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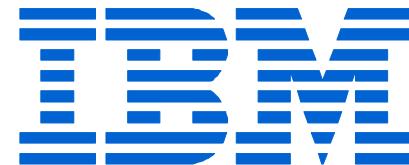
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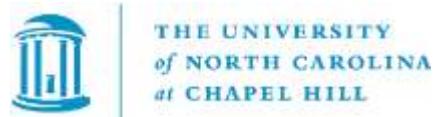
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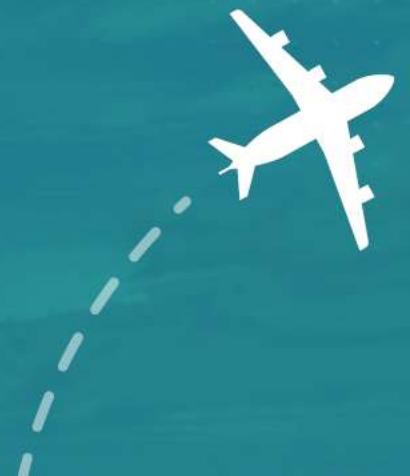
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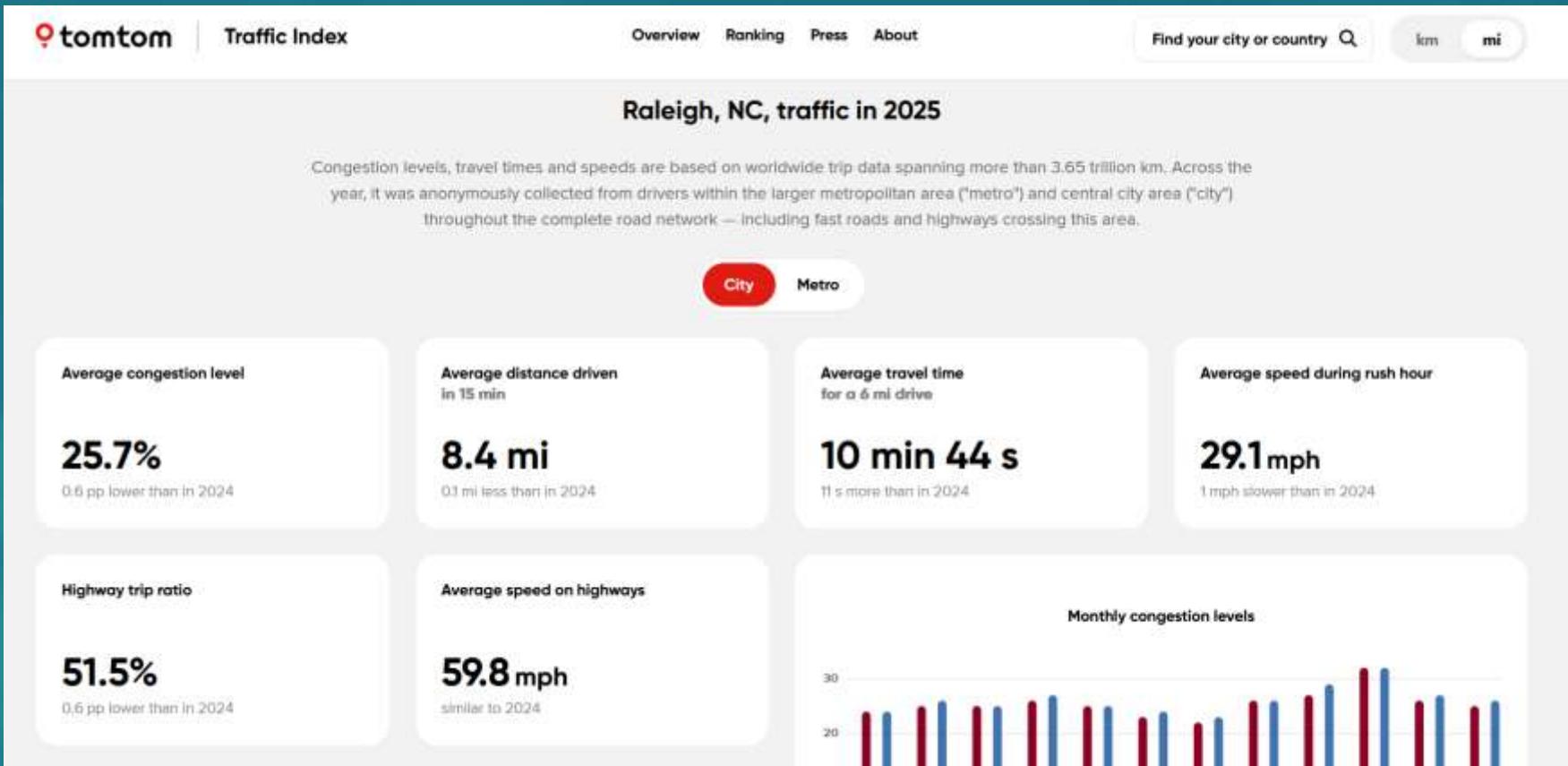


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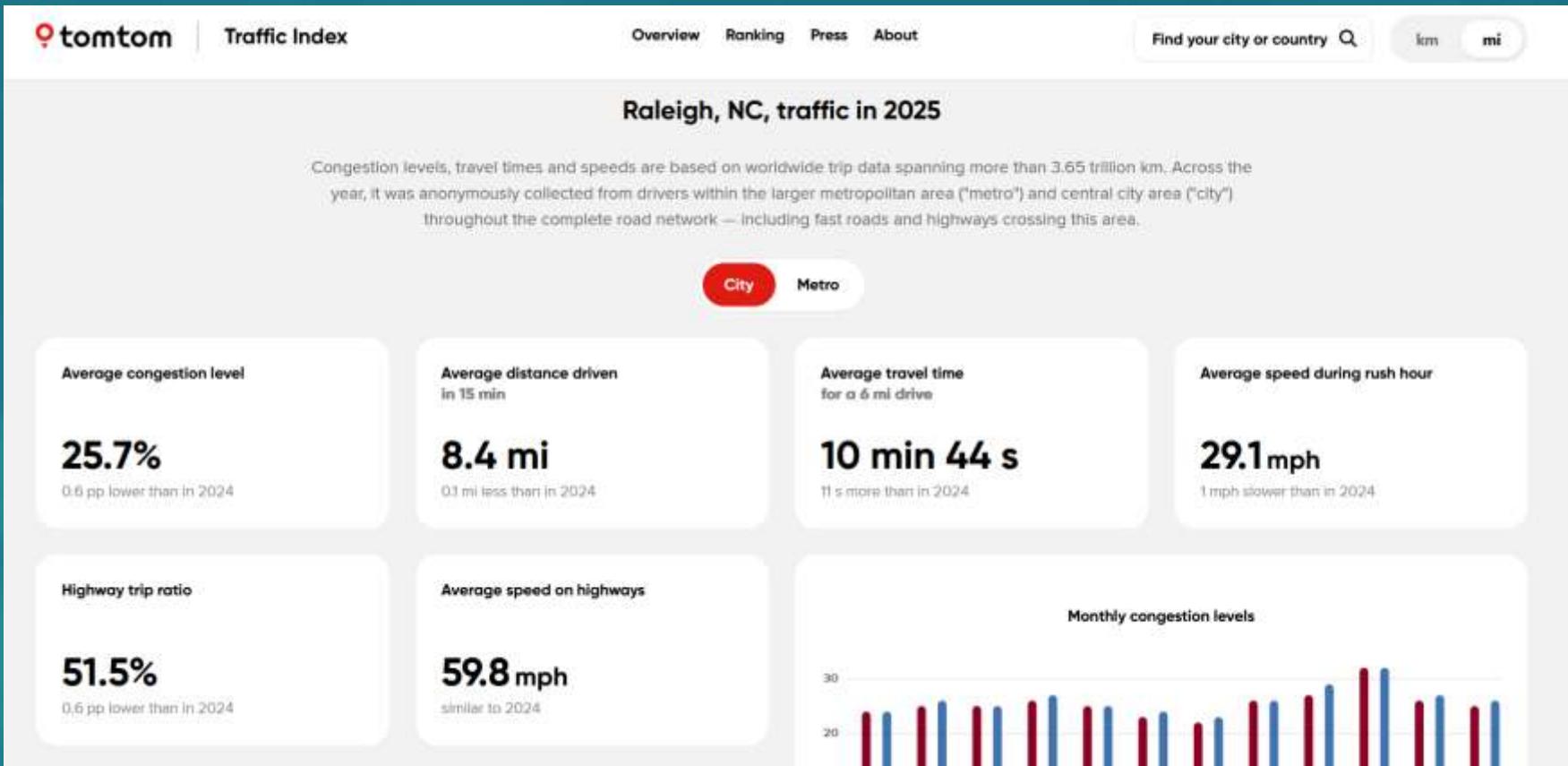


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The mission of RTA is to deliver business leadership to get our region moving faster.

RTA represents more than 100 leading companies and employers, and 25 member chambers of commerce across 13 counties, that are dedicated to ensuring that transportation projects take "less forever".

