

US 64 – NC 49 CORRIDOR STUDY

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Study Area





Corridor Development Team

- NCDOT Transportation Planning
- NCDOT Roadway Design
- NCDOT Traffic Engineering
- NCDOT Project Development
- NCDOT Program Development
- Capital Area MPO
- Town of Cary
- Town of Apex
- Wake County
- Town of Siler City
- Chatham County
- Town of Pittsboro
- Piedmont Triad RPO
- NW Piedmont RPO
- Lake Norman RPO
- Cabarrus-Rowan MPO
- Mecklenburg-Union MPO
- Triangle Area RPO
- Rocky River RPO
- Federal Highway Administration



Study Goals

"To develop a transportation system consistent with the Strategic Highway Corridors concept definition that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight to and through Central North Carolina while addressing the environmental and economic development opportunities"



Study Objectives

- Enhance transportation connectivity and mobility
- Serve as a reliever to I-85 and I-40
- Improve safety
- Support regional and local transit plans

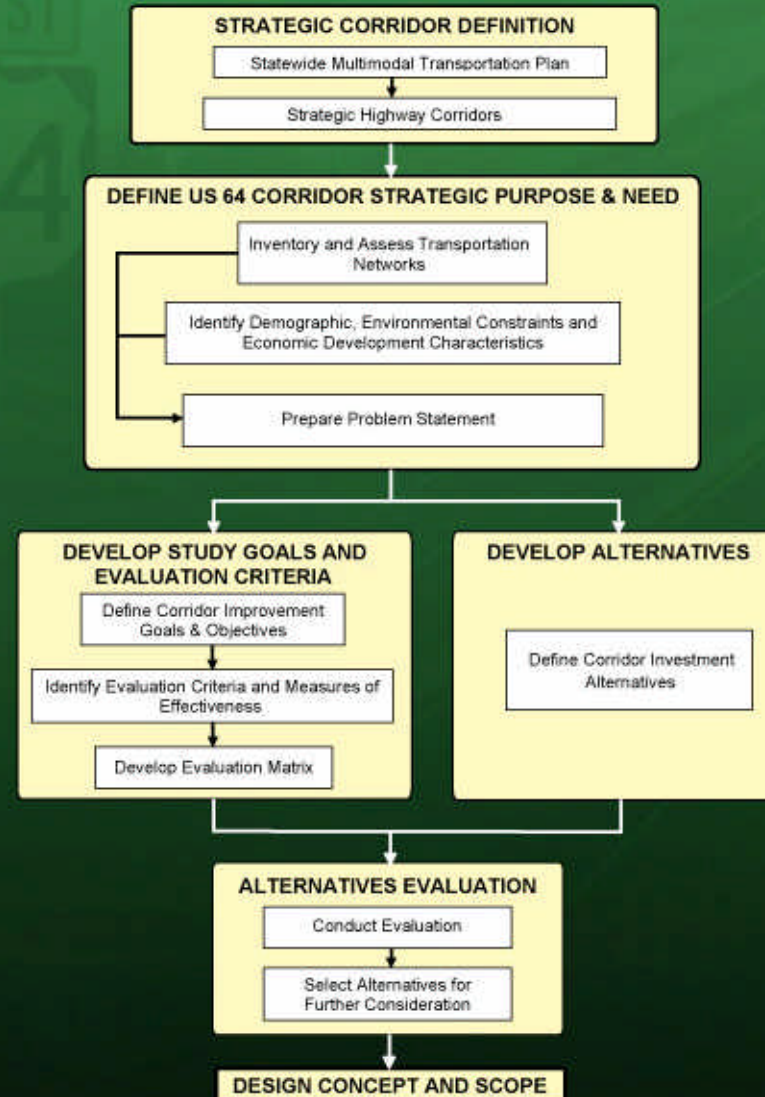


Study Objectives

- Support economic development
- Support local land use plans
- Optimize costs and benefits to system users and funding agencies
- Be sensitive to environmental and social factors



Alternatives Evaluation Process





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STRATEGIC CORRIDOR DEFINITION

Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

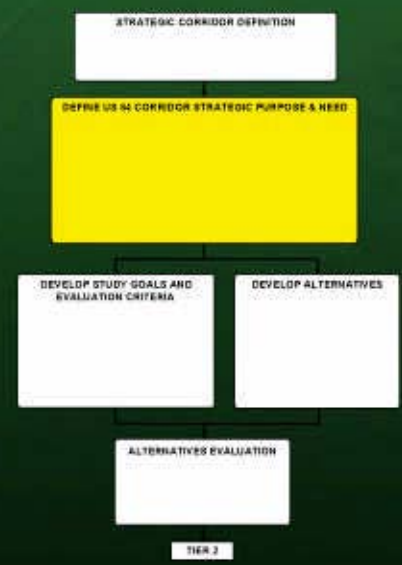
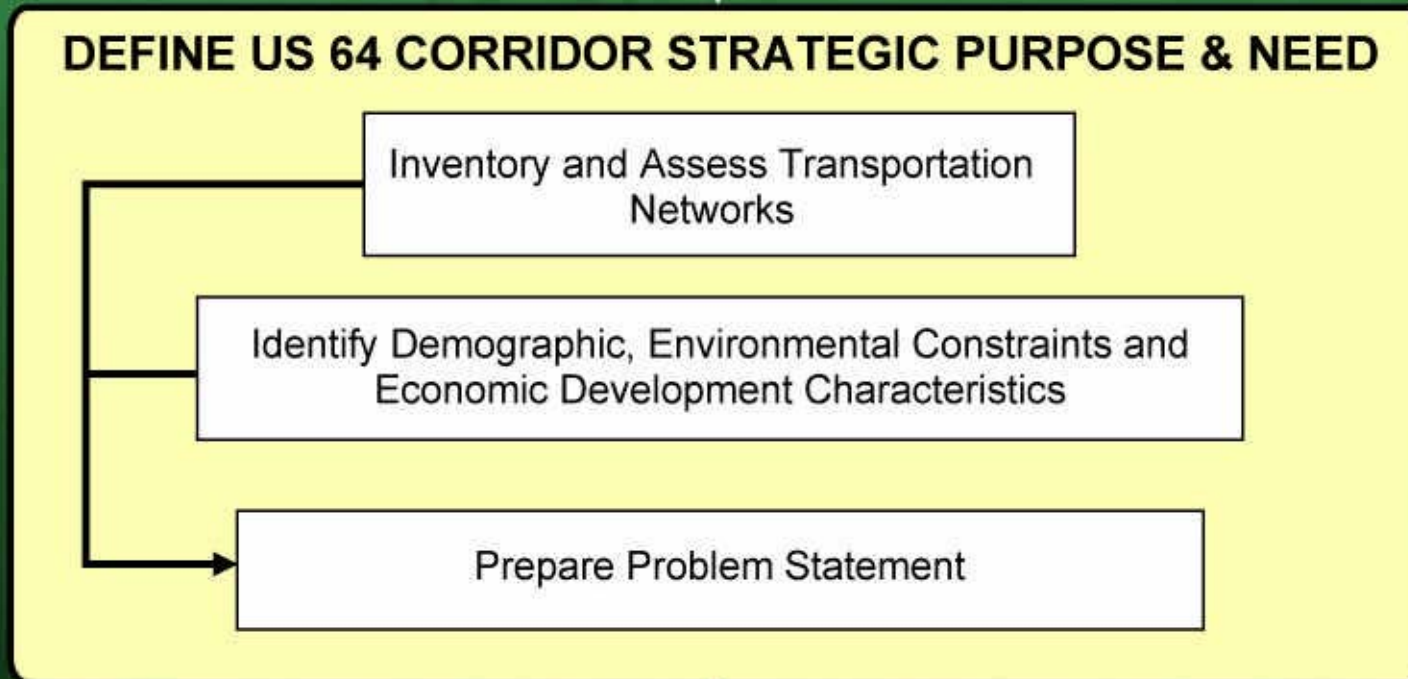


Strategic Highway Corridors





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Transportation Profile

- Inventory of existing facilities and services.
- Description of existing system usage



