

WELCOME TO THE
CITIZENS
INFORMATIONAL
WORKSHOP

FOR THE
KINSTON BYPASS
PROJECT



WORKSHOP SIGN-IN

- ✓ Let Us Know You Attended Tonight
- ✓ Pickup Handouts
- ✓ Review Workshop Stations



PROJECT PRESENTATION

- ✓ Please Watch the Presentation to Learn About the Project
- ✓ Note this Presentation Will Repeat

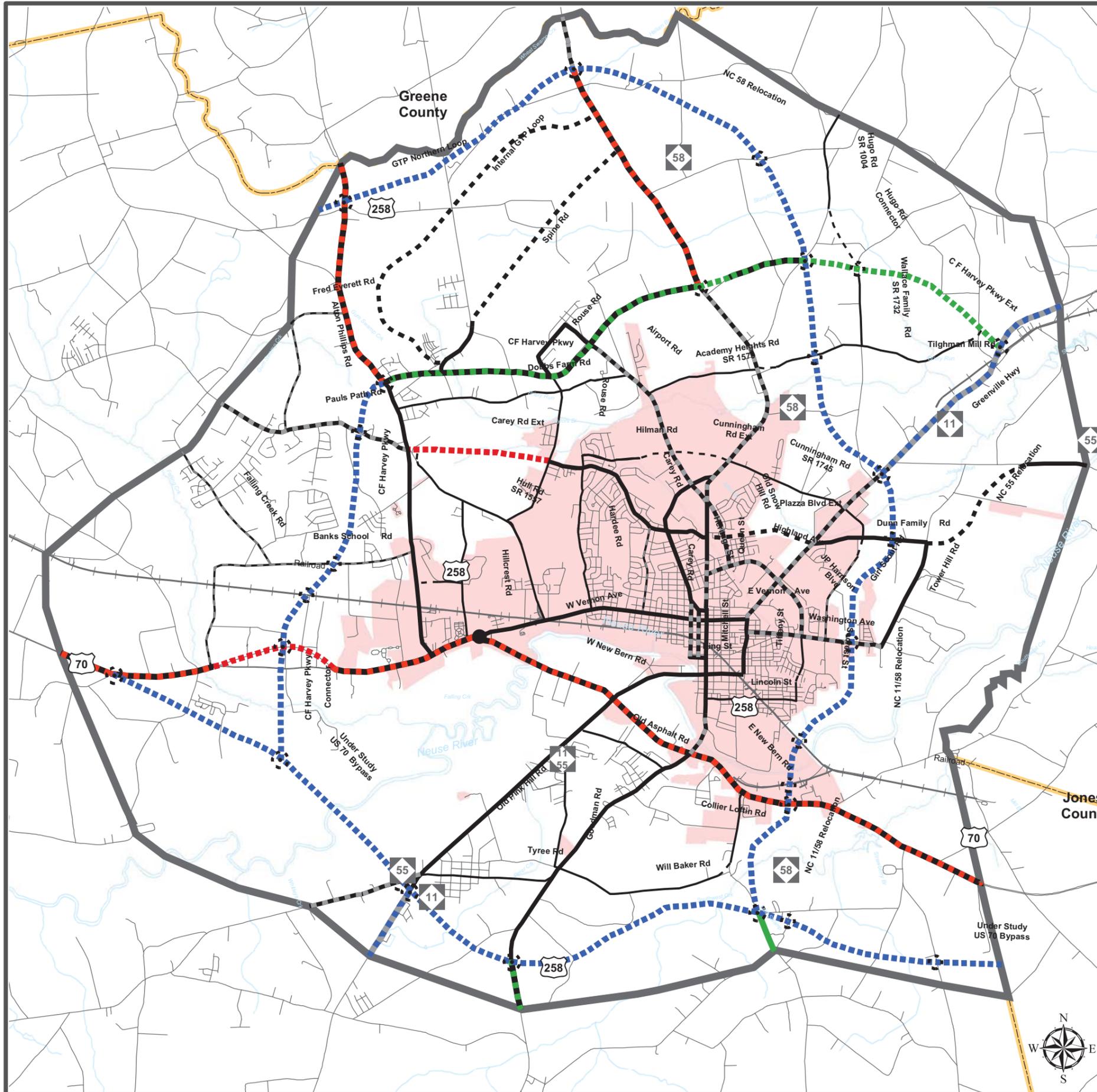


City of Kinston Comprehensive Transportation Plan

North Carolina General Statutes requires each **municipality**, with the cooperation of the NCDOT, to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) serving present and anticipated travel demand in and around the municipality. The plan shall be based on the best information available including, but not limited to, population growth, economic conditions and prospects, and patterns of land development in and around the municipality, and shall provide for the safe and effective use of the transportation system.

