



CENTRAL REGION

Vision for North Carolina

Central North Carolina is the state's largest economic engine, and makes up 67 percent of the state's total GDP. High-tech industries, medical research centers and world-renowned higher education are based in this region. Three international airports operate as foreign trade zones here, as well.

The biggest challenges for the central region stem from its growth both in population and economic importance. As more and more people move to the area, they will continue placing pressure on the region's transportation system, which is already at capacity. Expanding industries beneficial to the economy of the region also place demands on infrastructure originally designed for smaller scale logistics and commuter needs. Without investing in the effective solutions listed below, congestion will continue to cost motorists time and money, and allow other states to out-compete us during site selection committee processes.

INVESTING IN SOLUTIONS



Relieve Congestion for People and Products

- Continue work on interstate improvements and congestion relief projects to support freight movements and commuter needs and better connect people to education, healthcare, job and recreation centers.



Expand Mass Transit Options

- Support the expansion of mass transit options in high-growth areas to address the needs of a changing demographic, congestion and land development concerns.
- Support the expansion of light rail services in existing and new urban markets when demand, local planning, and funding support the service to address the needs of a changing business climate and congestion concerns.



Enhance Access to Inland Ports

- Improve highway connections and seek economically competitive rail service to inland ports in and around Charlotte.



Improve Connectivity to Logistics Hubs

- Improve highway connections and expand airfreight and rail capabilities to support the Triad Logistics Hub.

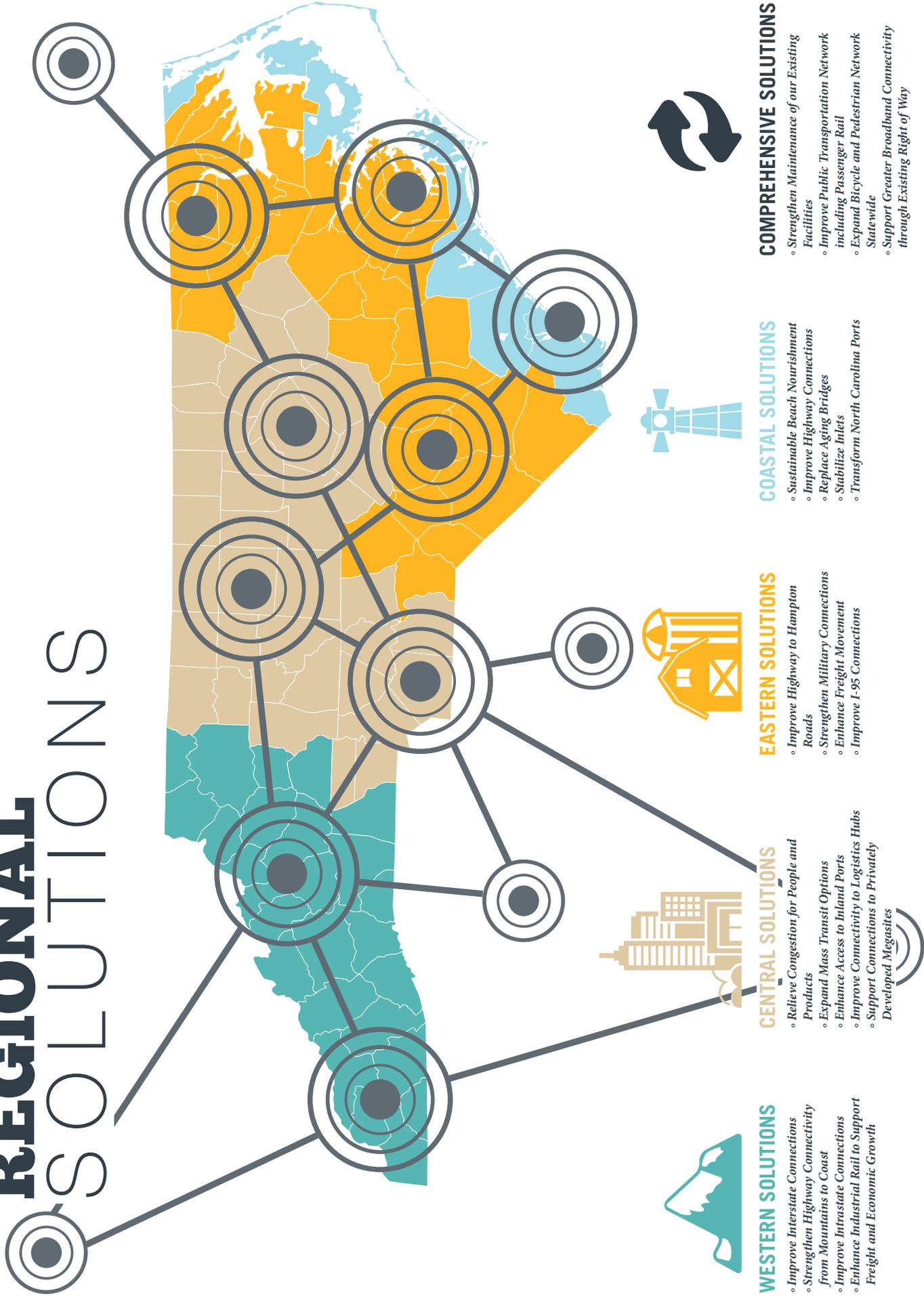


Support Connections to Privately Developed Megasites

- Ensure infrastructure plans recognize the development of megasites in the region and support their ability to attract new businesses in targeted industry clusters.

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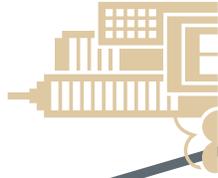
WESTERN SOLUTIONS

- Improve Interstate Connections from Mountains to Coast
- Strengthen Highway Connections
- Improve Intrastate Connections
- Enhance Industrial Rail to Support Freight and Economic Growth



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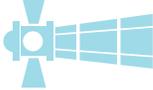
EASTERN SOLUTIONS

- Improve Highway to Hampton Roads
- Strengthen Military Connections
- Enhance Freight Movement
- Improve I-95 Connections



COASTAL SOLUTIONS

- Sustainable Beach Nourishment
- Improve Highway Connections
- Replace Aging Bridges
- Stabilize Inlets
- Transform North Carolina Ports



COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTIONS

- Strengthen Maintenance of our Existing Facilities
- Improve Public Transportation Network including Passenger Rail
- Expand Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Statewide
- Support Greater Broadband Connectivity through Existing Right of Way