Highway System Inventory





Existing AADT Volumes





Existing Level of Service



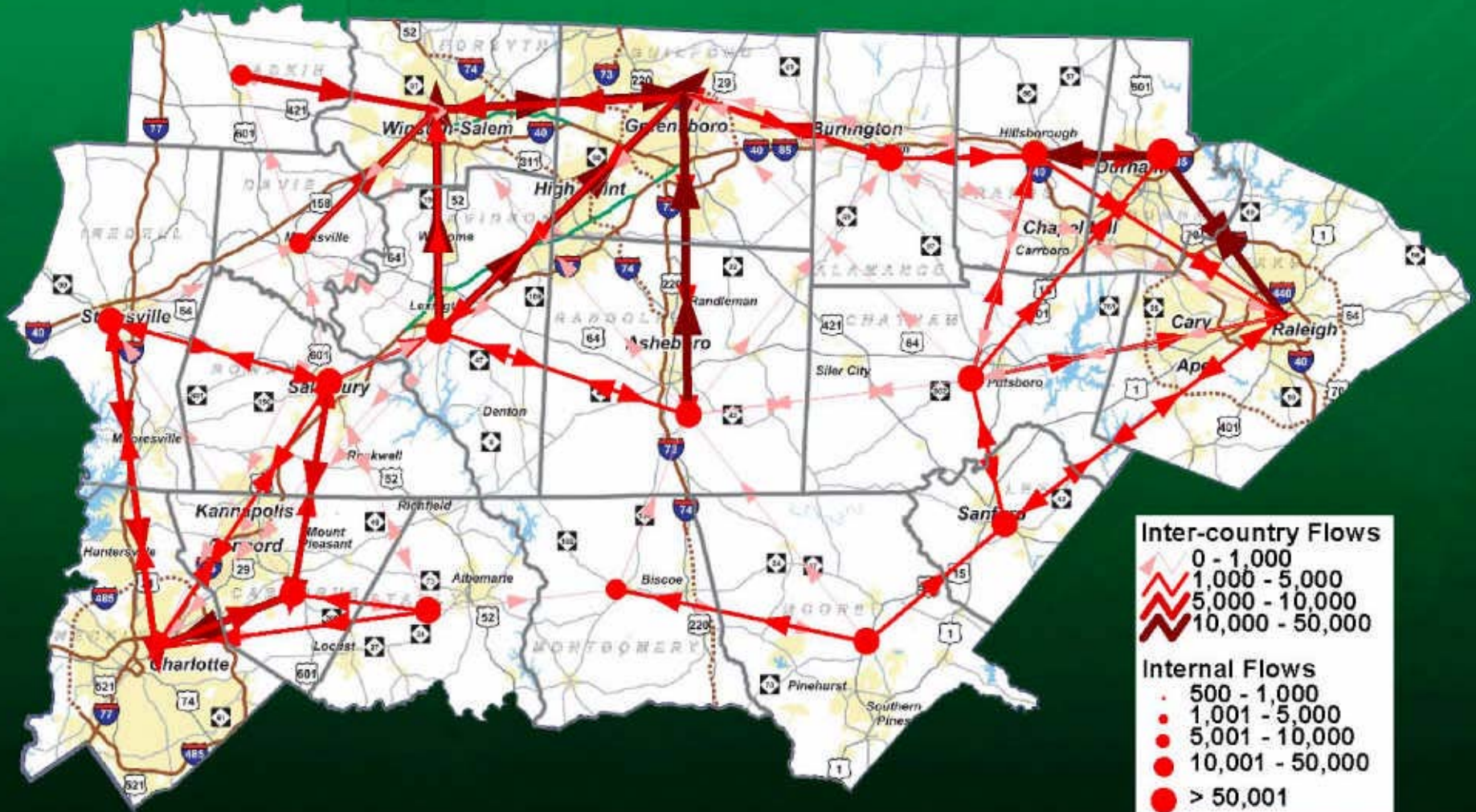


Existing Truck Percentage of Daily Volume





2000 Census Inter-county Work Trips





Travel Surveys

- Video Origin-Destination Surveys on I-40 and I-85.
- Postcard Survey of vehicles passing Video Survey Station #2.
- Roadside Origin-Destination Surveys on US 64 and NC 49.
- Travel Time Surveys on I-40, I-85, US 64 and NC 49.