**Please See the Graphic for the Kinston
Comprehensive Transportation Plan**





Highway Map



CITY OF KINSTON LENOIR COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Plan date: August 15, 2007

Freeways

- Existing
- Needs Improvement
- Recommended

Expressways

- Existing
- Needs Improvement
- Recommended

Boulevards

- Existing
- Needs Improvement
- Recommended

Other Major Thoroughfares

- Existing
- Needs Improvement
- Recommended

Minor Thoroughfares

- Existing
- Needs Improvement
- Recommended

- Existing Interchange
- Proposed Interchange
- Existing Grade Separation
- Proposed Grade Separation



Sheet 2 of 5

Base map date: May 2005

Refer to CTP document for more details



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)**.

A State 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 North of Kinston
- New Location Roadway Alternatives South of Kinston



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.

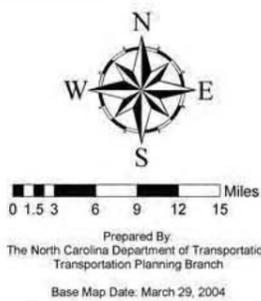


US 70 is also used by tourists travelling to the Crystal Coast beaches. Equally important, US 70 serves as a major hurricane evacuation route in the event of an oncoming storm. Traffic volumes along the corridor vary, but are highest in the Clayton and Goldsboro areas. This facility is also an important 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.



US 70 Corridor Existing Facility Types

Plan Date: Month, Day, 2004



- Legend**
- Freeways
 - Expressways
 - Boulevards
 - Other Major Thoroughfares
 - US
 - NC

What is the Need for this Project?

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

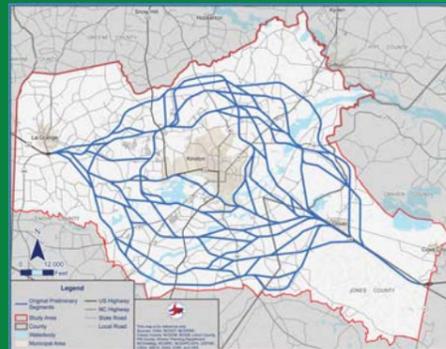
What is the Purpose of this Project?

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.



Detailed Study Alternative Development Process

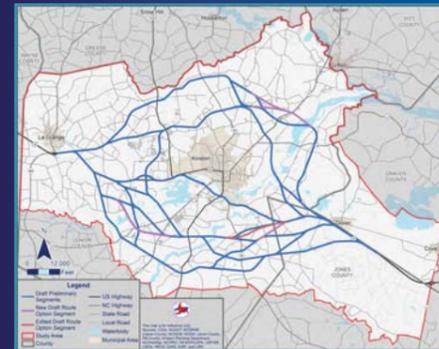
Initial Route Options Considered



Route Screening Process

- Initial impacts were calculated for individual segments
- Similar segments were then compared to one another
- Segments with high amounts of impacts were eliminated

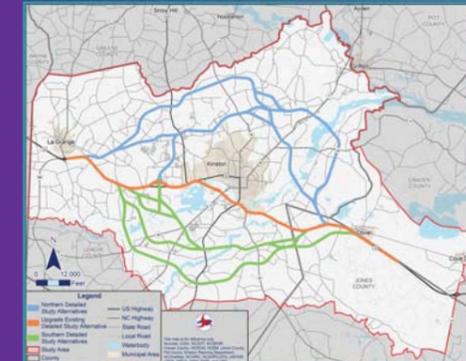
Revised Route Options Based On Public Input



Selection of Detailed Study Alternatives

- Segments were combined to create Draft Preliminary Corridors
- Impacts were calculated for Draft Preliminary Corridors
- Public comments received at Citizens Informational Workshop # 2 and impacts for Draft Preliminary Corridors were presented to the Interagency Team
- 17 Draft Preliminary Corridors selected to become Detailed Study Alternatives

