



**INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD  
EXTENSION  
STIP Project No. U-4434**

**CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP No. 1**

**Rachel Freeman School of Engineering – June 13, 2011**

**This informational presentation will restart every 5 minutes.**

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# Welcome

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**This presentation will cover:**

- **Purpose of this evening's workshop**
- **History of the project**
- **Discuss needs for the project**



# Purpose of this evening's Workshop

- Inform the community about the project
- Explain the study process
- Gather input, suggestions and feedback about the project and why it is needed
- Answer any questions about the project





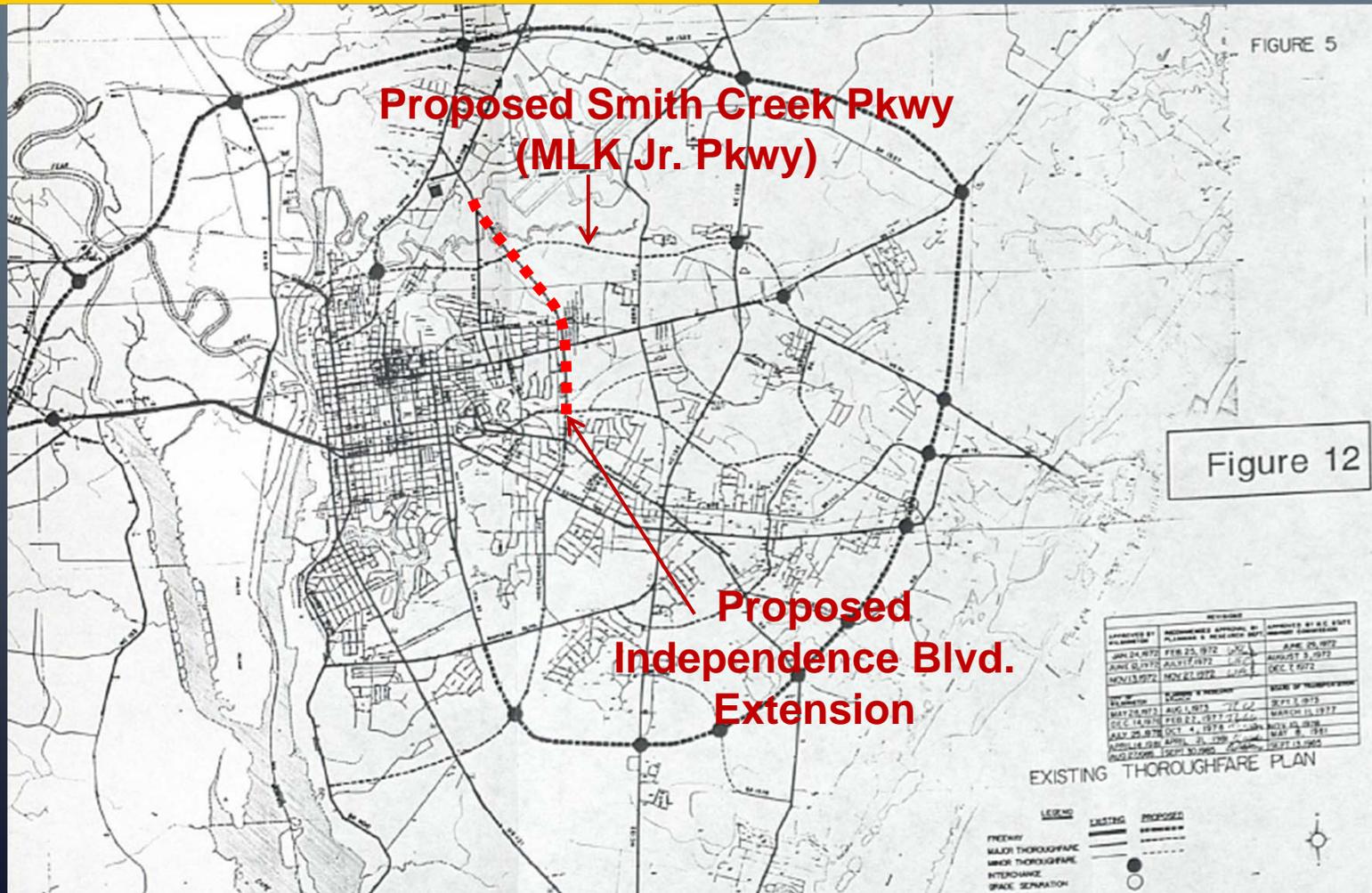
# Project History

- The proposed extension was included in Wilmington's first Thoroughfare Plan adopted in 1972 and every Thoroughfare Plan since, including the current Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan
- The project was added to the State Transportation Improvement Program in 2004 as Project U-4434



