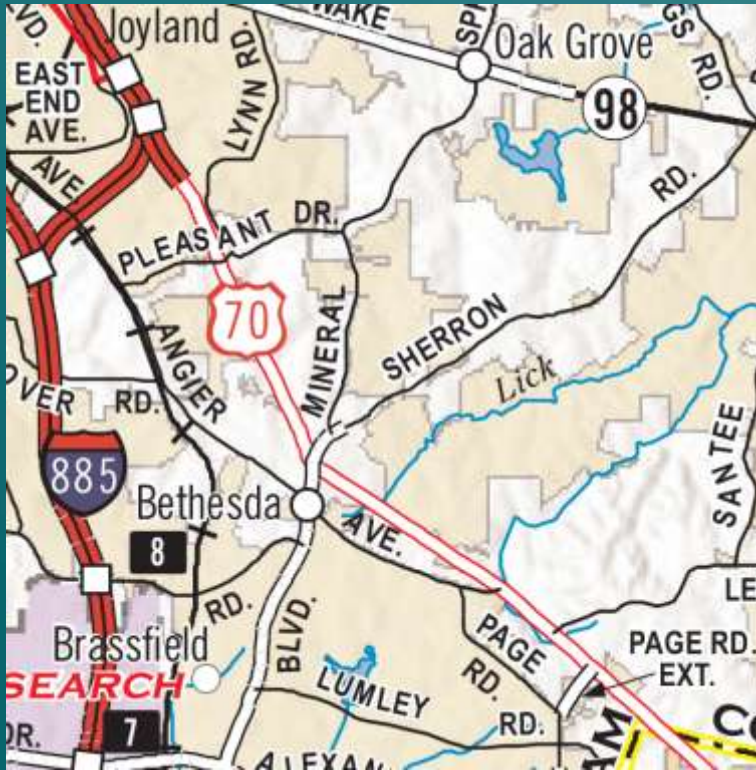


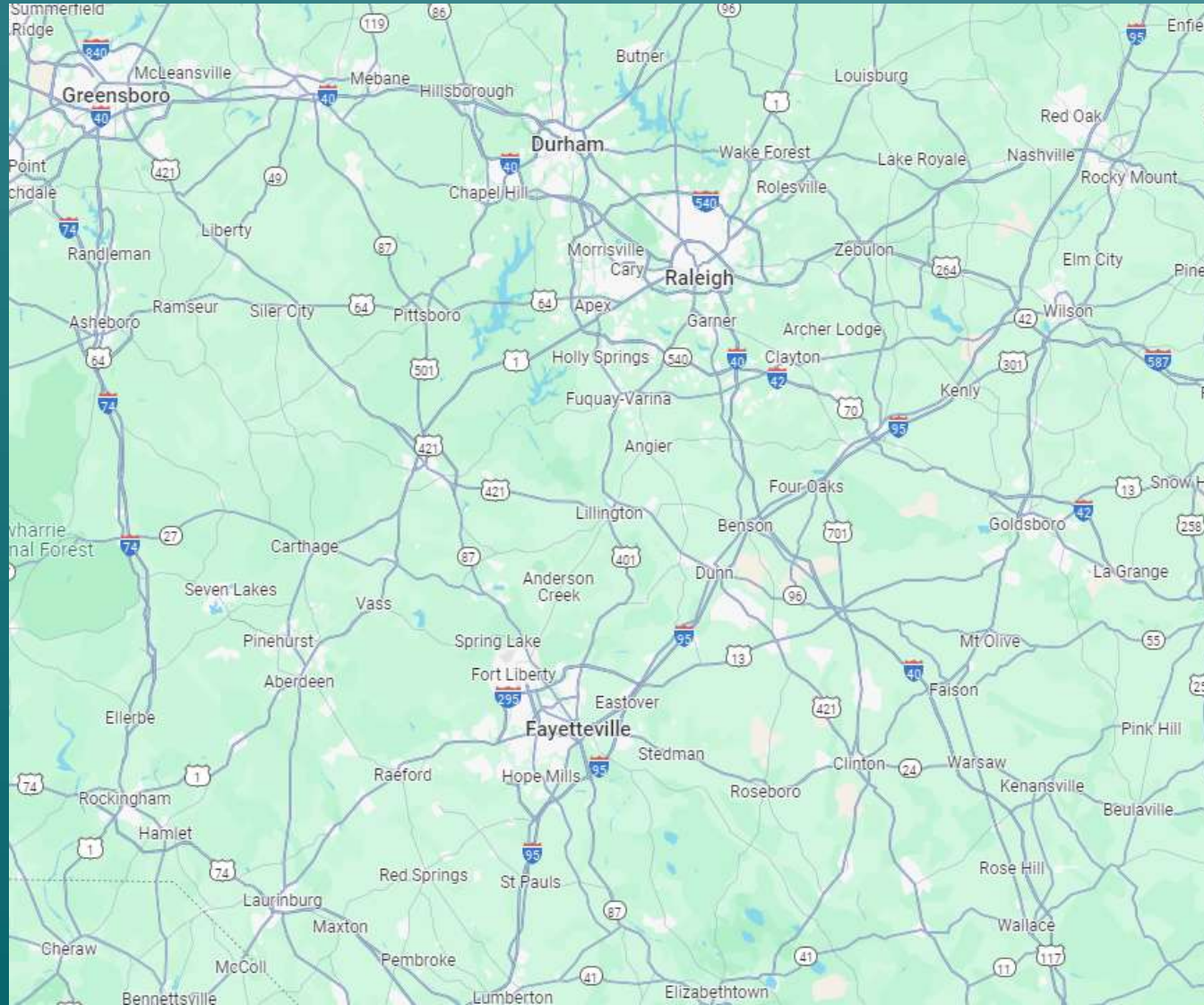


CAPITAL FREEWAY



US 70 IMPROVEMENTS

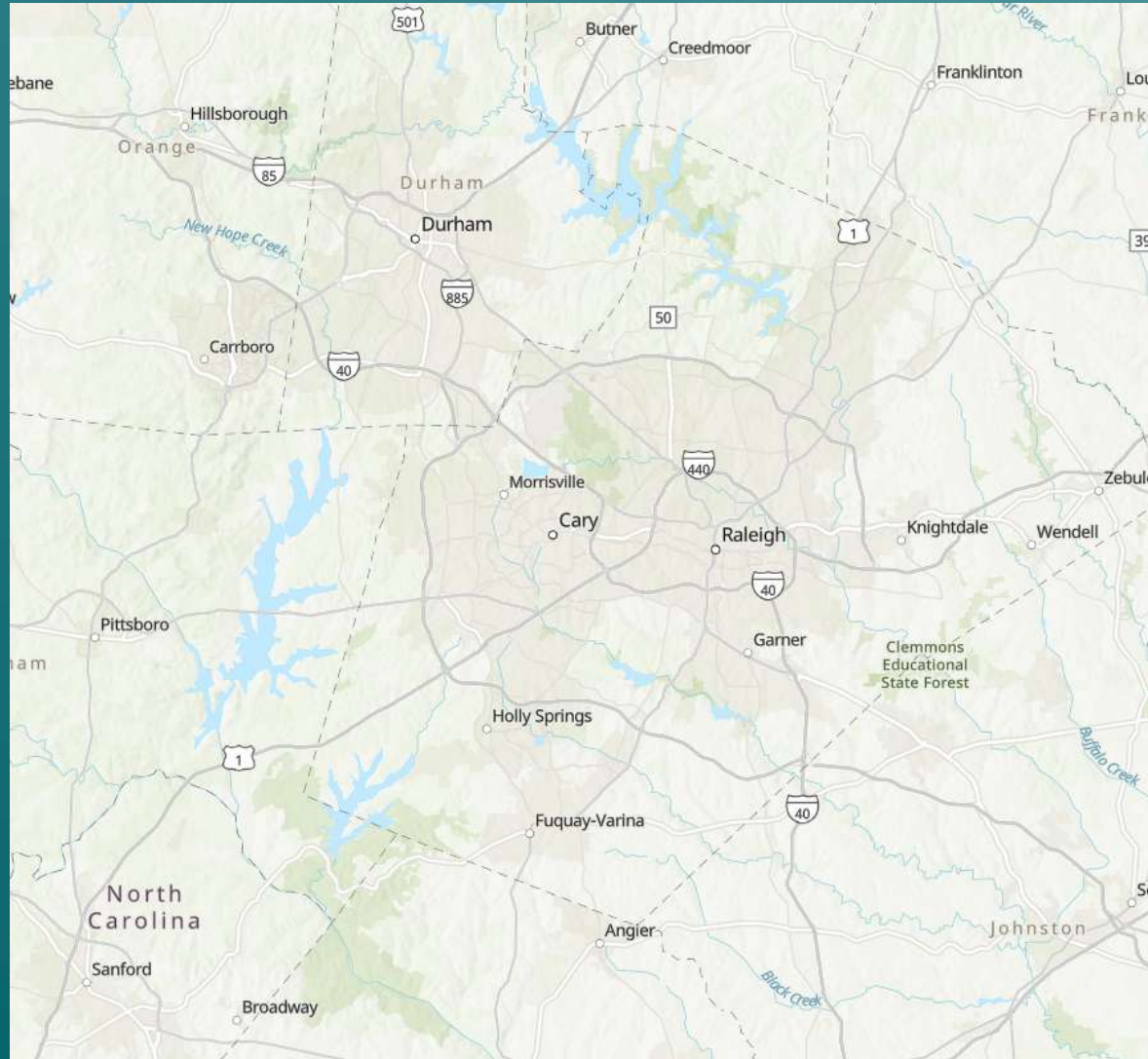


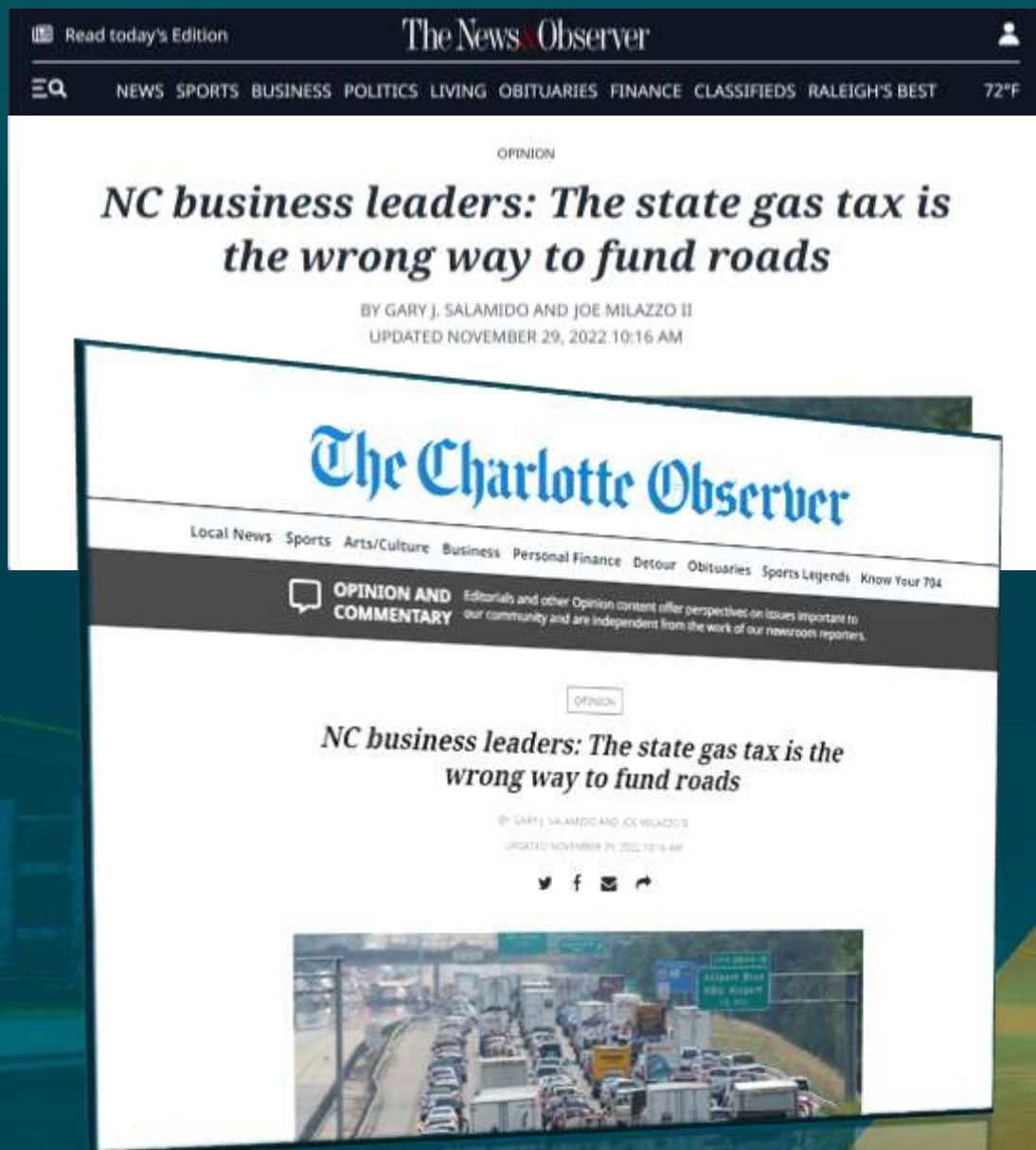




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The Access User Fee Opportunity

An access user fee applies a consistent price for all registered vehicles, regardless of individual usage.

The state gas tax would be simultaneously repealed upon full access fee implementation.

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2025 CURRENT RTA ACTIONS

Create NCDOT-RTA BRT Opportunity Forum to highlight upcoming BRT projects in Triangle and beyond.

- Event would be a webinar; audience would be roadway contractors, with speakers from NCDOT, RTA, etc.

Applaud Wake Transit outreach survey and scalable 10-year game plan of Wake Transit investments.

- Encourage our members and member chambers to participate.