RTA is not a 'transportation group'. We are a leadership group representing the business community that focuses exclusively on accelerating regional mobility to enhance prosperity and quality of life.

RTA has exactly two core values: service to the region, urgency of our action.

Our commitment to those values translates into five overall benefits for our members:

- **Influence** on regional business priorities
- **Impact** on this region
- **Insights** that are actionable for your company
- **Recognition** for your leadership on a critical employee satisfaction issue
- **Relationships** and connections with leaders throughout our metro area

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RTA Regional Leadership Team

• RTA Sustaining Gold:	\$10,000	Premier sponsor of major events; join RTA Steering Cmte.
• RTA Gold:	\$7,500	Prominent logo at all events; town hall on your campus
• RTA Silver:	\$5,000	Logo at all RTA events; join Regional Leadership Team

Supporting members

• RTA Bronze:	\$2,500	Recognition at all RTA events; RTA retreat invite
• RTA Basic:	\$500 – \$2,000	Ticket to all RTA events; e-newsletter

See: letsgetmoving.org/membership for a current list of all RTA members, and detailed member benefits

"RTA helps leading businesses have strong, informed, public voices, ensuring focused efforts on infrastructure to support employment, mobility, and growth."

- Sarah Gaskill, RTA Chair, FUJIFILM Biotechnologies

"RTA gives us a voice to positively influence transportation initiatives that impact the lives of our employees and clients here in the Triangle."

- Jay Irby, RTA immediate past chair, First Citizens Bank

"RTA's continuous results show business leaders' commitment to an issue that affects everyone in our region. I cannot overstate the confidence we have in our partnership."

- Geoff Durham, President and CEO, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce



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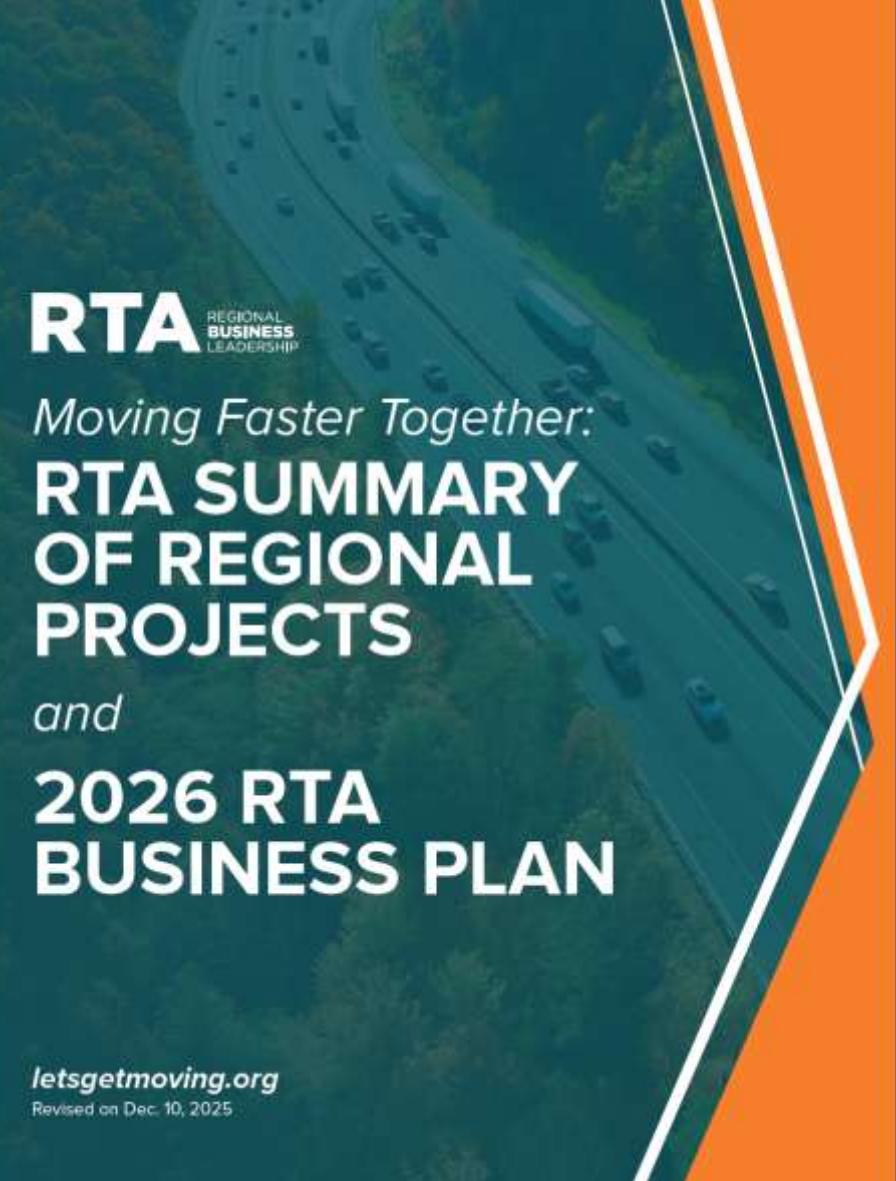
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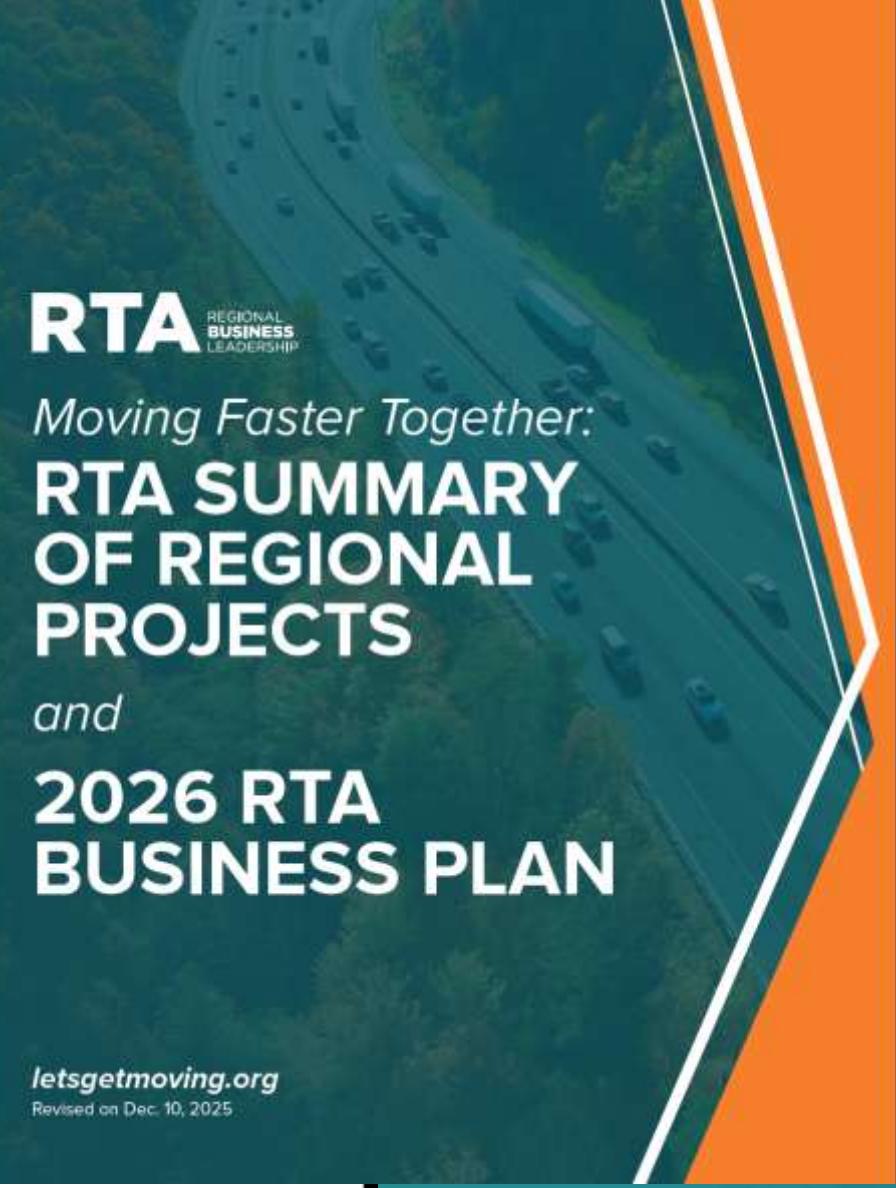
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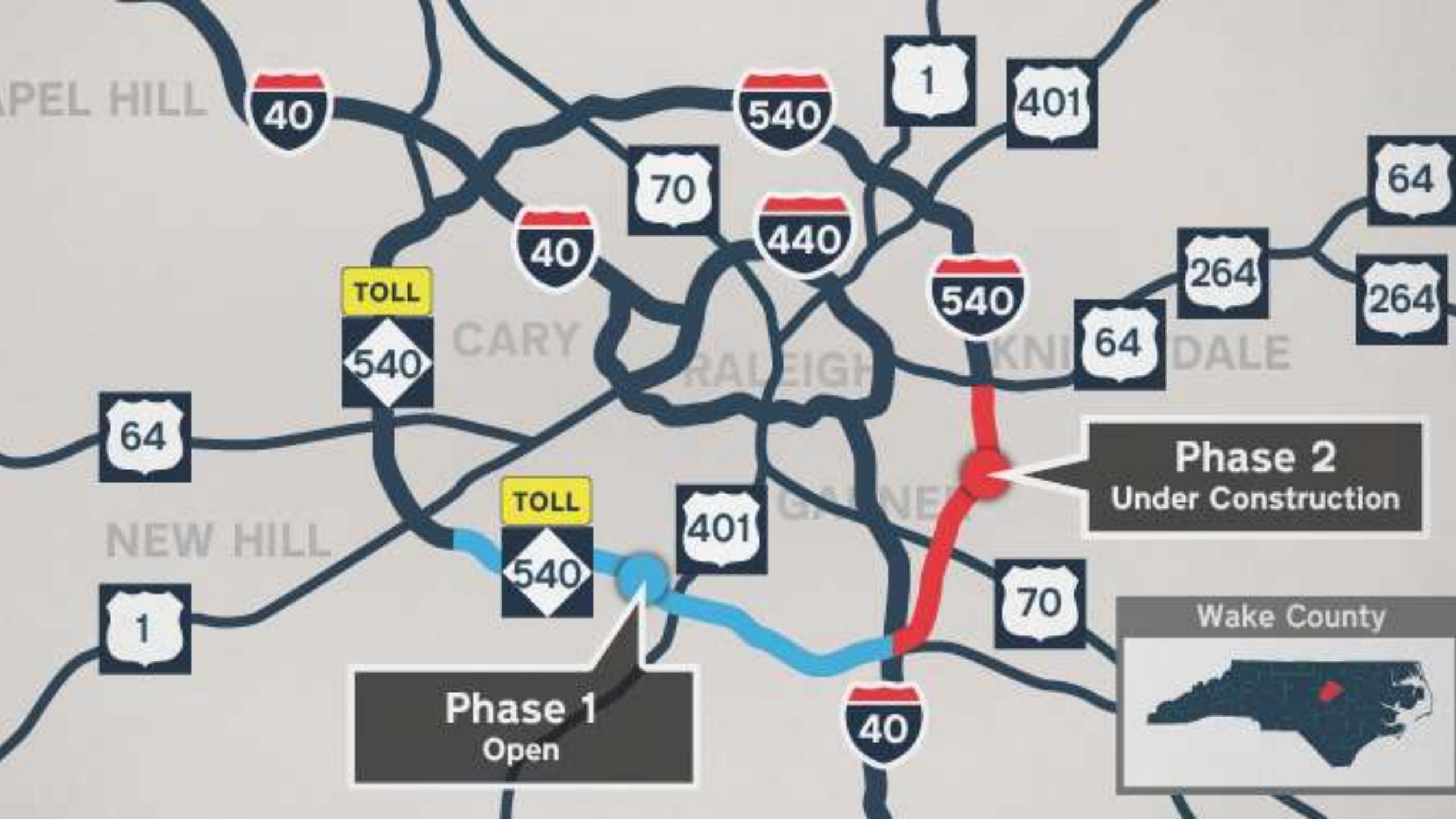


