

Welcome to the Citizens Informational Workshop

March 22nd and 24th, 2011

What To Do at Today's Workshop

- ✓ View the presentation. The brief presentation provides information on the project, and will loop continuously throughout today's workshop.
- ✓ Review the display boards, maps, and graphics that are on display. Information on the project purpose and need, schedule, and other project information is on display. A map of project options being considered is also included in this handout.
- ✓ Talk with the project representatives here tonight. They are here to answer your questions and listen to your comments regarding the project, its impact it may have on your property, and the project process.
- ✓ Tell us what you think! Comment sheets are available and will be reviewed by the project representatives. You may fill out the comment sheet tonight, take it with you and mail it back to us, or use the contact information provided below to provide comments at a later date.

About the Project

The Turnpike Authority is currently studying a project known as the Cape Fear Skyway, a potential toll road that would extend from U.S. 17 and future I-140 in Brunswick County to U.S. 421 in New Hanover County, including a high-rise bridge over the Cape Fear River.

Several potential corridors for the new roadway are being studied, along with the possibility of improving existing roads as an alternative to constructing the Skyway. The Turnpike Authority will also evaluate whether to develop the proposed project, in whole or in part, as a toll road. The project is estimated to cost between \$950 million and \$1.1 billion.

The central purpose of the Cape Fear Skyway is to improve traffic flow and freight movements by connecting major routes in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties and to provide better access to the Port of Wilmington. It would also meet the goals of the North Carolina Strategic Highway Corridor Initiative, the North Carolina Intrastate System and the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan, all of which aim to promote regional and statewide mobility and economic vitality. Consistency with these plans will be considered during the evaluation of project alternatives.

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Project Purpose and Need

The primary needs for the Cape Fear Skyway project include:

- **Additional Traffic Capacity**
- **Improved Access to the Port of Wilmington**

The purpose of the proposed action is to improve traffic flow and enhance freight movements beginning in the vicinity of U.S. 17 and future I-140 in Brunswick County across the Cape Fear River to U.S. 421 near the Port of Wilmington in southern New Hanover County.

Secondary benefits of the project would be to meet goals of local and regional transportation plans, and provide reduced hurricane evacuation time.