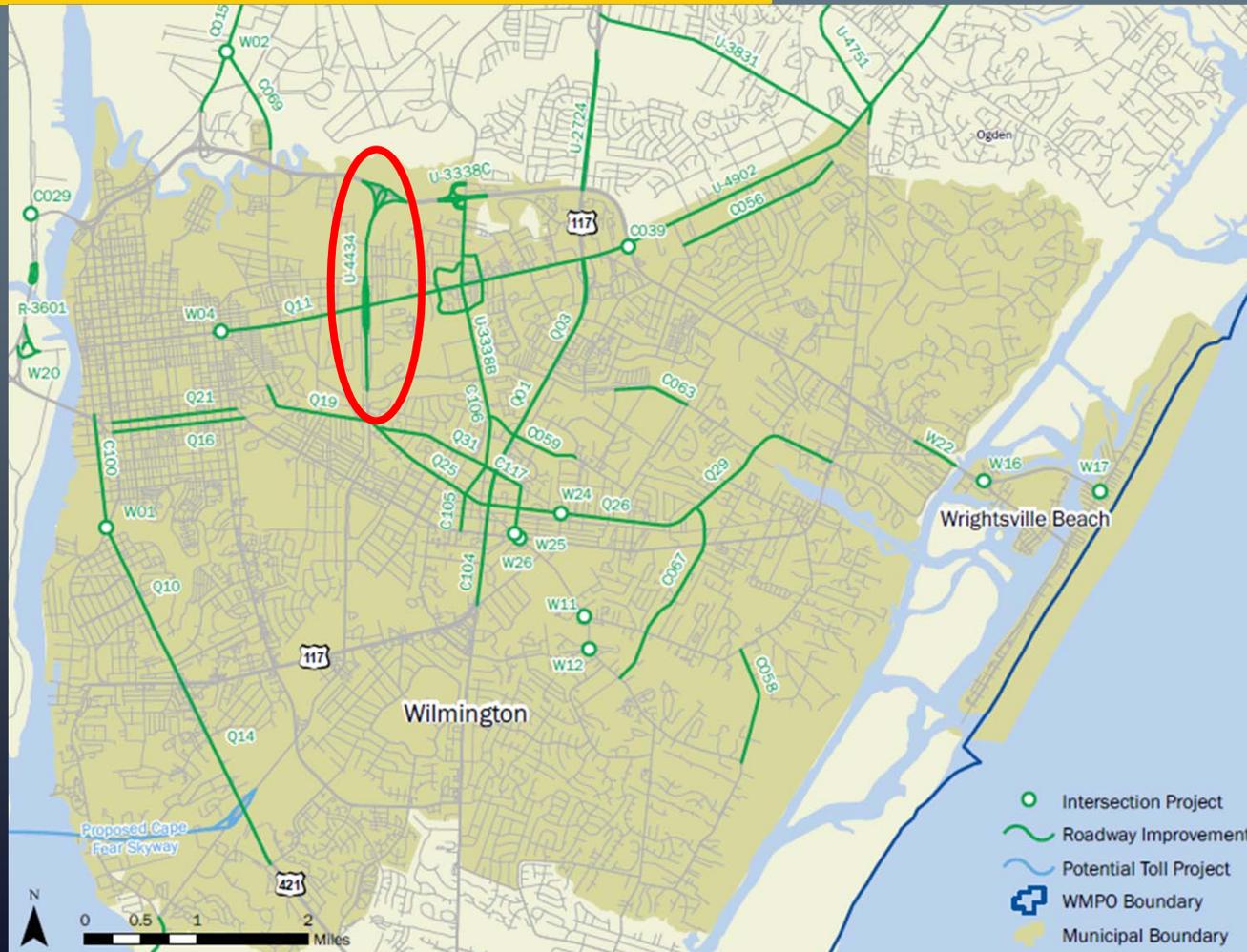


# 1972 Thoroughfare Plan