Video Origin-Destination Survey





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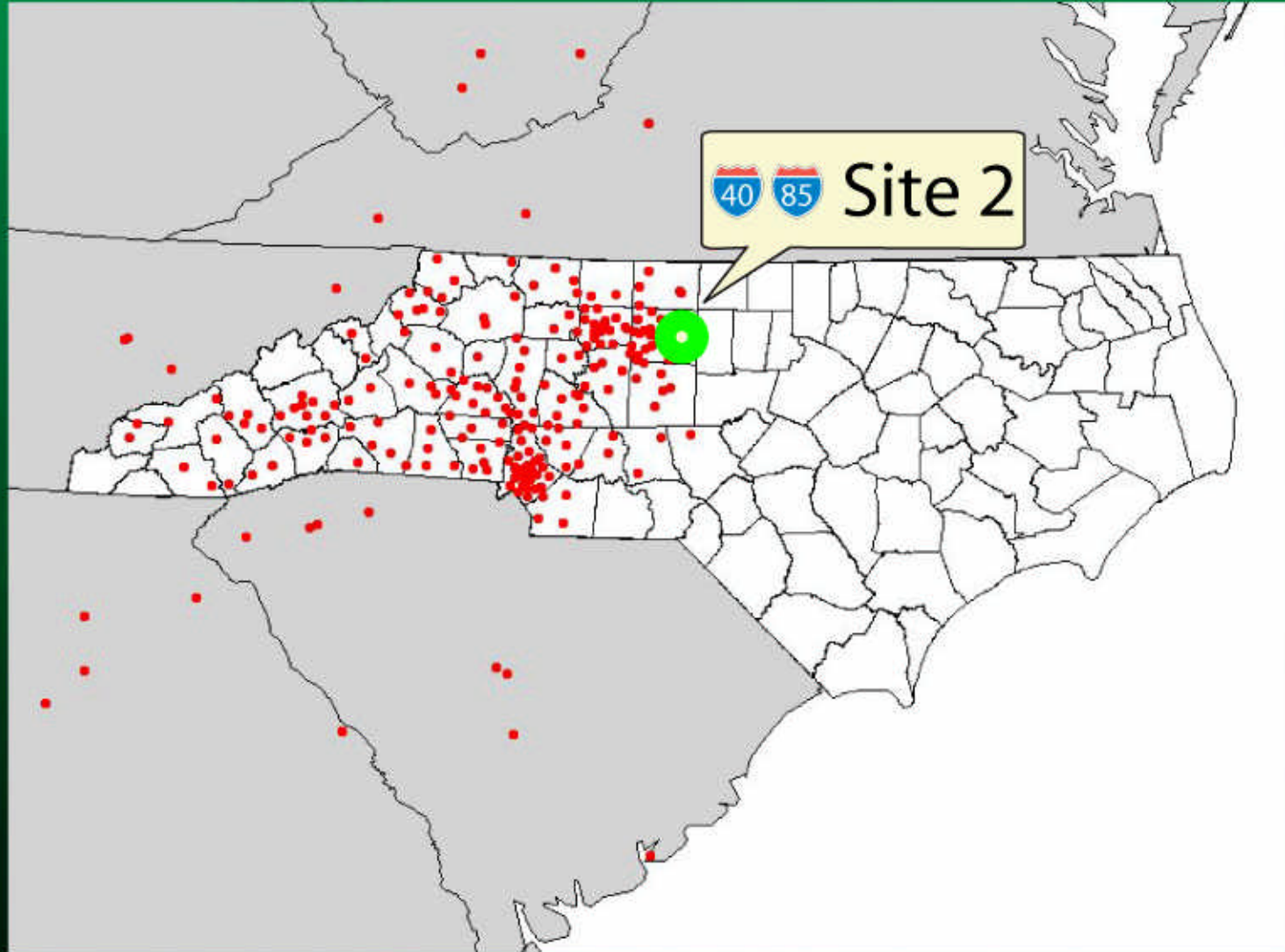
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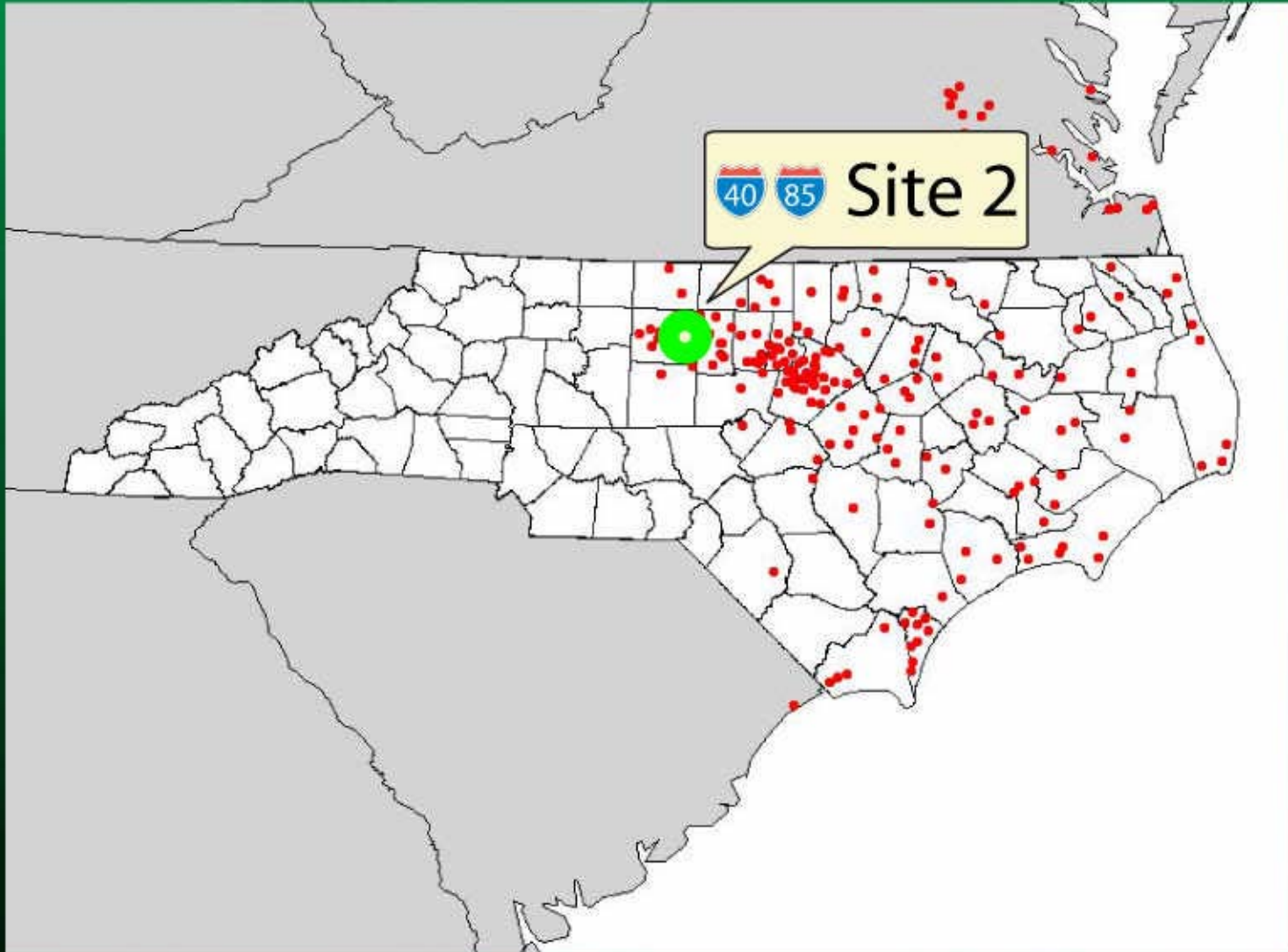
Postcard Survey