Detailed Study Alternatives



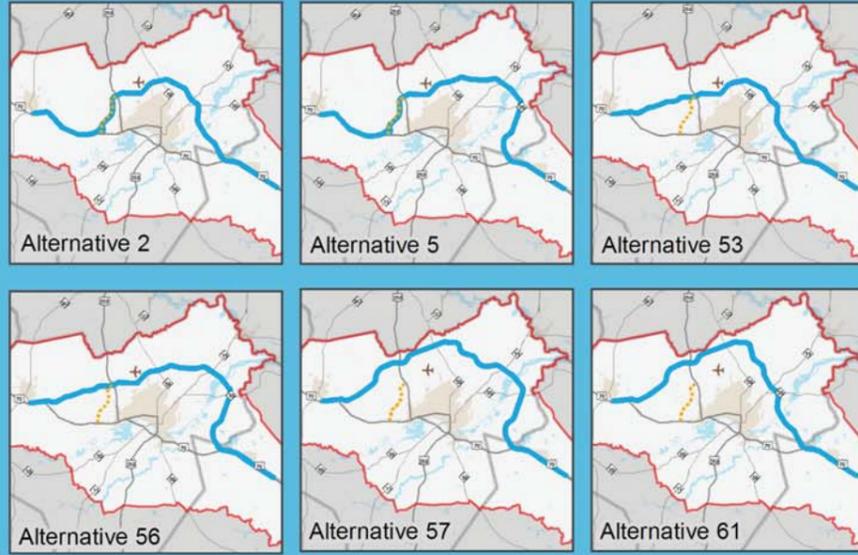
Next Steps

- Develop designs for Detailed Study Alternatives
- Prepare environmental and engineering studies for Detailed Study Alternatives
- Environmental and engineering studies will be summarized in the State Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
- The DEIS and detailed designs will be made available for public and Interagency Team review/input