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MODULAR ROUNDABOUTS AN INTRODUCTION

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In the last decade, urban roundabouts have been increasingly implemented as an alternative method of intersection because of their benefits in safety, fuel economy, and time. Modular roundabouts offer a novel way to construct these intersections, improvements with significantly lower costs and longer life spans, and a low footprint for parking requirements. These configurations offer the same benefits of roundabouts but take advantage of existing or improved traffic flow, and road geometry, and how traffic interacts. This document outlines the innovative construction technique. Each example was applied in different contexts and these requirements can be used to follow these methods about urban modular roundabouts might be a good solution.

WHAT IS A ROUNDABOUT?

A roundabout is a depression around a number of continuous elements, all connecting together with a circular roadway. The center roadway or island contains an approaching curve that is designed to approach and pass through the intersection. Roundabouts use the body of the roadway to separate traffic, rather than using lines or signs to separate traffic. They are designed to prevent collisions between vehicles moving in opposite directions, as well as through movements between paths where there are no separate turn lanes or pedestrian crossings.

These roundabouts directly reduce the number of crashes and are considered to be safer for non-motorized roadway users, older pedestrians and bicyclists. A roundabout configuration can reduce the number of potential conflict points by 70% as compared to a traditional intersection. Thanks to the drivers.

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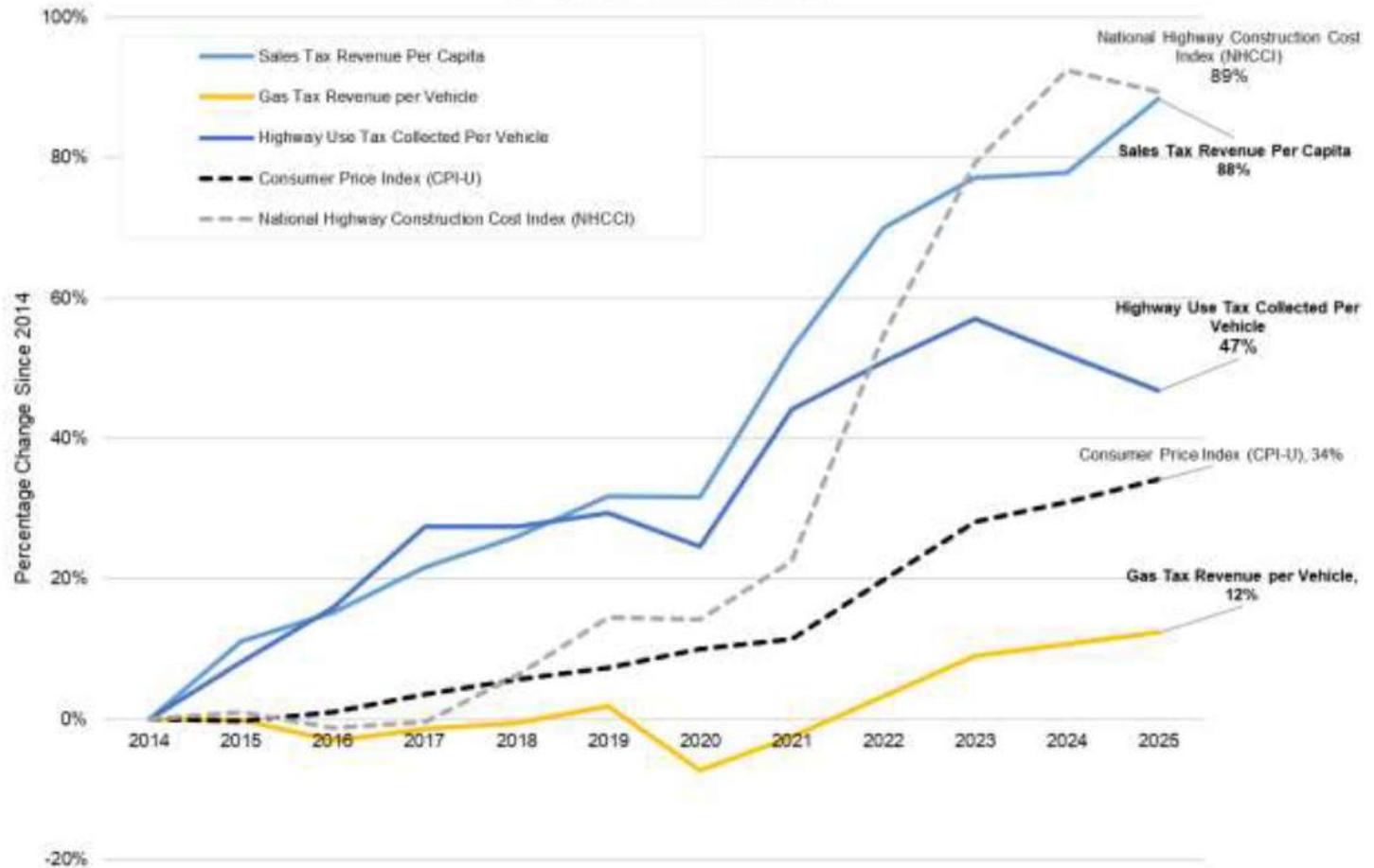
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North Carolina State Tax Revenue and Inflation Indices