Eastbound Origins





Postcard Survey Eastbound Destinations





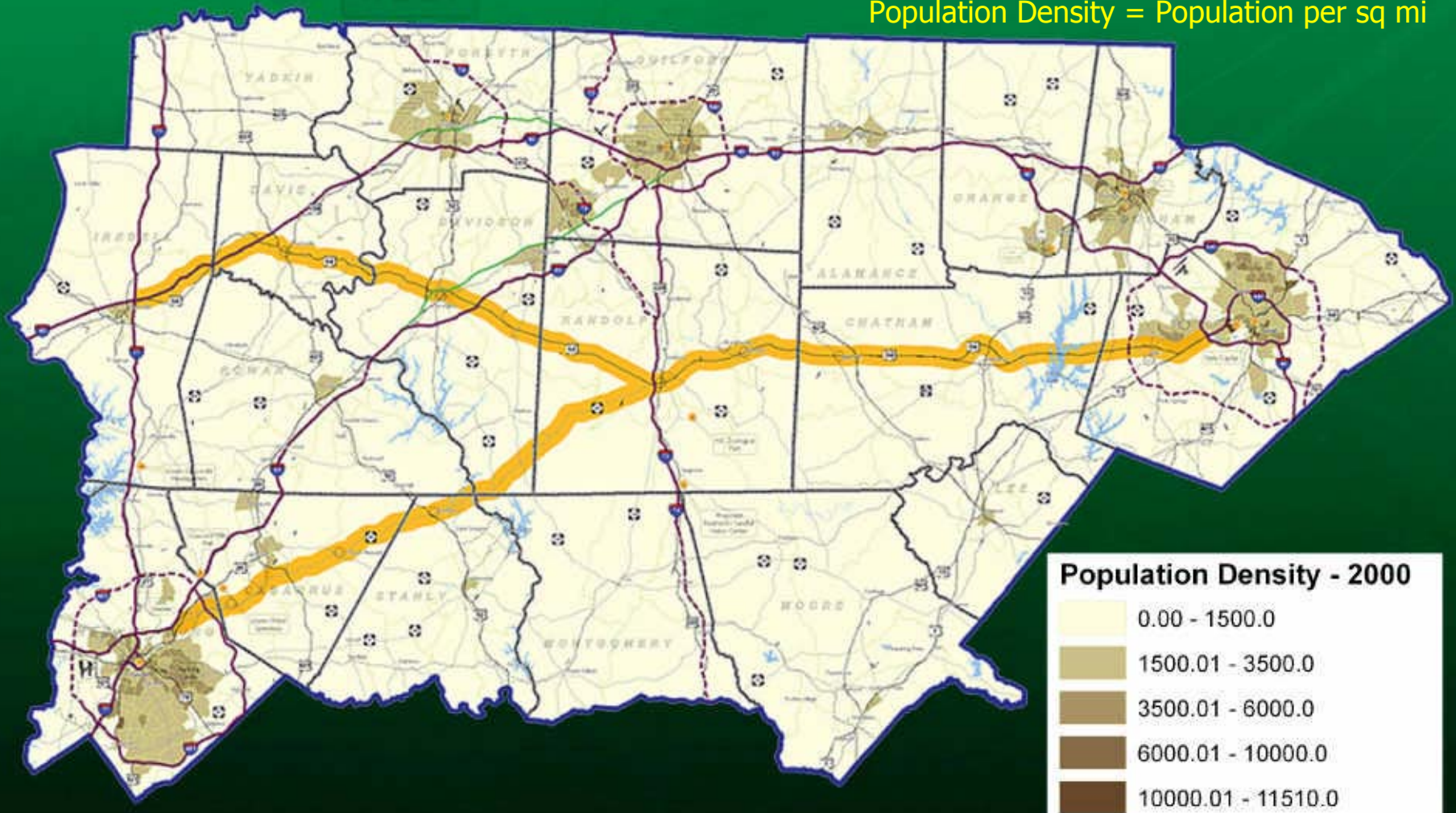
Roadside Origin-Destination Survey





Demographics – Pop. Density 2000