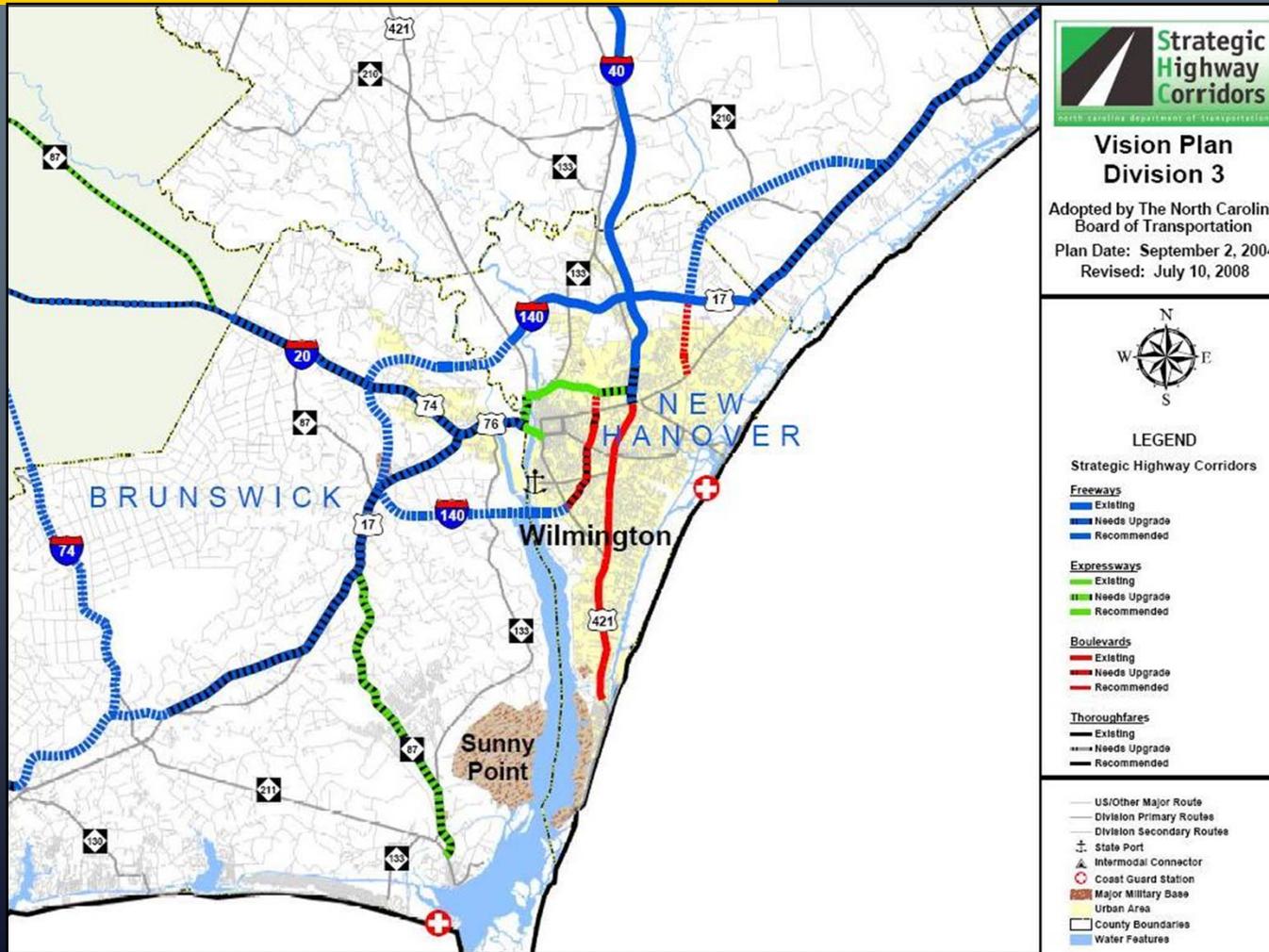
# Wilmington MPO Cape Fear Commutes 2035 Transportation Plan