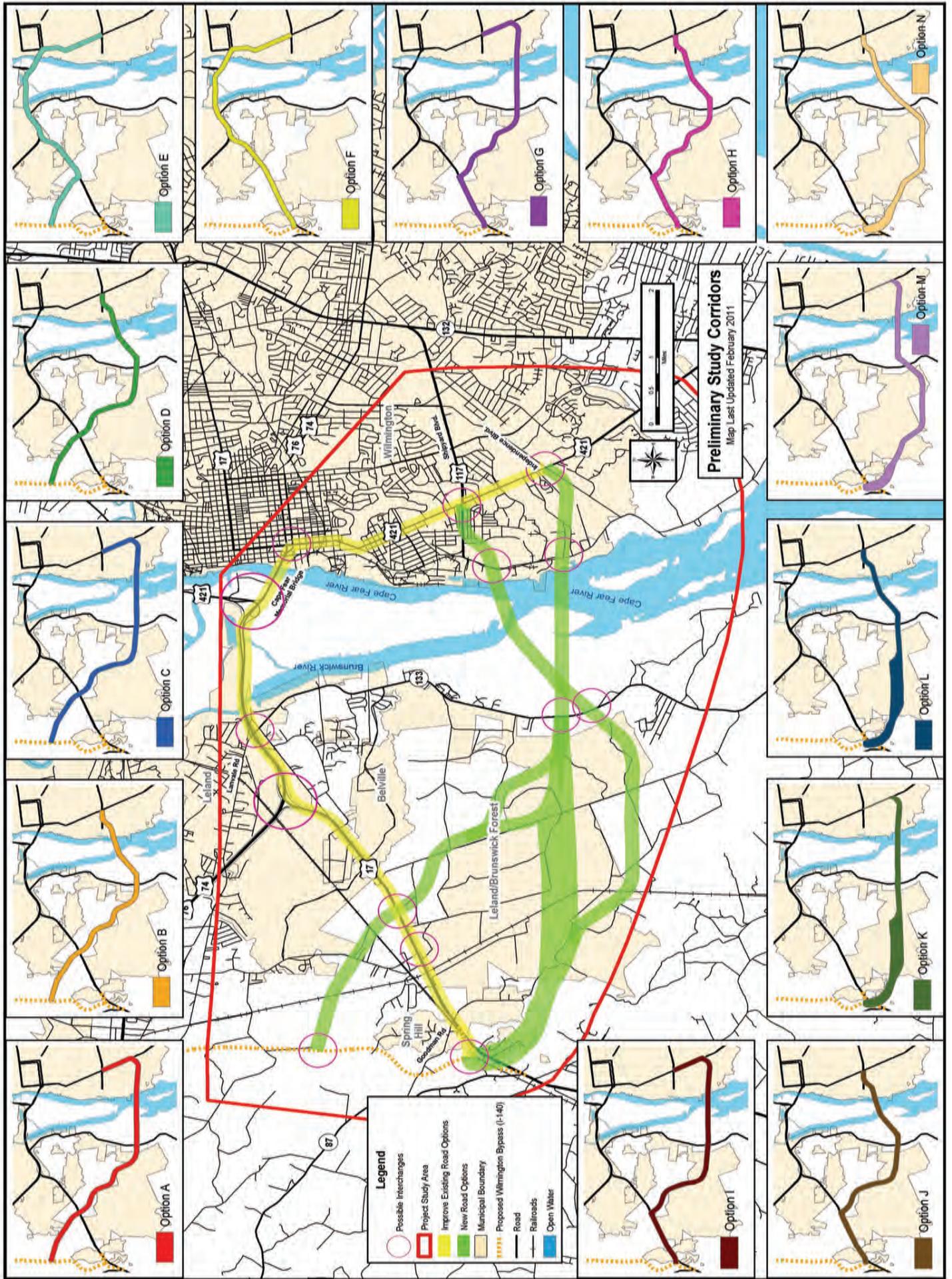
Project Options Under Consideration

Several options are currently under consideration for the Cape Fear Skyway project. These include:

- **The No-Build or Do Nothing Option** - *maintains road network as it is today*
- **Transportation Demand Management Option** - *improves activities that change traveler behavior, such as staggered work hours and ridesharing*
- **Transportation Systems Management Option** - *considers minor improvements such as new or improved signals, turn lanes, speed restrictions, etc.*
- **Mass Transit/Multi-Modal Option** - *includes adding bus or rail passenger services*
- **Improve the Existing Roads** - *improves existing U.S. 17 from the proposed I-140 /U.S. 17 interchange to U.S. 421 in New Hanover County (including replacement of the existing Cape Fear Memorial Bridge), and includes improvements along U.S. 421*
- **Construct New Road** - *builds new road from the vicinity of U.S. 17 and future I-140 in Brunswick County to U.S. 421 in New Hanover County, including a bridge over the Cape Fear River*
- **New Road/Improve Existing Road “Hybrid”** - *includes combination of new roadway and improvements to existing U.S. 17*

North Carolina Turnpike Authority

A business unit of the N.C. Department of Transportation, the Turnpike Authority is authorized to study, plan, develop and undertake preliminary design work on up to nine toll roads in the state. The Cape Fear Skyway is one of the Turnpike Authority’s candidate toll roads.



Project Schedule

Draft Environmental Impact Statement	Spring 2013
Final Environmental Impact Statement	Fall 2013
Record of Decision	Winter 2013
Complete environmental planning with final alignment and design details	2013
Complete Financial Feasibility	2013

Your input is important!

Your comments and recommendations will help the Turnpike Authority as it moves forward with developing this project. Sign up for our mailing list to receive future project newsletters, announcements and project updates.

For more information, visit www.ncturnpike.org/projects/Cape_Fear, call (800) 233-6315 toll free, email capefear@ncdot.gov, or contact the project team listed below.

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