Change Over Time: 2014-2025



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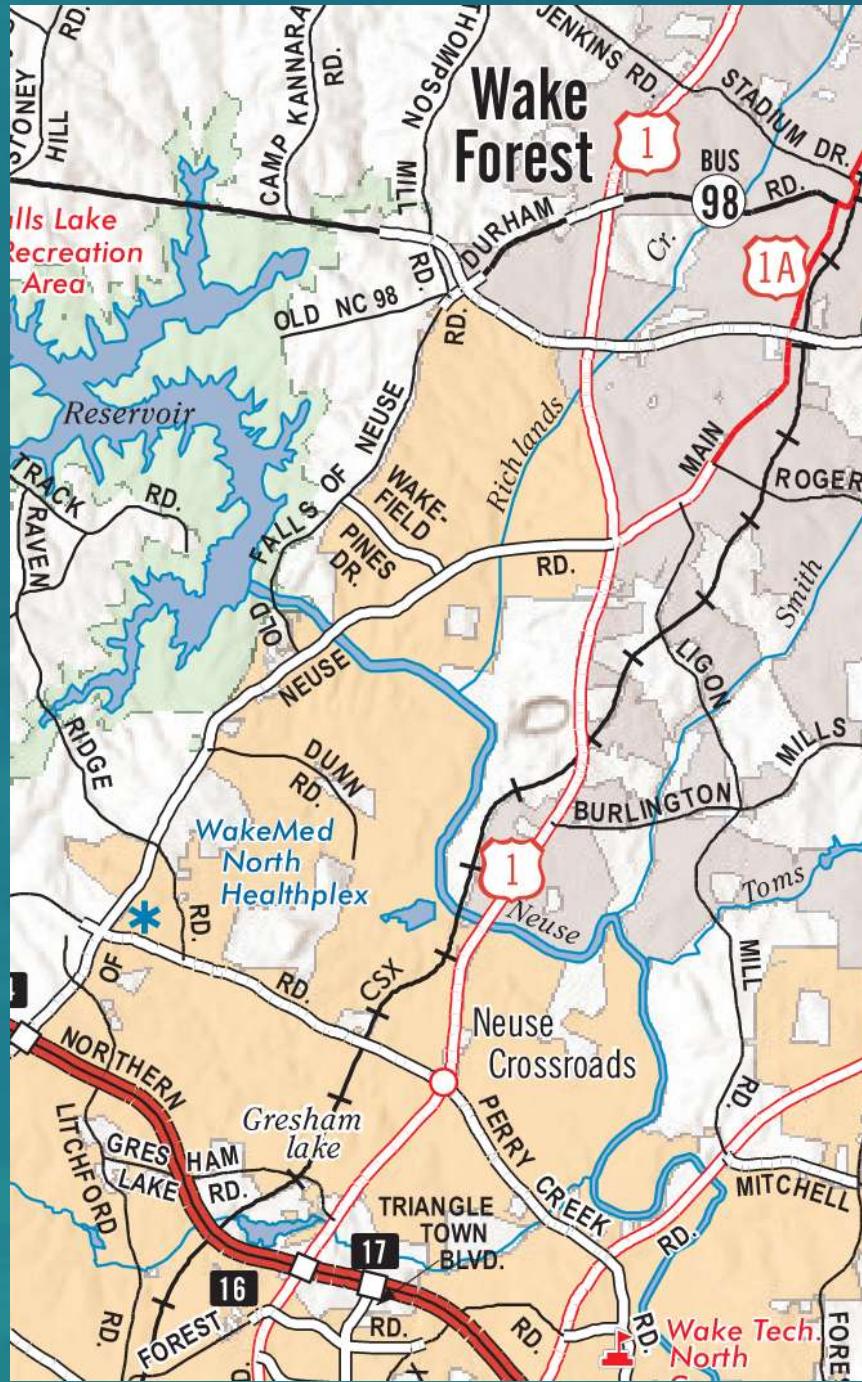
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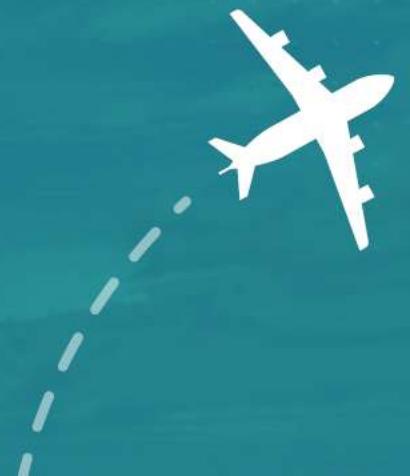
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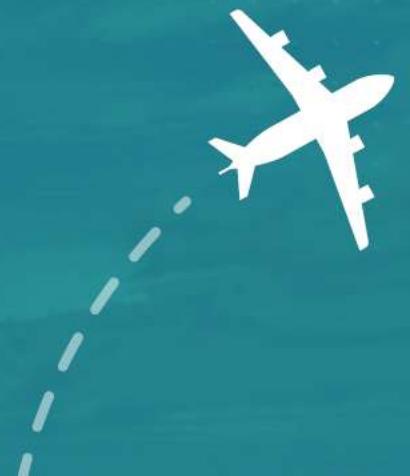
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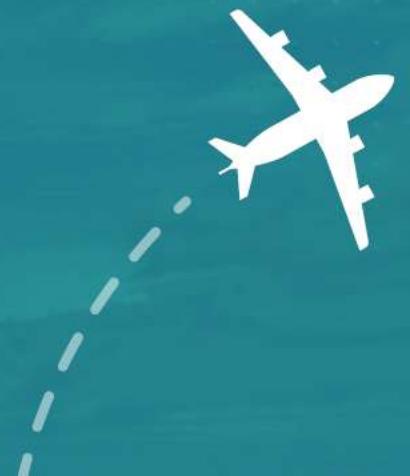