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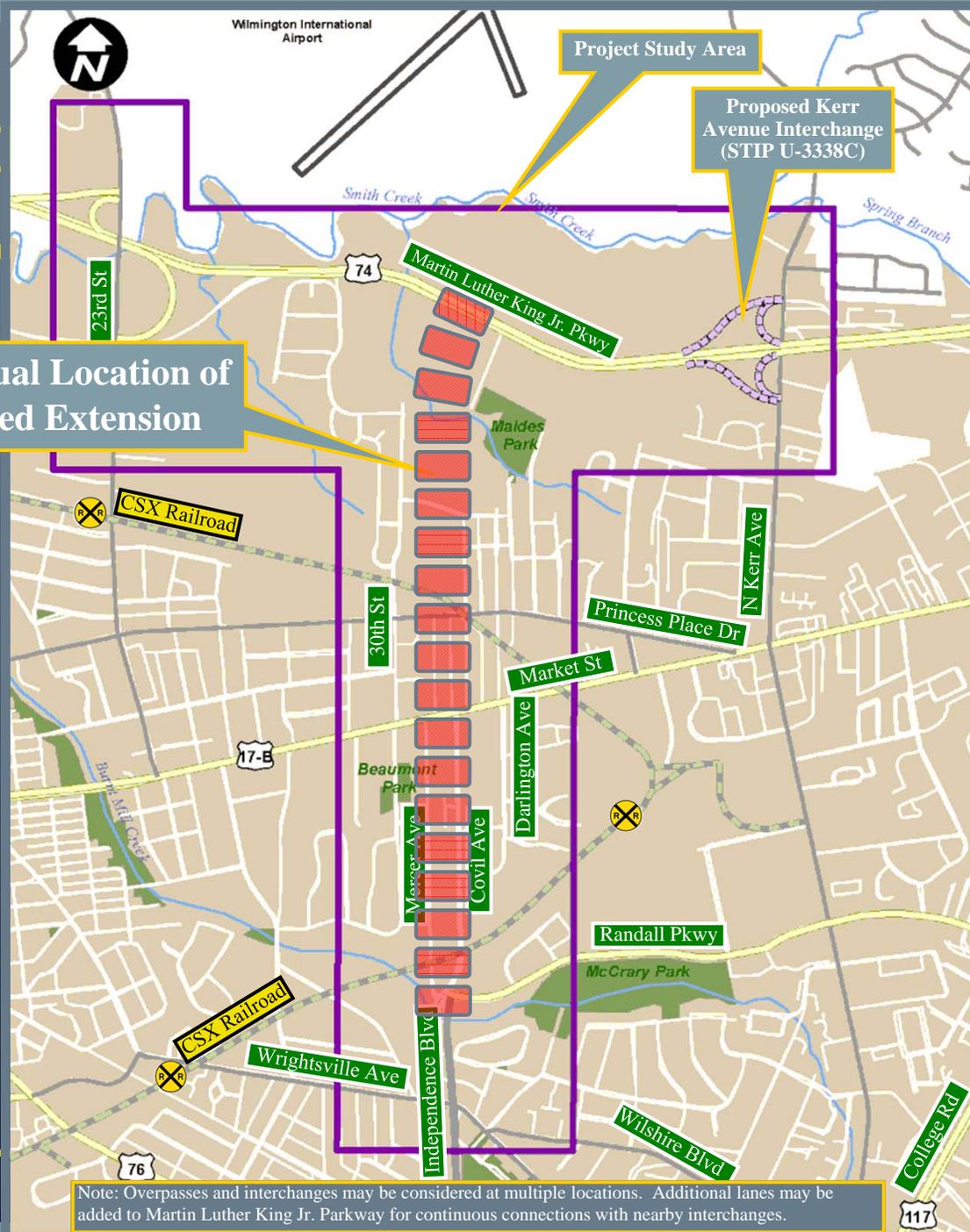
# Strategic Highway Corridor





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Conceptual Location of Proposed Extension



Note: Overpasses and interchanges may be considered at multiple locations. Additional lanes may be added to Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway for continuous connections with nearby interchanges.