2025 CURRENT RTA ACTIONS

Empower NCDOT to create and operate a Regional BRT Innovation and Acceleration Unit.

- Coordinated by NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD)
- Collaborate with Triangle area communities to advance BRT initiatives
- Facilitate potential public-private partnerships to accelerate delivery
- Jump start unit via funding from local option transit sales tax dollars

2025 CURRENT RTA ACTIONS

Support the acceleration of US 1 north of I-540 as a multimodal freeway, using toll revenue


- Consider tolling all lanes during weekday peak periods only, similar to I-66 in northern Virginia.
- Support non-toll access/frontage roadway along at least one side of the roadway for the entire corridor
- Include a 14' wide dynamic median shoulder to support future BRT or FAST transit operation

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You told us you want fast, reliable connections between Raleigh and Durham.

Here's what we can do.

- The region could build Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along I-40 to provide fast, frequent, reliable connections between Raleigh and Durham. This service could include:
 - Buses every 15 minutes all day, every day.
 - Widening and improving highway shoulders so buses can travel faster for the full way between Raleigh and Durham.
 - Making it easier and faster for buses to get on and off I-40.
 - Building new transfer points, including an Airport transit hub close to the on/off ramp.



Time to Get Started	Estimated Travel Time <small>(One-way plus paid through to Durham)</small>	Weekday Service	Weekend Service
Expansion starts in 2026 and 2027	60-70 minutes	15 minutes peak 30 minutes overings	Every 15 minutes
BRT on I-40	6-10 years	30 minutes daytime 60 minutes evening	Every 20 minutes

How often do you travel between Raleigh and Durham?

Every Day	Once a week or so	Every month or so	Rarely or Never

Do you think BRT will be a good way to connect Raleigh and Durham?

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Here's what we can do. 

Different Ways of Building a Transit Network

What should we do first?

OPTION 1
Expand bus service in Cary and Raleigh, so buses come more often and are available for longer hours and more days.
This option would serve more **people**.



OPTION 2
Create new bus routes and build new projects like mobility hubs to connect Wake County towns with Cary, Raleigh and other regional destinations.
This option would serve more **places**.



RTA AREA CAUCUS MEETINGS

Western caucus – February 7

Northeastern caucus – March 11

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Friday, August 8, 2025 – FAST transit study results

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