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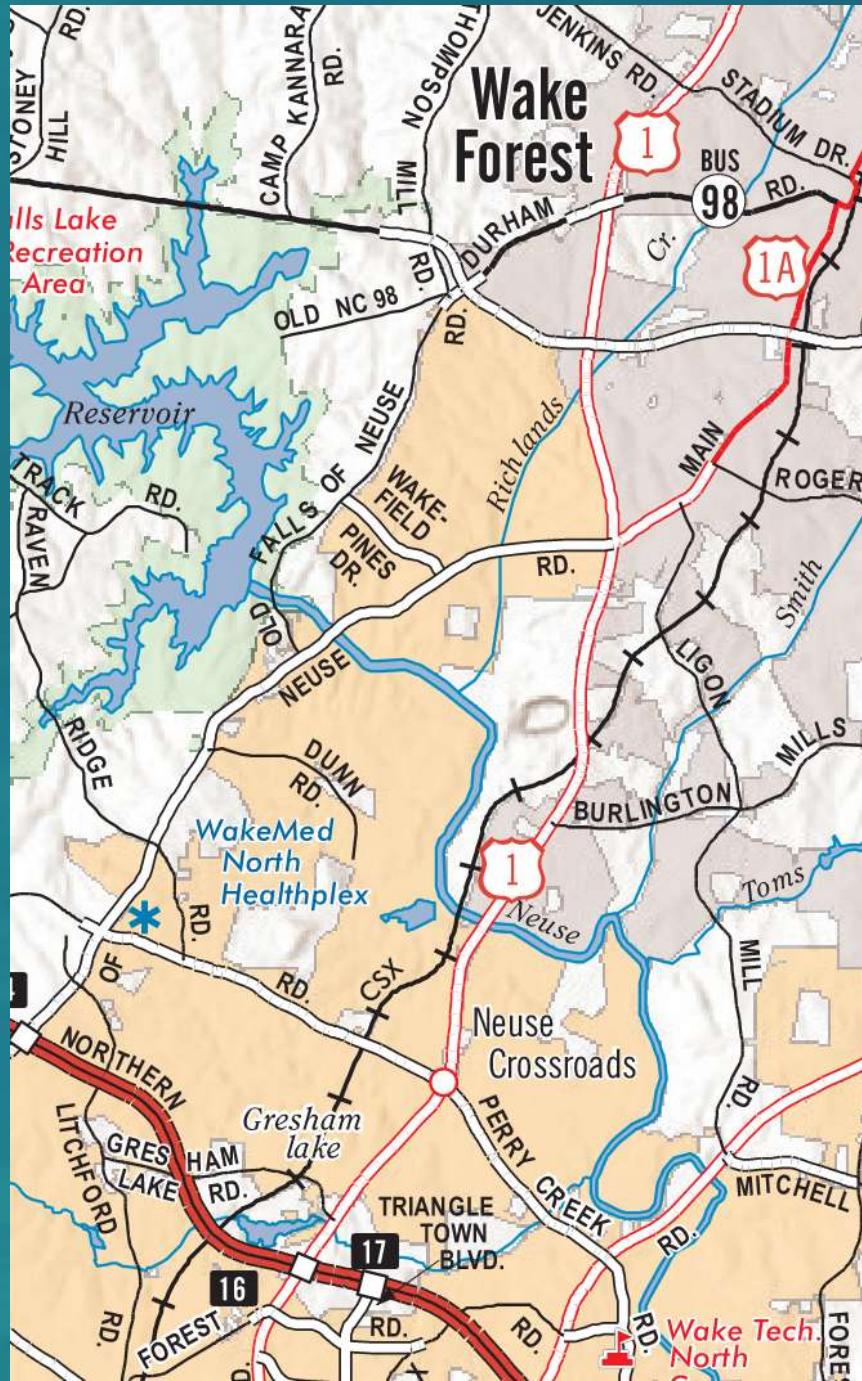
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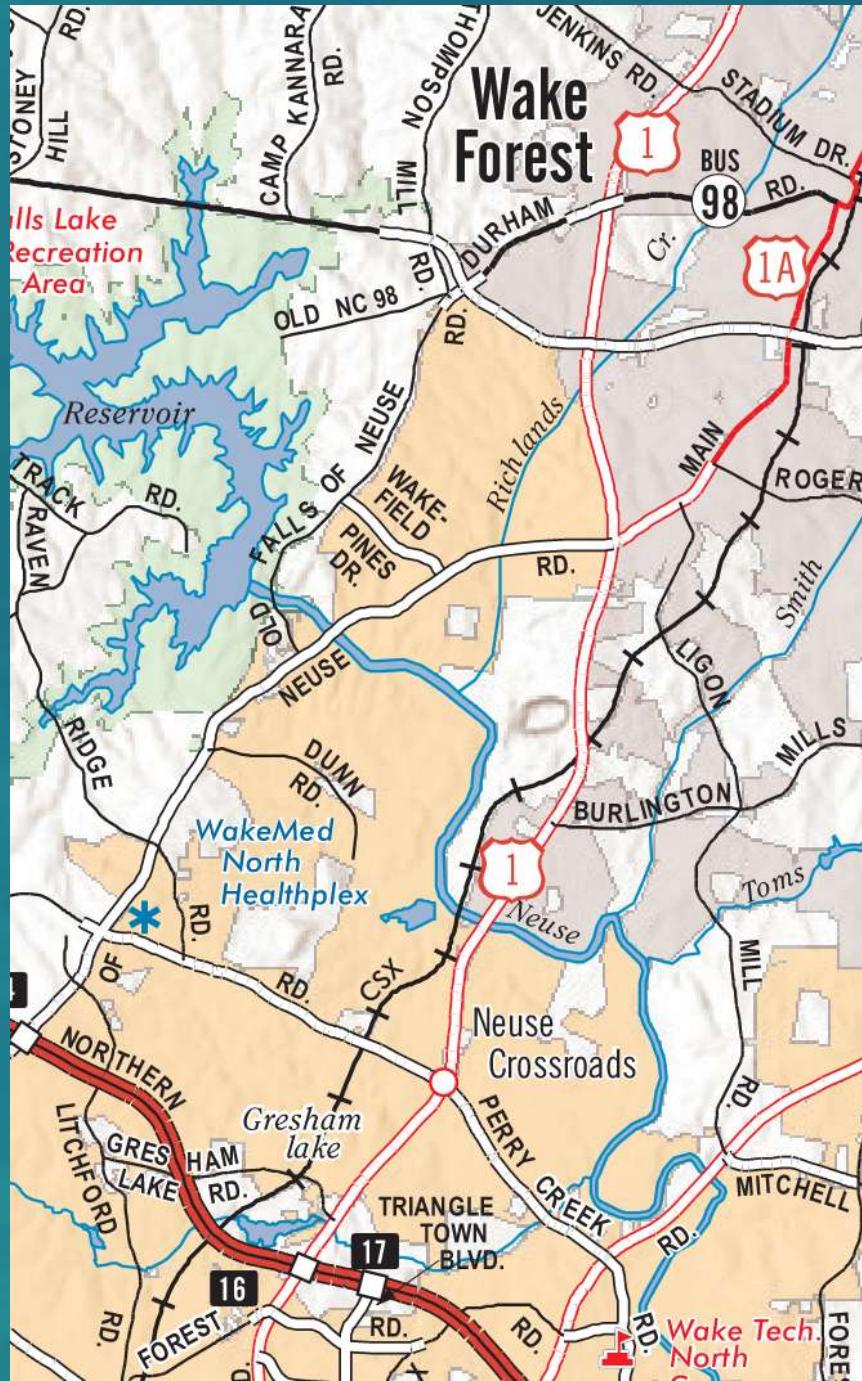
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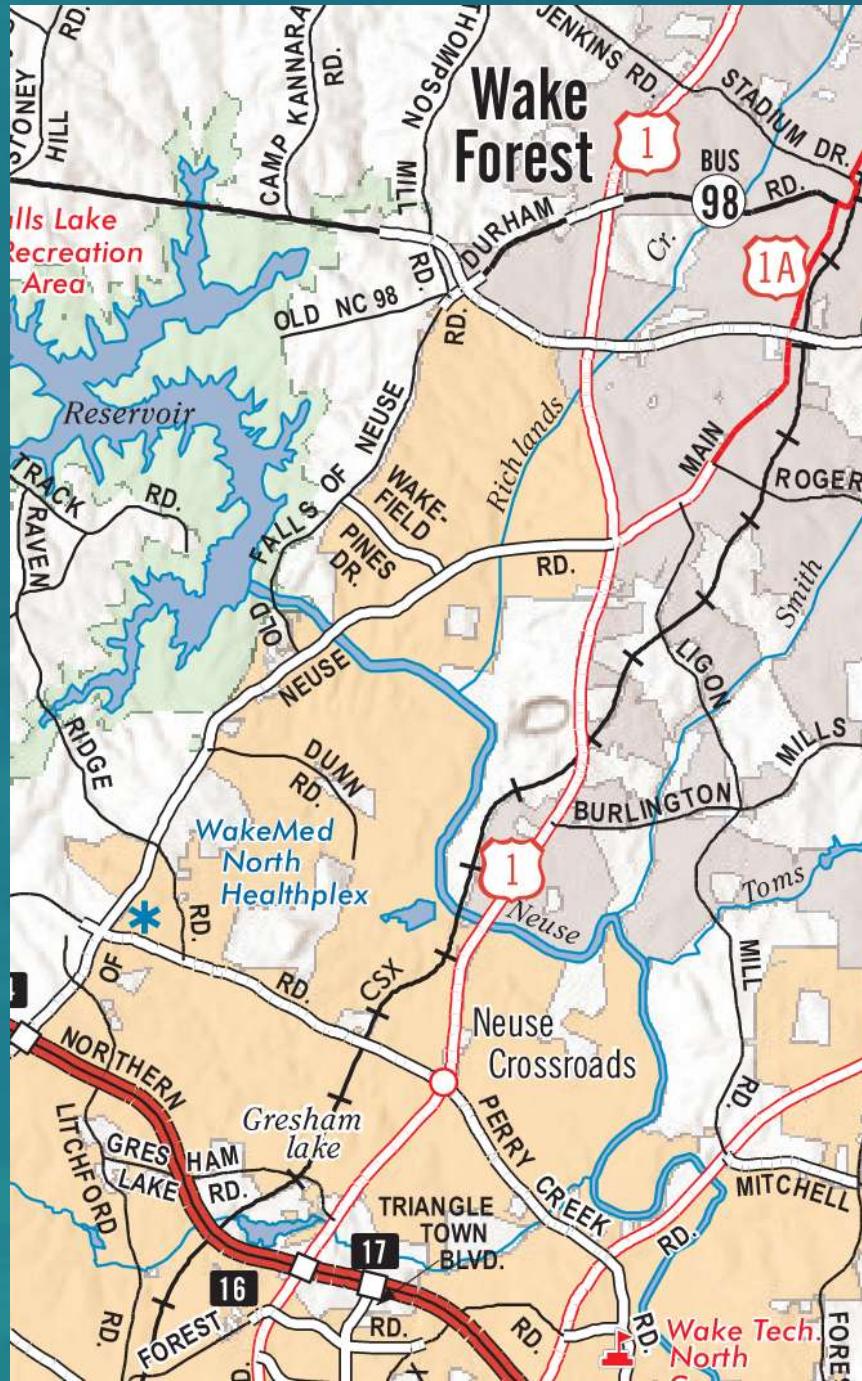
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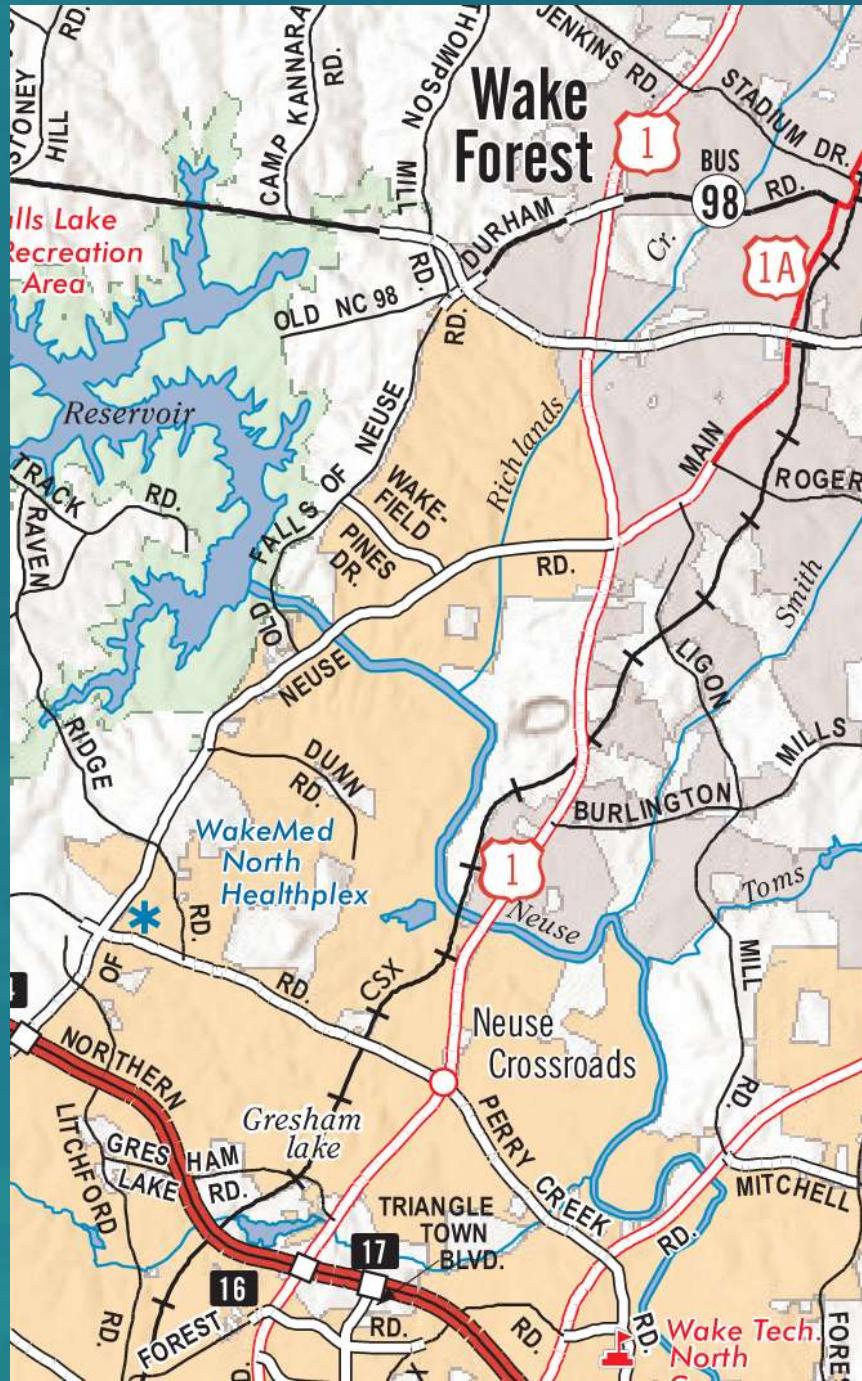


