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PROJECT PRESENTATION

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What is the Need for this Project?

Address traffic congestion, capacity deficiencies, and through-traffic delays on US 70 between LaGrange and Dover.

What is the Purpose of this Project?

Improve regional mobility, connectivity, and capacity for US 70 between LaGrange and Dover in a manner that meets the intent of the North Carolina Strategic Highway Corridors Plan.



NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

For **initial funding purposes** the STIP has programmed the study of possible alternatives for improving traffic flow along US 70 in Lenoir, Jones and Craven counties as the **Kinston Bypass (STIP No. R-2553)**.

An Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared requiring a full range of alternatives to be evaluated, which may include the following:

- Do Nothing/No Build
- Improve Existing US 70
- New Location Roadway Alternatives



NCDOT Strategic Highway Corridor Initiative

US 70 from Raleigh to Morehead City is one of the primary east-west corridors through Eastern North Carolina. US 70 is the major roadway connecting the Raleigh, Smithfield, Goldsboro, Kinston, New Bern, Havelock, and Morehead City areas. With a major deep-water port located in Morehead City, the corridor is heavily used for freight movement. In Kinston, the Global TransPark, an air-truck transfer facility that also serves as a commercial service airport, is situated just north of the corridor. Additionally, two military bases are located just off US 70 - Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro and Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station in Havelock.



US 70 is also used by tourists travelling to the Crystal Coast beaches. Equally important, US 70 serves as a major hurricane evacuation route in the event of an oncoming storm. Traffic volumes along the corridor vary, but are highest in the Clayton and Goldsboro areas. This facility is also an important piece of multiple highway systems, including the National Highway System (NHS), the North Carolina Intrastate System, and the National Military Highway System, also known as STRAHNET.

STUDY PROCESS
AND
PROJECT SCHEDULE



PROJECT STUDY PROCESS

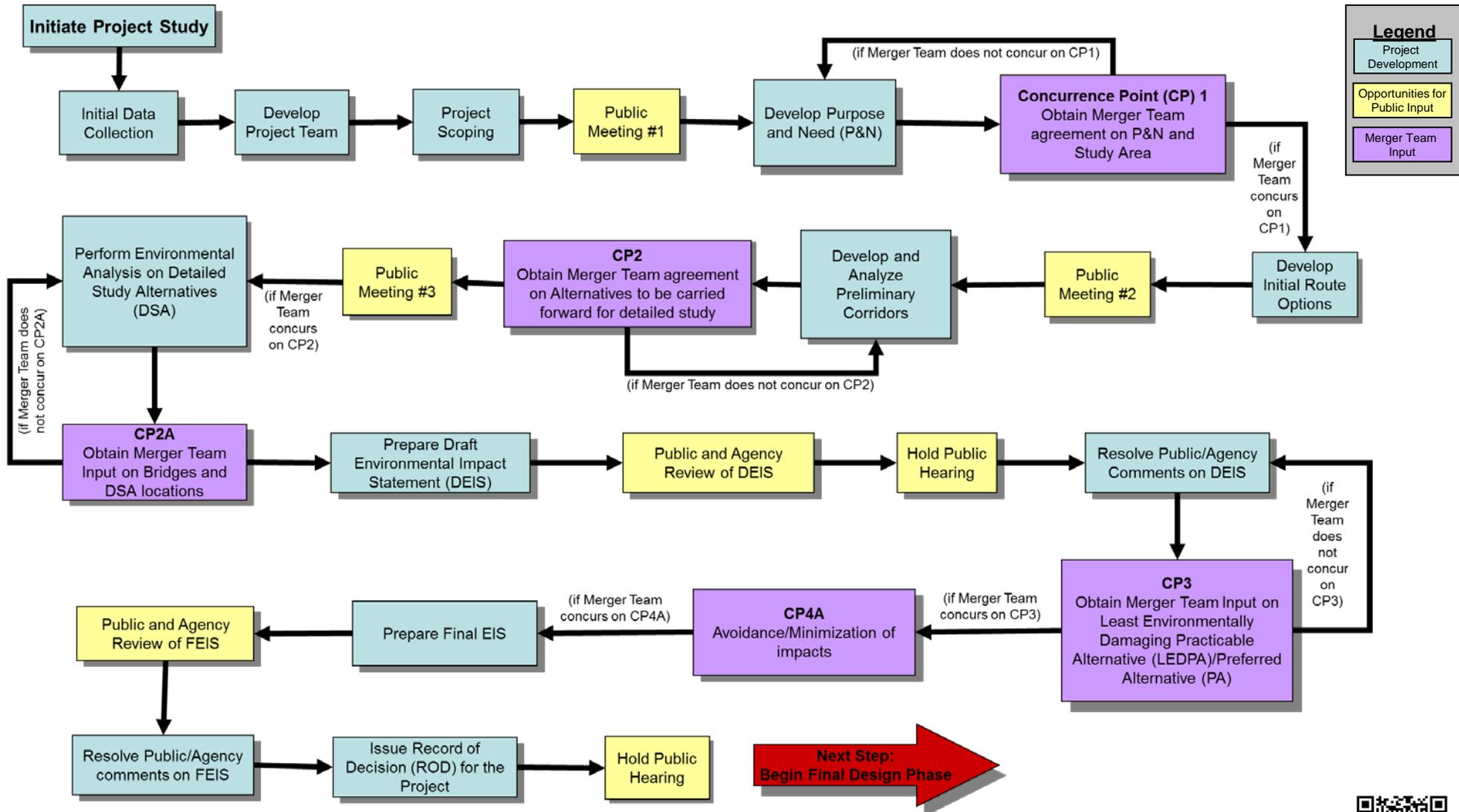
Before the NCDOT can build a new road, it must meet conditions set forth by state and federal regulations. In order to streamline this process, NCDOT created the **Interagency Merger Process**, which is a shared decision-making process for project development and permitting. This cooperation and collaboration between the NCDOT and state and federal regulatory and review agencies is achieved by the **Merger Process Team**.

Throughout the Project Study Process, there are several **Concurrence Points (CP)** (project milestones) that require the **Merger Process Team** to come to consensus on key project decisions at each stage of project development. **Concurrence** is sequential and must be achieved in the proper order. The flow diagram illustrates the study process and the steps where citizens and the Merger Team provide input.

See the Project Study Process Flow Chart to the right.



STUDY PROCESS FLOW CHART



Note: For details of the entire Merger Process, see the following link: <https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Environmental/Pages/Merger-Process-Guide.aspx>





Merger Process





Project Schedule



* Indicates opportunities for public input

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