



Rail Division Corridor Identification and Development (CID)

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Types of Passenger Rail

- NC By Train and all future proposed passenger rail services supported by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) operate intercity passenger rail service.
- Intercity passenger rail services travel longer distances with shorter or less frequent stops to connect centers of cities and towns and is typically funded by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA).
- Commuter rail aims to connect outlying areas to urban centers usually at peak service times and is typically funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- Light rail systems provide connective transportation in urban areas and operate on a dedicated rail system that is not part of the national rail network. It is also typically funded by the FTA.

NCDOT Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Grant Awards

- In 2023, the Rail Division submitted 12 applications to the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development (CID) program.
- NCDOT was awarded seven grants totaling \$3.5 million as part of the CID program.
- The selected corridors were:
 - Atlanta to Charlotte
 - Charlotte to Kings Mountain
 - Charlotte to Washington D.C.
 - Asheville to Salisbury
 - Wilmington to Raleigh
 - Fayetteville to Raleigh
 - Winston-Salem to Raleigh
- The CID program is specifically for developing new or improved intercity passenger rail service on those corridors.
- NCDOT will receive up to \$500,000 in funding for each route selected to scope a more detailed service development plan which will include more detailed coordination with the freight and passenger railroad partners.
- These grants do not require matching funds.
- Corridors not selected in this round of funding can be resubmitted when the CID program grant applications reopen in the future.

[Project website](#) at [ncdot.gov](#).

CID Program Overview

- CID is a three-phase program including 1) scoping, 2) service development planning, and 3) project preliminary engineering and environmental planning.
- The \$500,000 grants are for the first phase. Completion of each phase allows the corridor to proceed to the next phase without reapplying.
- Phase 2 requires a 10% state and local match.
- Phase 3 requires a 20% state and local match.
- The FRA program is intended to create a "project pipeline" that can be funded for final design and construction through discretionary grant programs like the Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail.
- While each of the seven corridors will proceed through the steps simultaneously and independently, completion of service development plans is expected to take at least two years to complete.

[USDOT program website](#) at [railroads.dot.gov](#).

Western N.C. Passenger Rail Feasibility Study

- The Rail Division finalized and released the Western North Carolina (WNC) Passenger Rail Feasibility Study in Dec. 2023.
- The feasibility study provides conceptual level capital costs, operating costs, and a range of ridership and revenue projections associated with a new intercity passenger rail service connecting Asheville with services in Salisbury.
- The Asheville to Salisbury service would operate along the Norfolk Southern (NS) AS-Line for approximately 139 miles.
- Passenger rail service has not served western N.C. since 1975.
- This corridor is one of the seven funded by the CID program.

Southeastern N.C. Passenger Rail Feasibility Study

- The Rail Division is finalizing the Southeastern North Carolina (SENC) Passenger Rail Feasibility Study.
- The feasibility study will provide conceptual level capital costs, operating costs, and a range of ridership and revenue projections associated with a new intercity passenger rail service connecting Wilmington with services in Raleigh.
- This corridor is one of the seven funded by the CID program.

Raleigh to Richmond: S-Line Projects

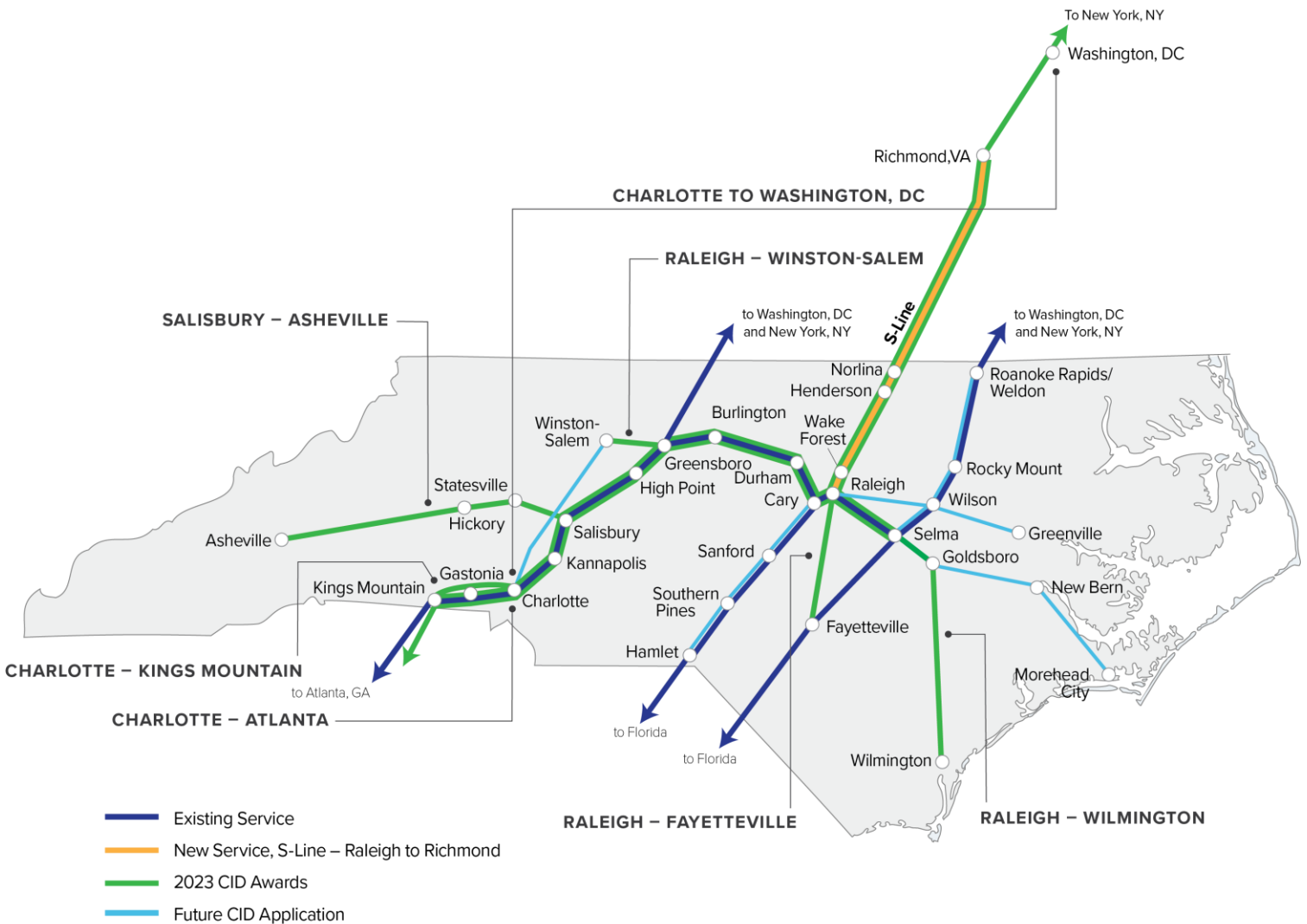
- The S-Line is part of the Charlotte to Washington D.C. corridor which is one of the seven corridors funded by the CID program.

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