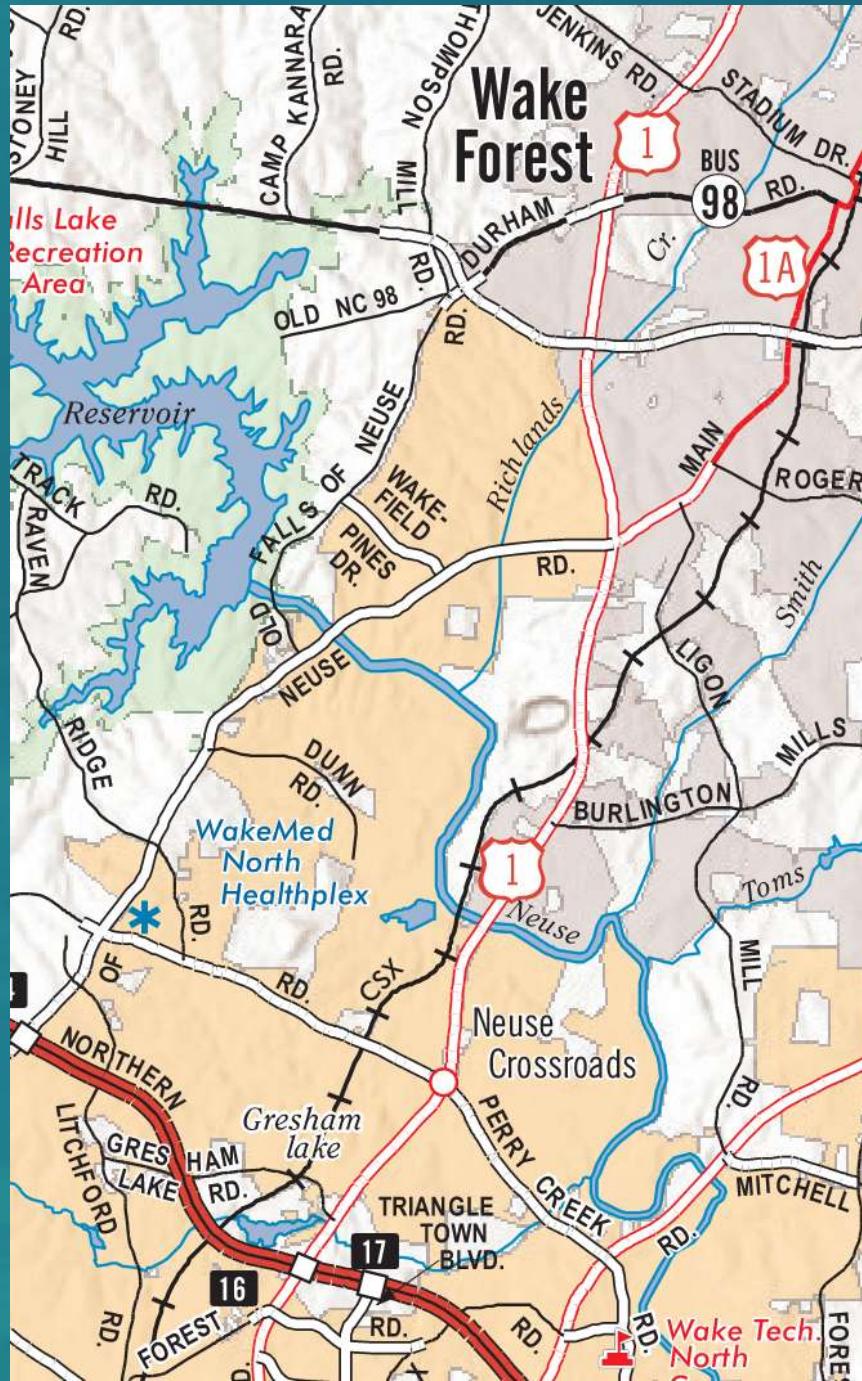
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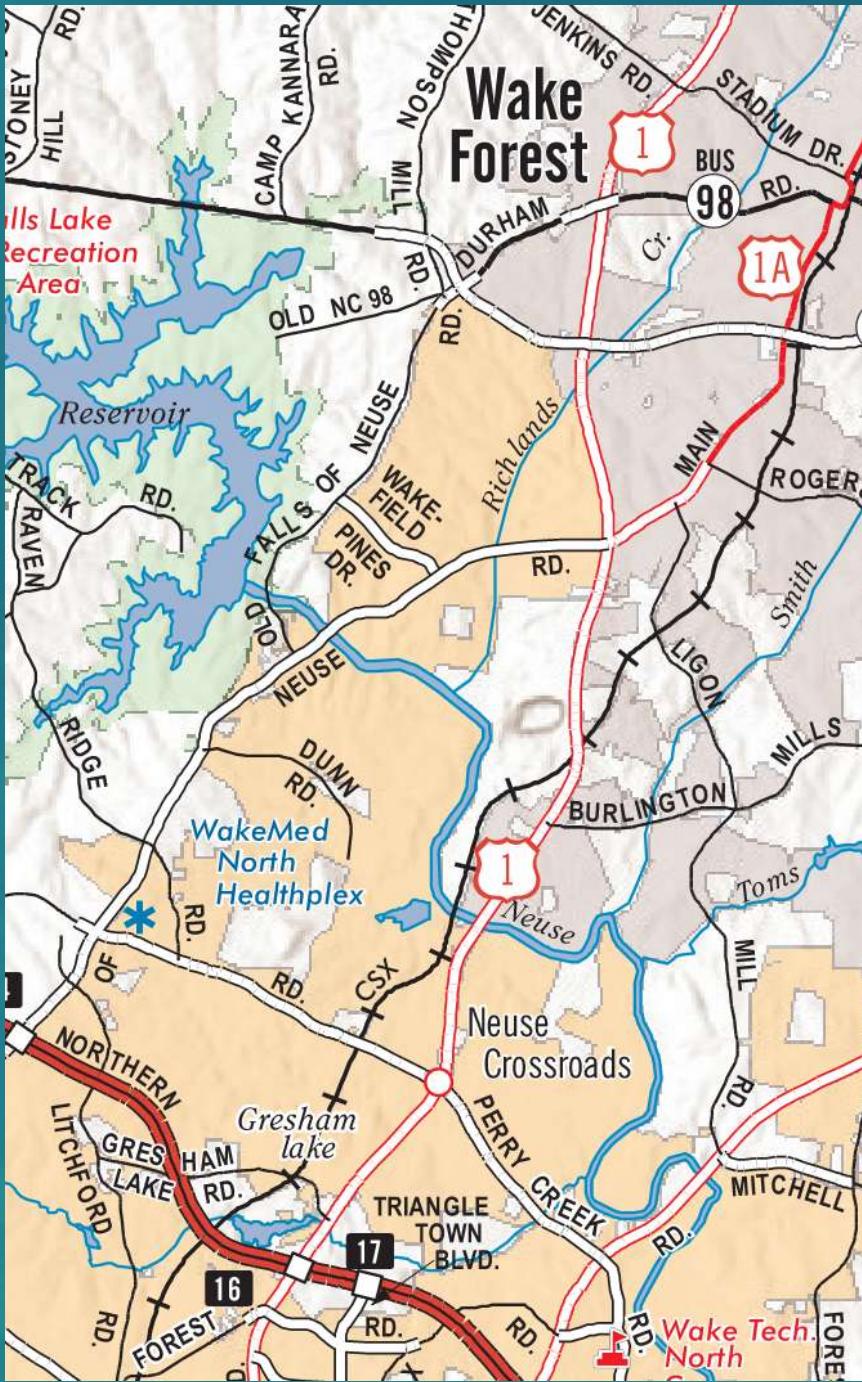