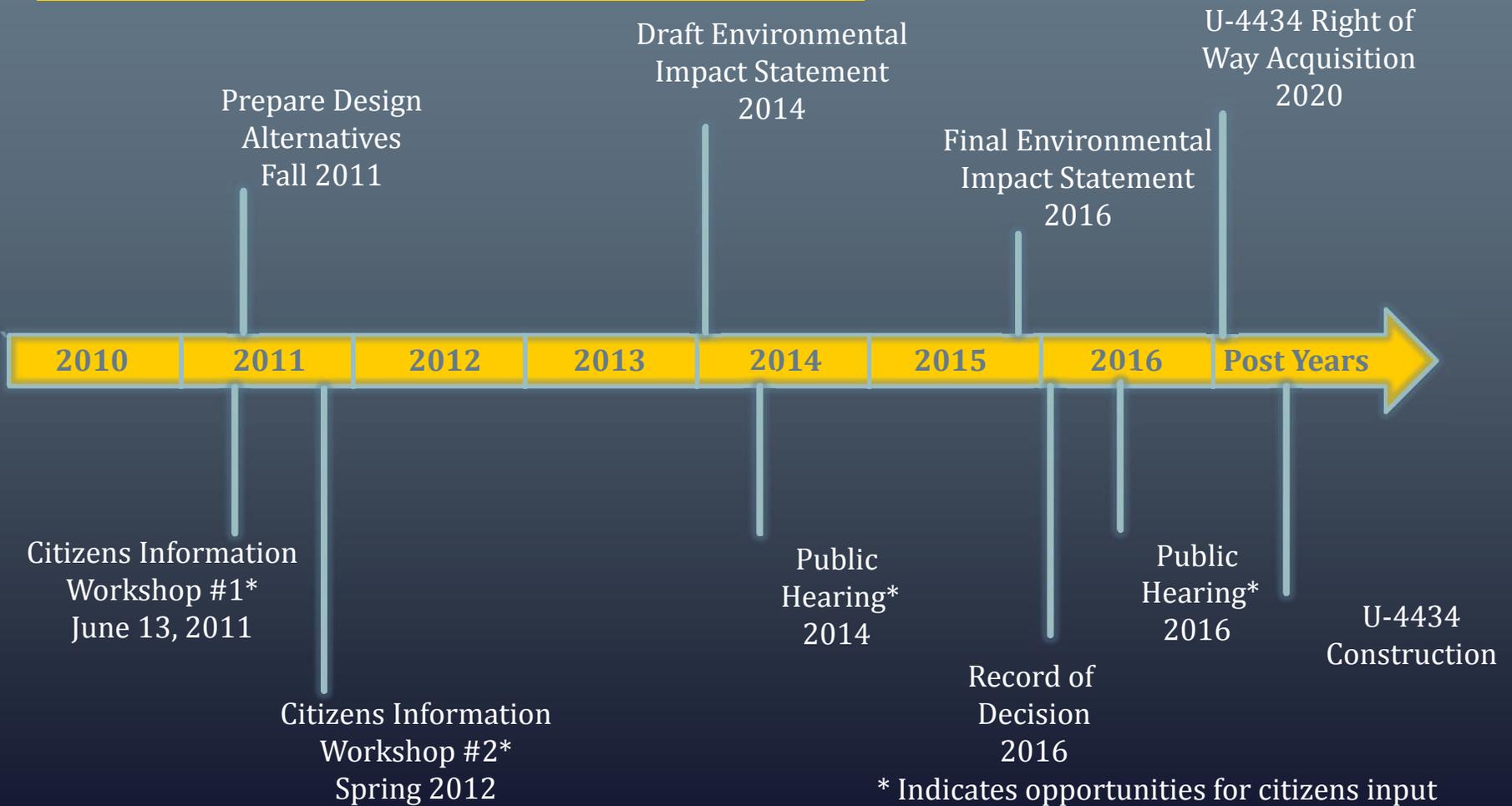
# Why is this project needed?

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- **Deficient north-south regional connectivity**
  - only one major north-south road (College Road) connects all of the major east-west roads
- **Deficient north-south system capacity**
  - inability of all north-south roads (combined) to meet the traffic needs in central Wilmington
- **Deficient linkage within and through New Hanover County**
  - Wilmington has poor connections to other transportation facilities (airports, railroad hubs, ports)



# Project Timeline



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# Workshop Layout

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- **The following stations are at the workshop:**
  - **Station 1: Where Do You Live and Work**
  - **Station 2: Project Presentation (You are Here)**
  - **Station 3: Project Background**
  - **Station 4: Study Area and General Needs for the Project**
  - **Station 5: Study Process and Project Schedule**
  - **Station 6: Citizen Comments**
  - **Station 7: Title VI Public Involvement**
- **Children can visit the Kid's Corner**



## Don't forget to...

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- **Sign-In**
- **Indicate where you live and work on the Project Vicinity Map**
- **Visit the Workshop Stations**
- **Provide Your Comments and Sign-up to Receive Project Updates**



# Contact Information

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# Thanks for your Participation

Please proceed to Workshop Station 3



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