Population Density = Population per sq mi





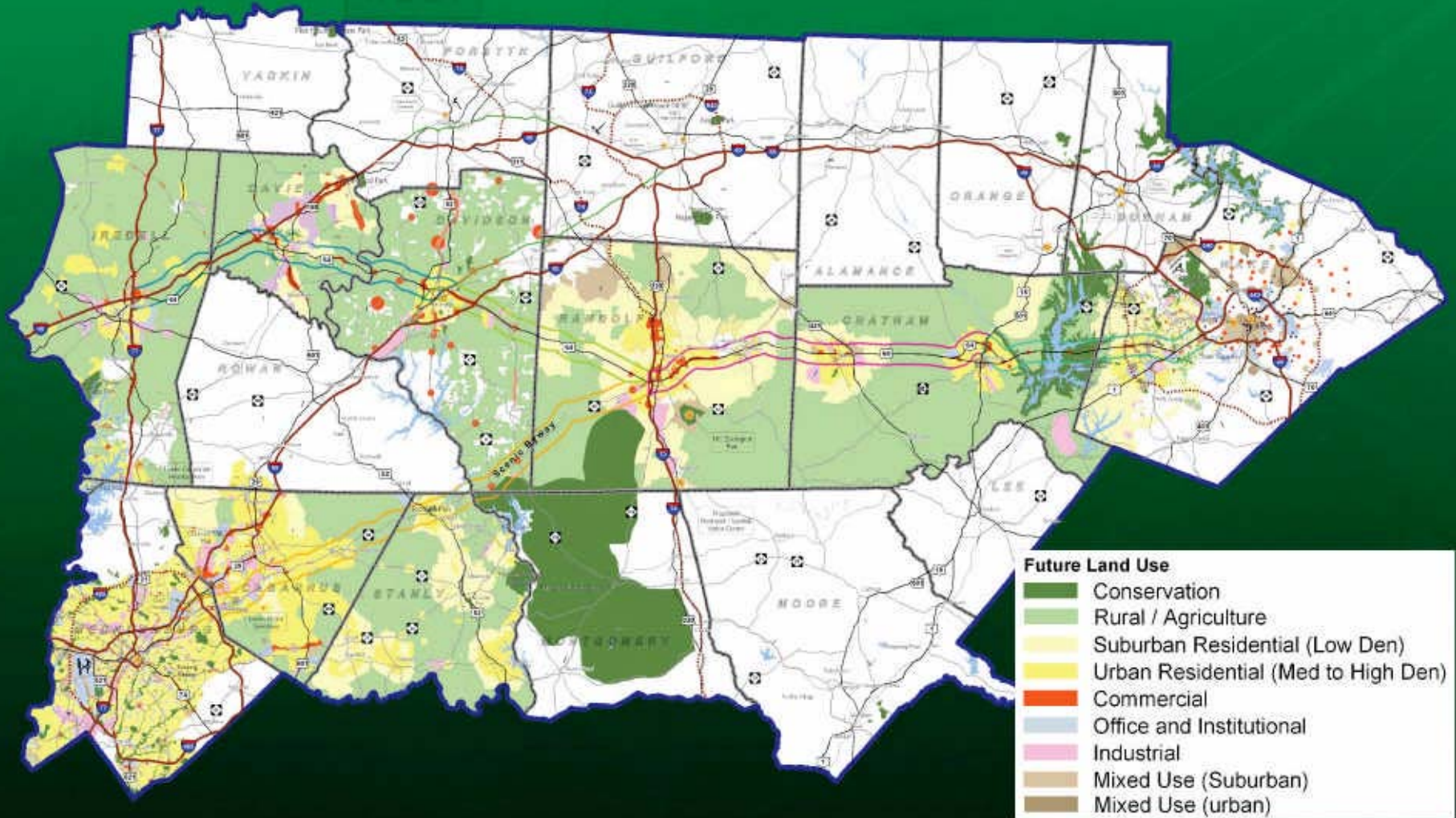
Demographics – Pop. Density 2030

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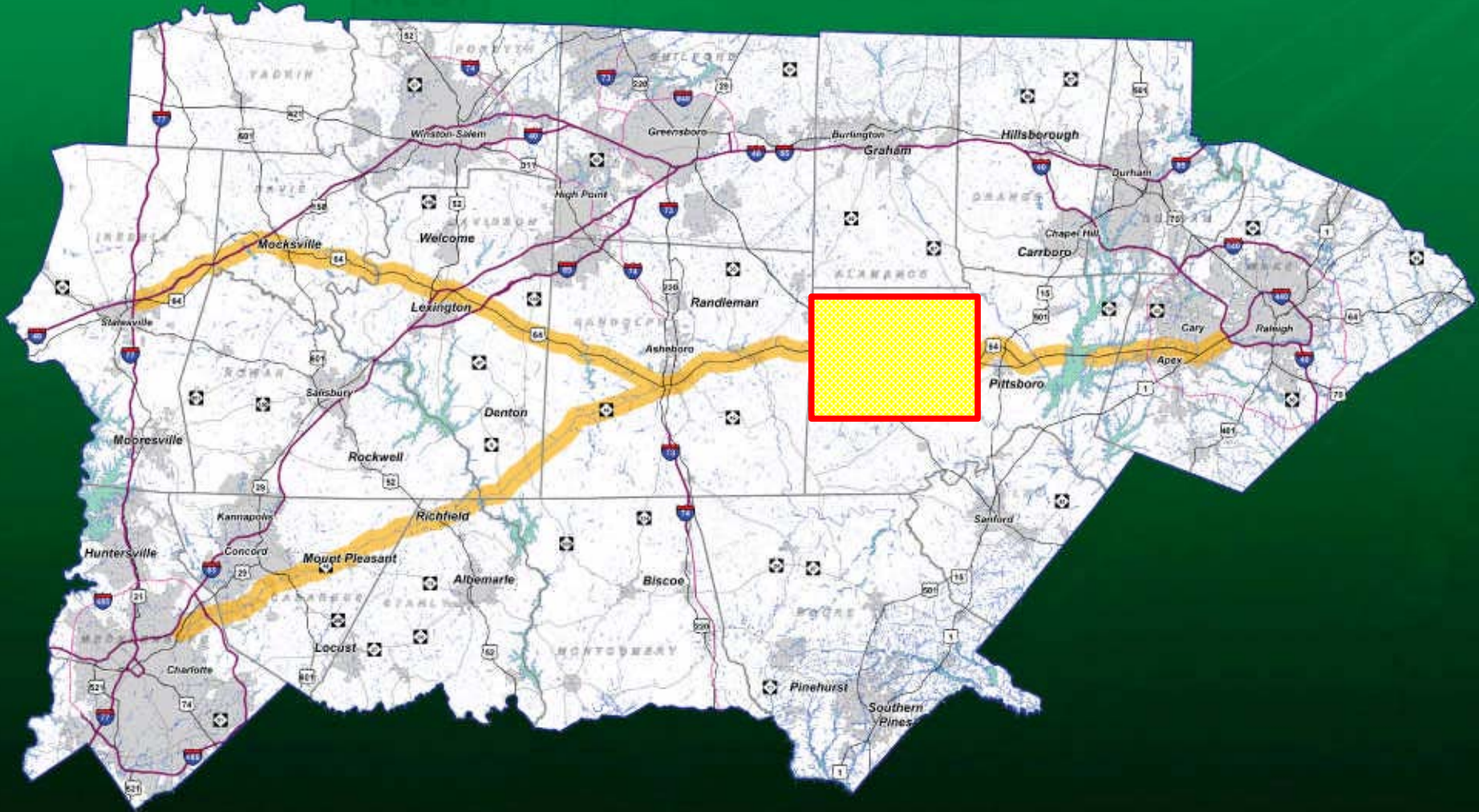