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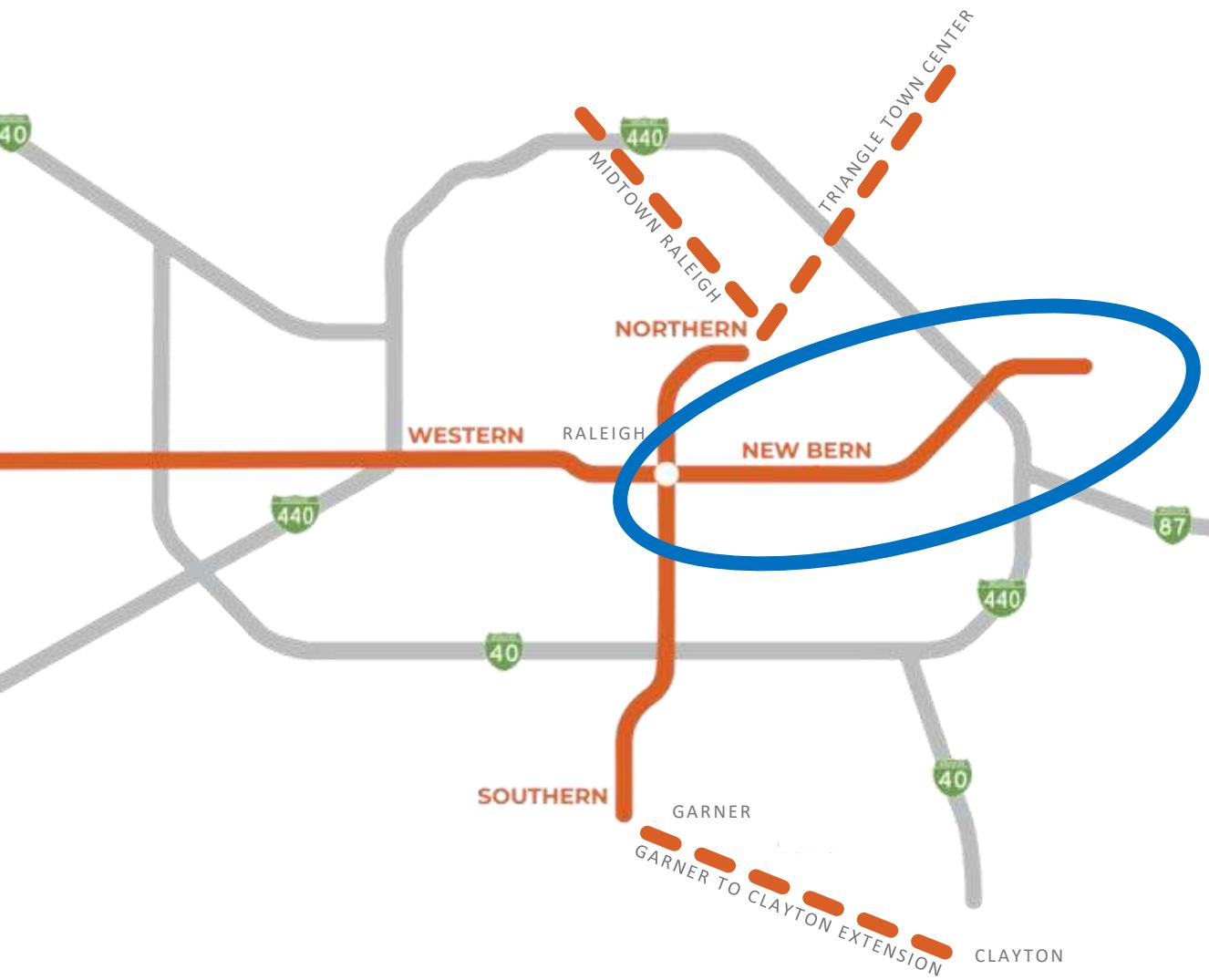
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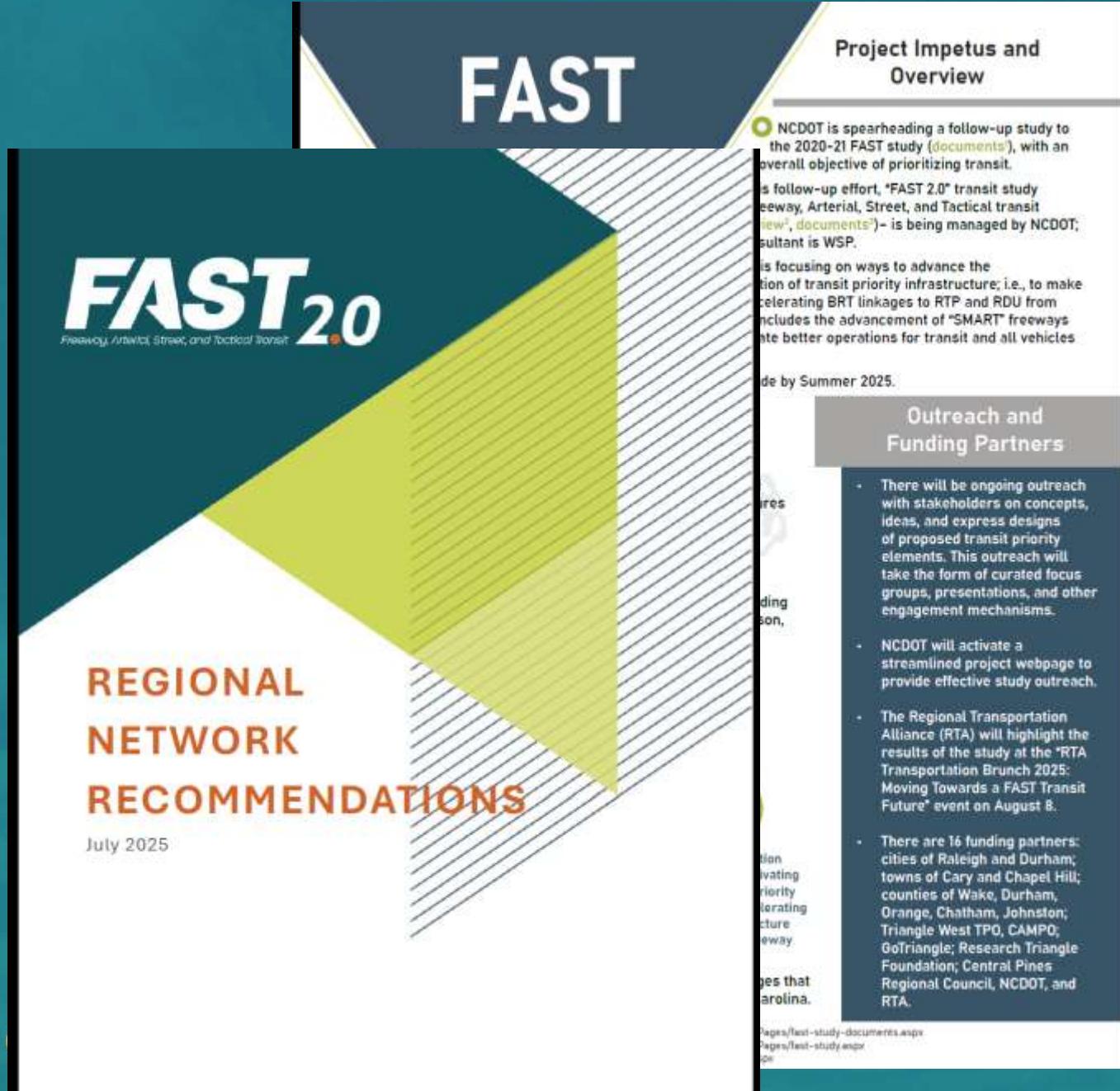
BRT = Bus Rapid Transit

BRT = Buses Resembling Trains

BRT = Building Roads for Transit

BRT = Bringing the Region Together





The image shows the front cover of a report titled "FAST 2.0 Regional Network Recommendations". The cover is dark blue with a large white "FAST" logo at the top. Below it, the "FAST 2.0" logo is displayed in a large, bold, white font. The word "Freeway, Arterial, Street, and Tactical transit" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font underneath "FAST 2.0". The main title "REGIONAL NETWORK RECOMMENDATIONS" is written in a large, bold, orange font in the center of the cover. Below the title, the date "July 2025" is printed in a smaller, gray font. The cover features a large, stylized graphic element in the center-right, consisting of a yellow triangle pointing upwards and a series of gray diagonal lines forming a stepped pattern.