DETAILED STUDY ALTERNATIVES



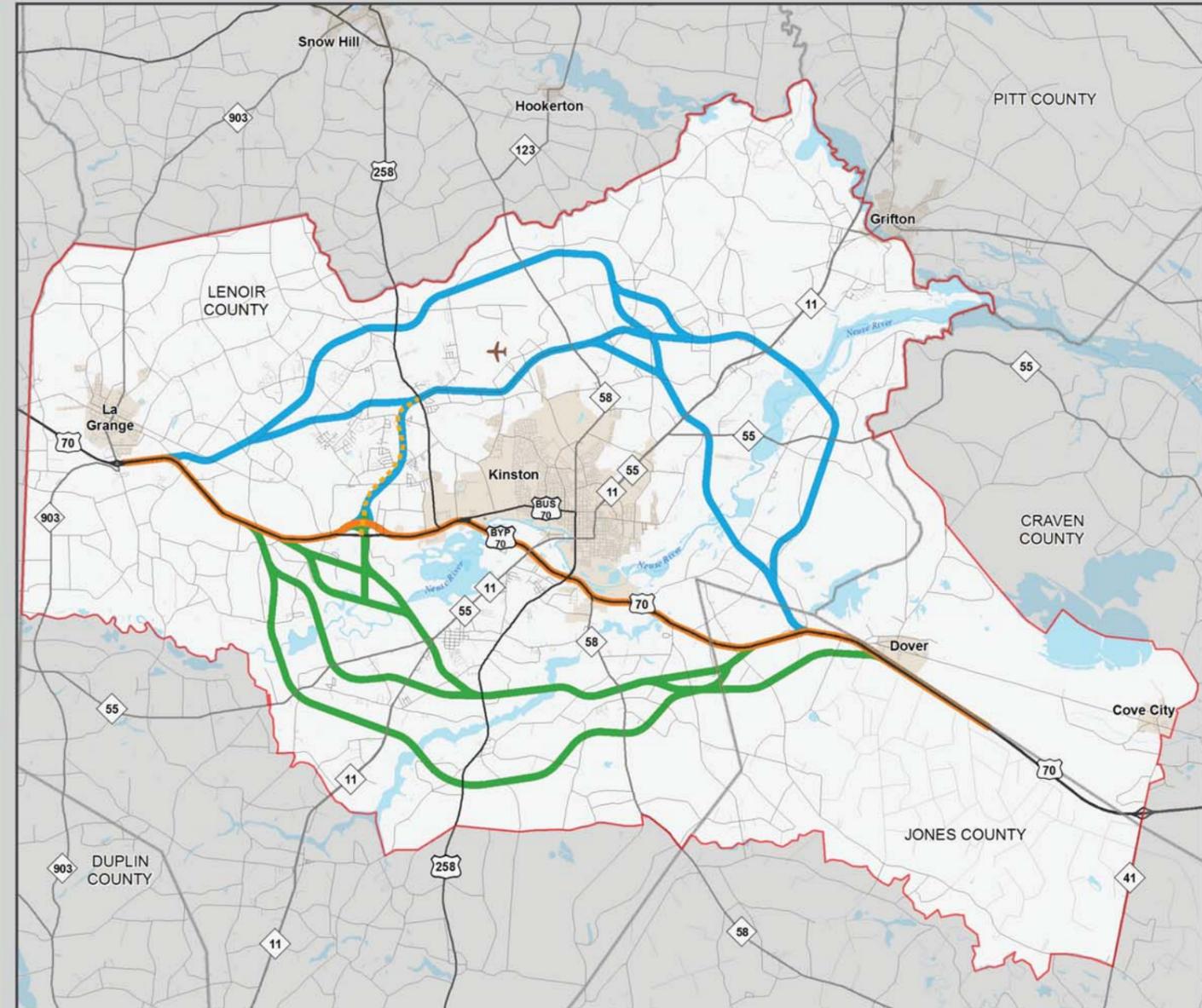
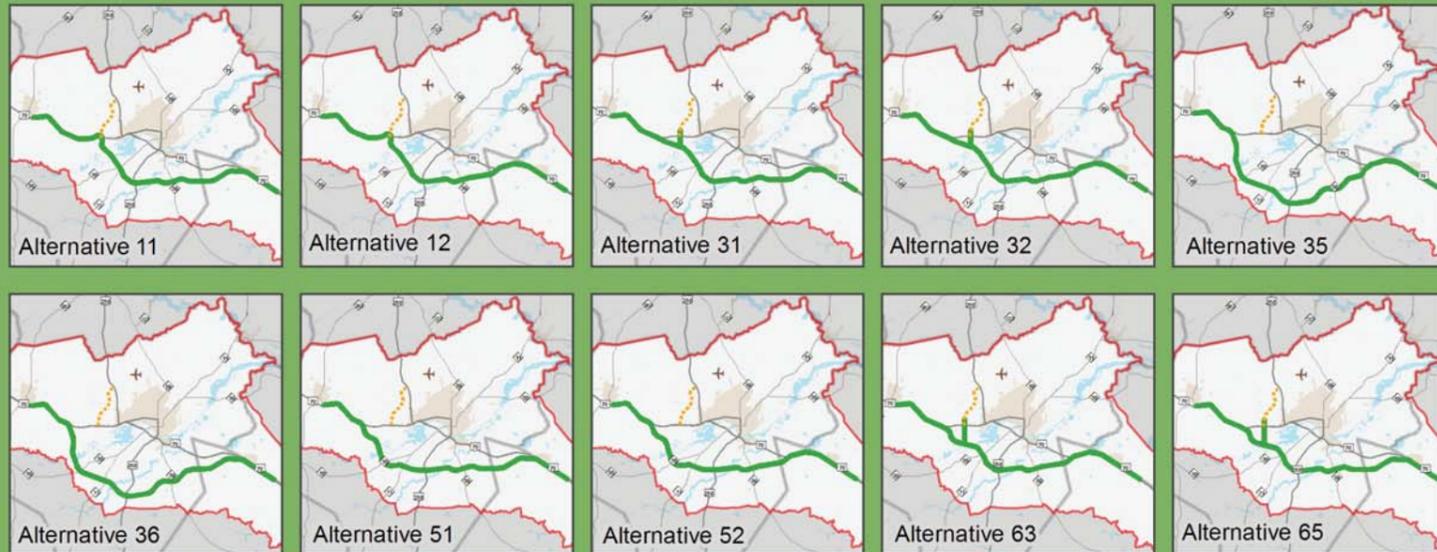
Northern Bypass Alternatives



Upgrade Existing US 70 Alternative



Southern Bypass Alternatives



Legend

- Kinston Jetport
- Northern Detailed Study Alternatives
- Upgrade Existing Detailed Study Alternative
- Southern Detailed Study Alternatives
- Study Area
- County

- Waterbody
- Municipal Area
- US Highway
- NC Highway
- Project R-2719A (Under Construction)

Not To Scale

This map is for reference only. Sources: CGIA, NCDOT, NCDENR, Craven County, NCDCM, NCEM, Lenoir County, Pitt County, Jones County, Kinston Planning Department, NCOneMap, NCVRC, NCSHPO, EPA, USFWS, USDA, NRCS, DWQ, ESRI and URS.