Land Use – Future

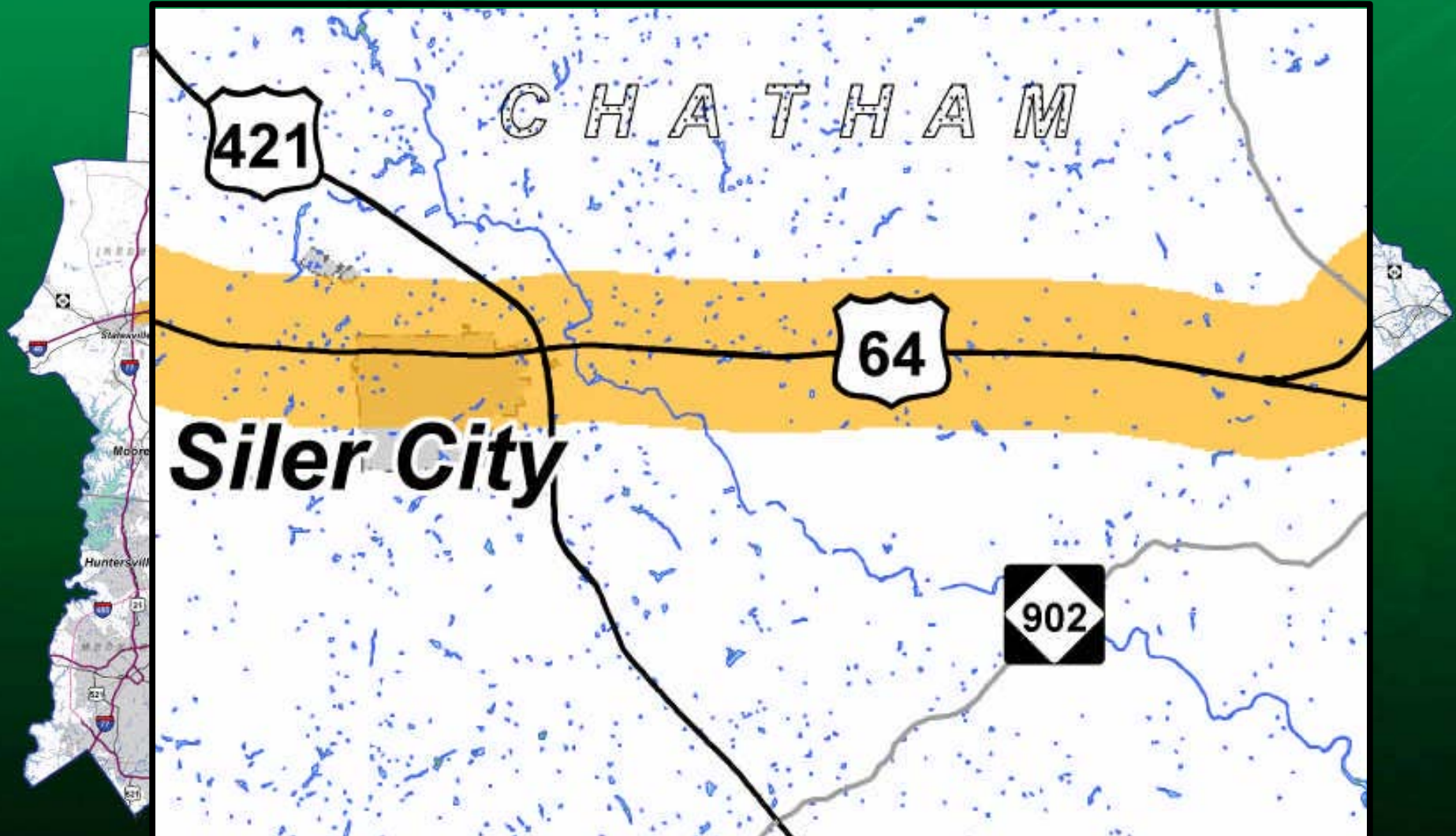




Wetlands



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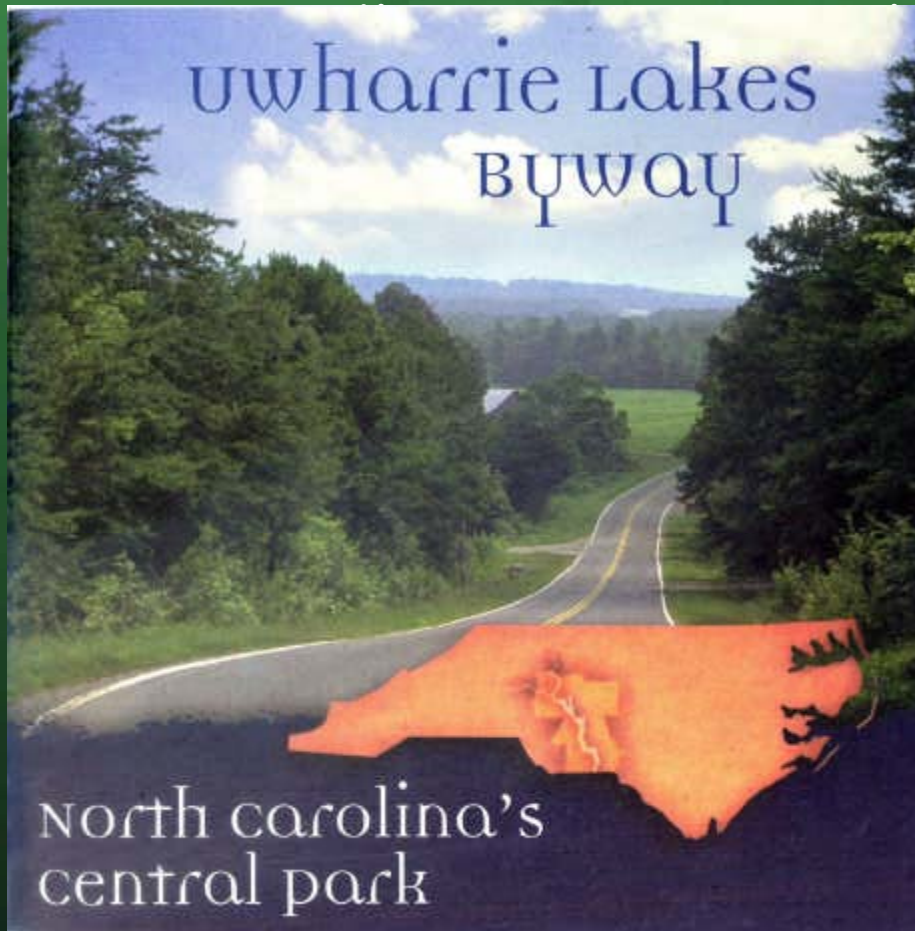
Economic Development