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Freeway, Arterial, Street, and Tactical transit

REGIONAL NETWORK RECOMMENDATIONS

July 2025

Project Impetus and Overview

NCDOT is spearheading a follow-up study to the 2020-21 FAST study ([documents](#)), with an overall objective of prioritizing transit. This follow-up effort, "FAST 2.0" transit study (Freeway, Arterial, Street, and Tactical transit review, [documents](#)) – is being managed by NCDOT; consultant is WSP. This is focusing on ways to advance the prioritization of transit priority infrastructure; i.e., to make accelerating BRT linkages to RTP and RDU from includes the advancement of "SMART" freeways to better operations for transit and all vehicles

Completed by Summer 2025.

Outreach and Funding Partners

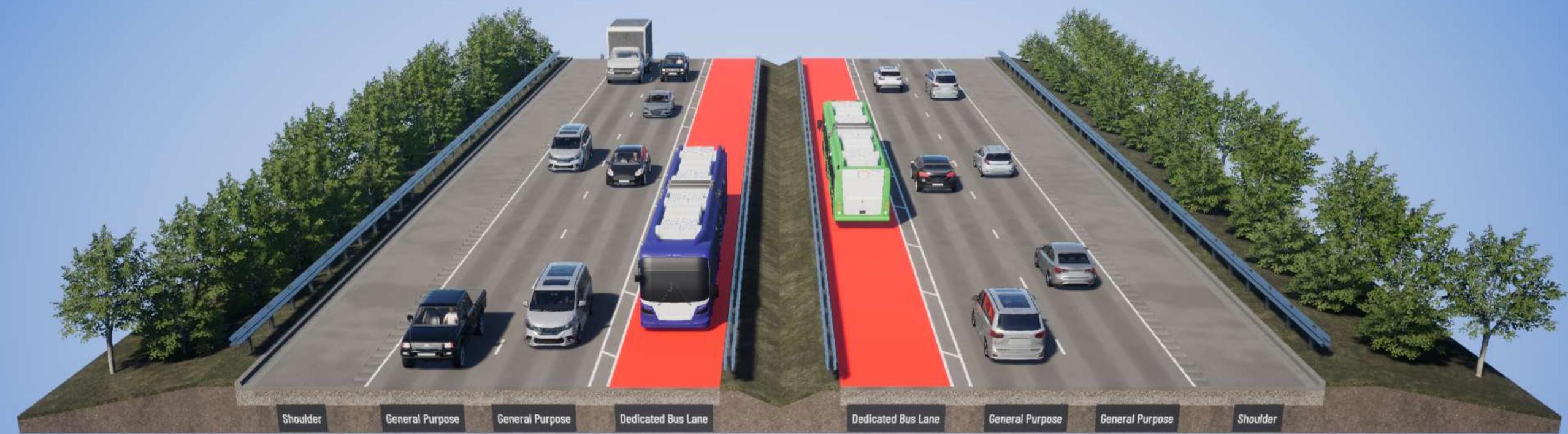
- There will be ongoing outreach with stakeholders on concepts, ideas, and express designs of proposed transit priority elements. This outreach will take the form of curated focus groups, presentations, and other engagement mechanisms.
- NCDOT will activate a streamlined project webpage to provide effective study outreach.
- The Regional Transportation Alliance (RTA) will highlight the results of the study at the "RTA Transportation Brunch 2025: Moving Towards a FAST Transit Future" event on August 8.
- There are 16 funding partners: cities of Raleigh and Durham; towns of Cary and Chapel Hill; counties of Wake, Durham, Orange, Chatham, Johnston, Triangle West TPO, CAMPO; GoTriangle; Research Triangle Foundation; Central Pines Regional Council, NCDOT, and RTA.

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FAST transit network

“The partners recognize that the most time- and cost-effective method of quickly creating an interconnected, enhanced transit network will be to leverage the existing and proposed freeway and regional boulevard network.”



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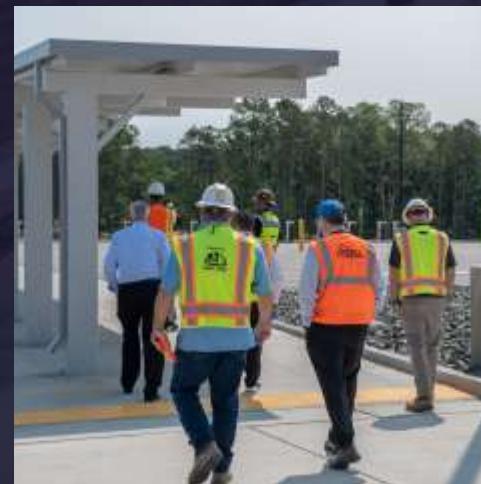
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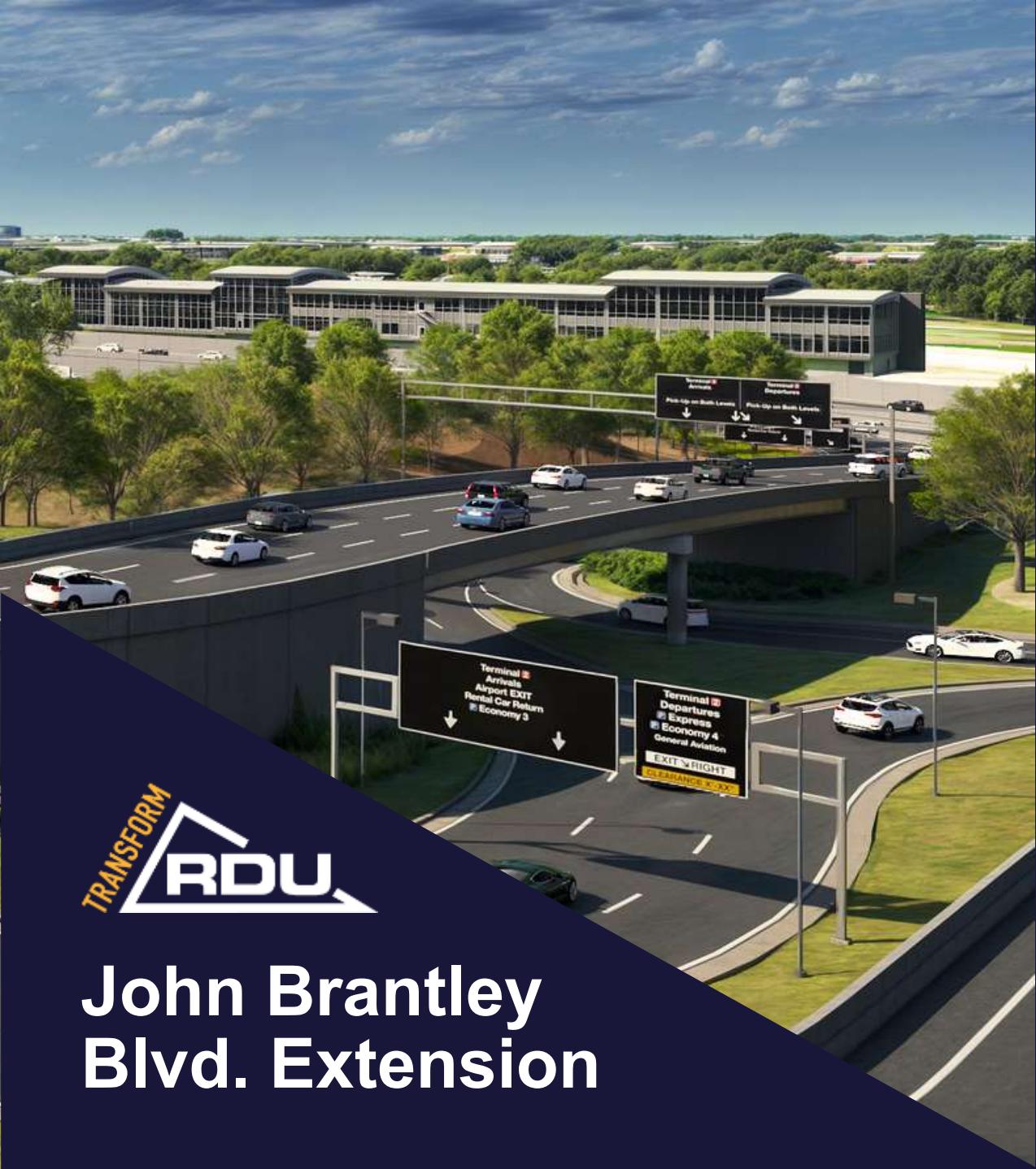
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