STUDY PROCESS AND PROJECT SCHEDULE



PROJECT STUDY PROCESS

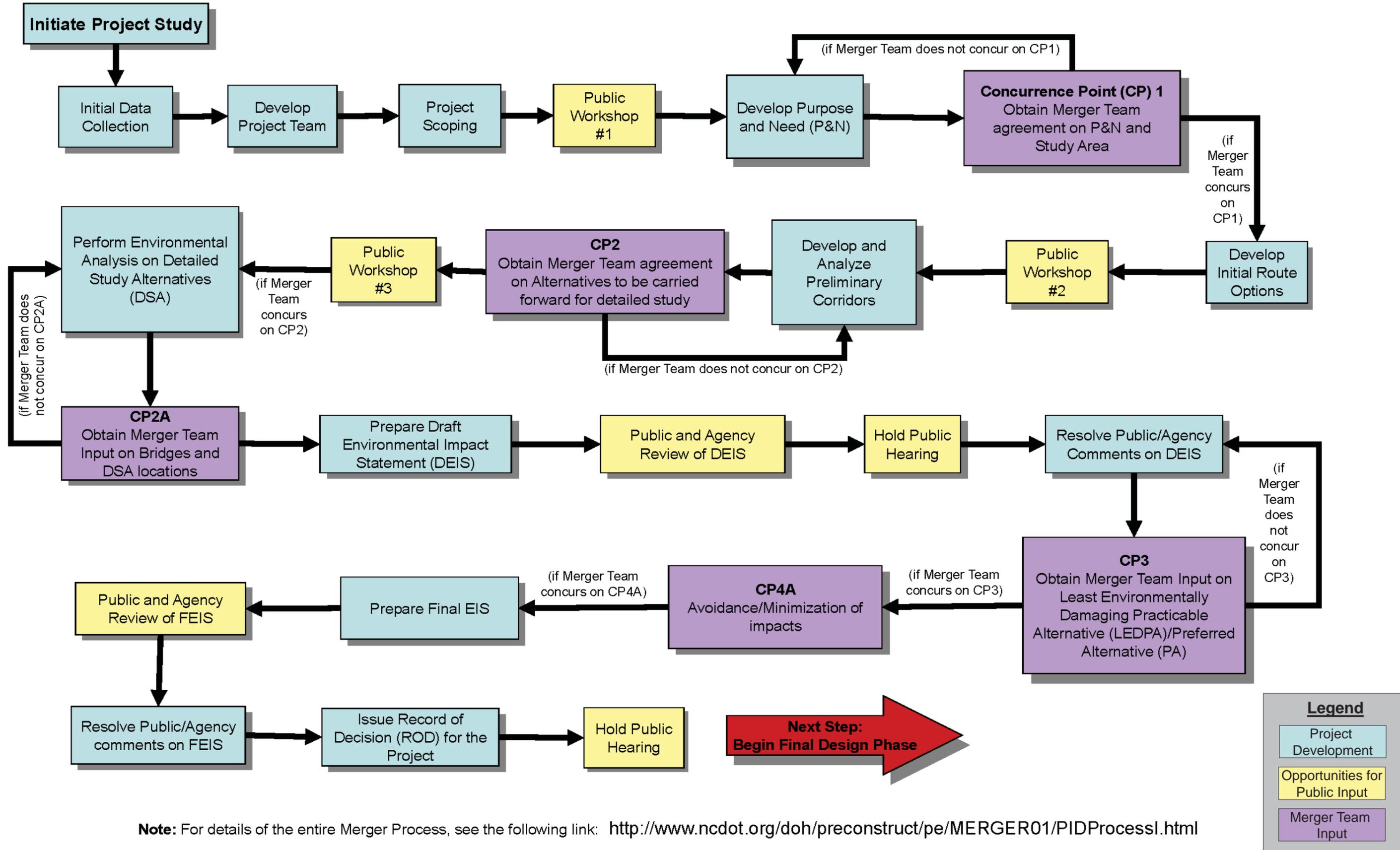
Before the NCDOT can build a new road, it must meet conditions set forth by state and federal regulations. In order to streamline this process, NCDOT created the **Interagency Merger Process**, which is a shared decision-making process for project development and permitting. This cooperation and collaboration 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: <http://www.ncdot.org/doh/preconstruct/pe/MERGER01/PIDProcess1.html>



Merger Process





Project Timeline



* Indicates opportunities for citizen input

COMMENTS COLLECTED HERE

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

Please Take a Moment to Fill Out a
Comment Form

To Review the Project Information, Visit
the Following Website:

www.ncdot.gov/projects/kinstonbypass/



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