Yadkin-Pee Dee Lakes Project (Central Park)

- “Sustainable” tourism (recreation)
 - Support tourism-related business
 - Supplement existing industries
- Economic success tied to quality of experience (arrival, views)



Economic Development



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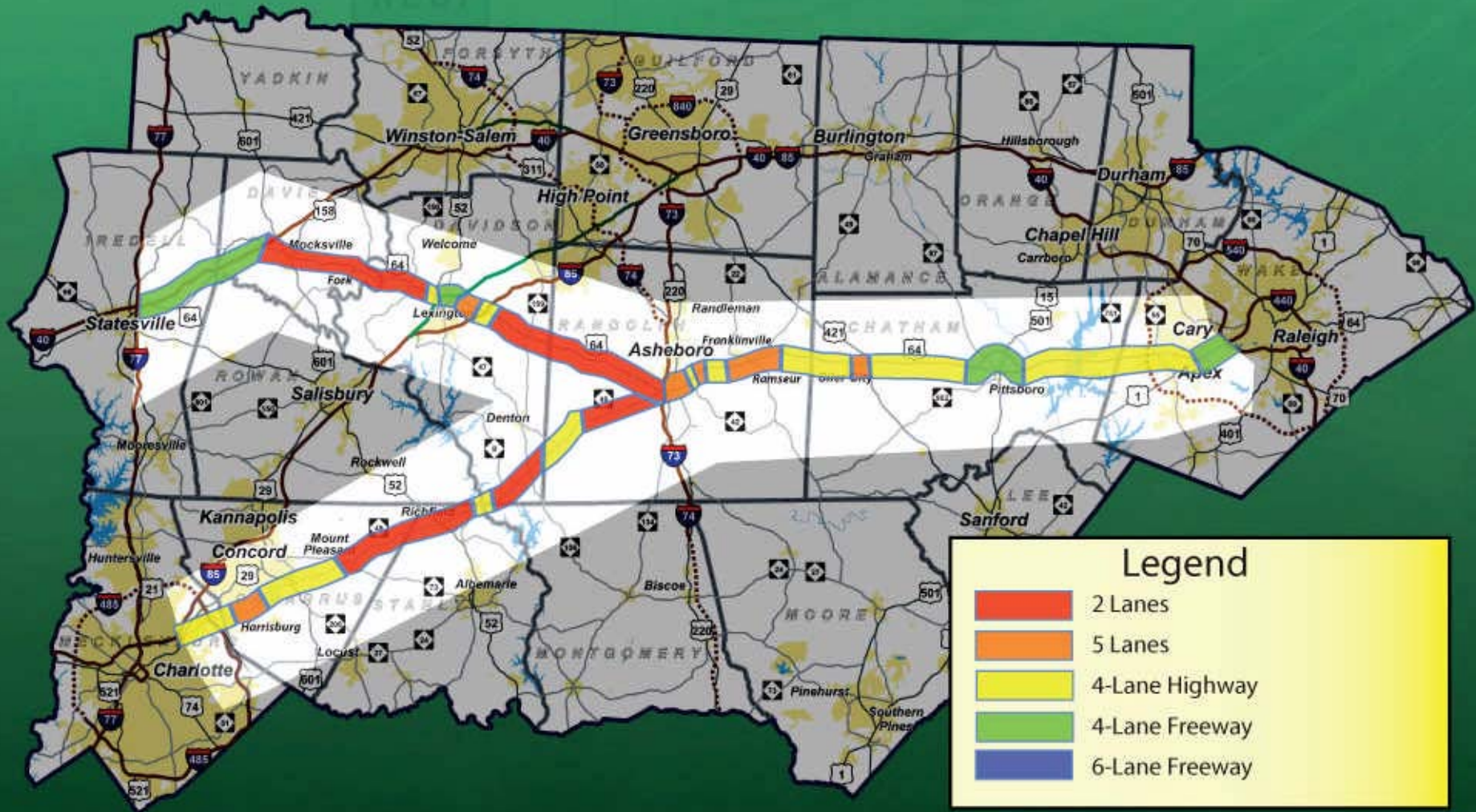


Alternatives

- Existing Plus Committed (E+C)
- E+C Enhanced
- Expressway
- Freeway

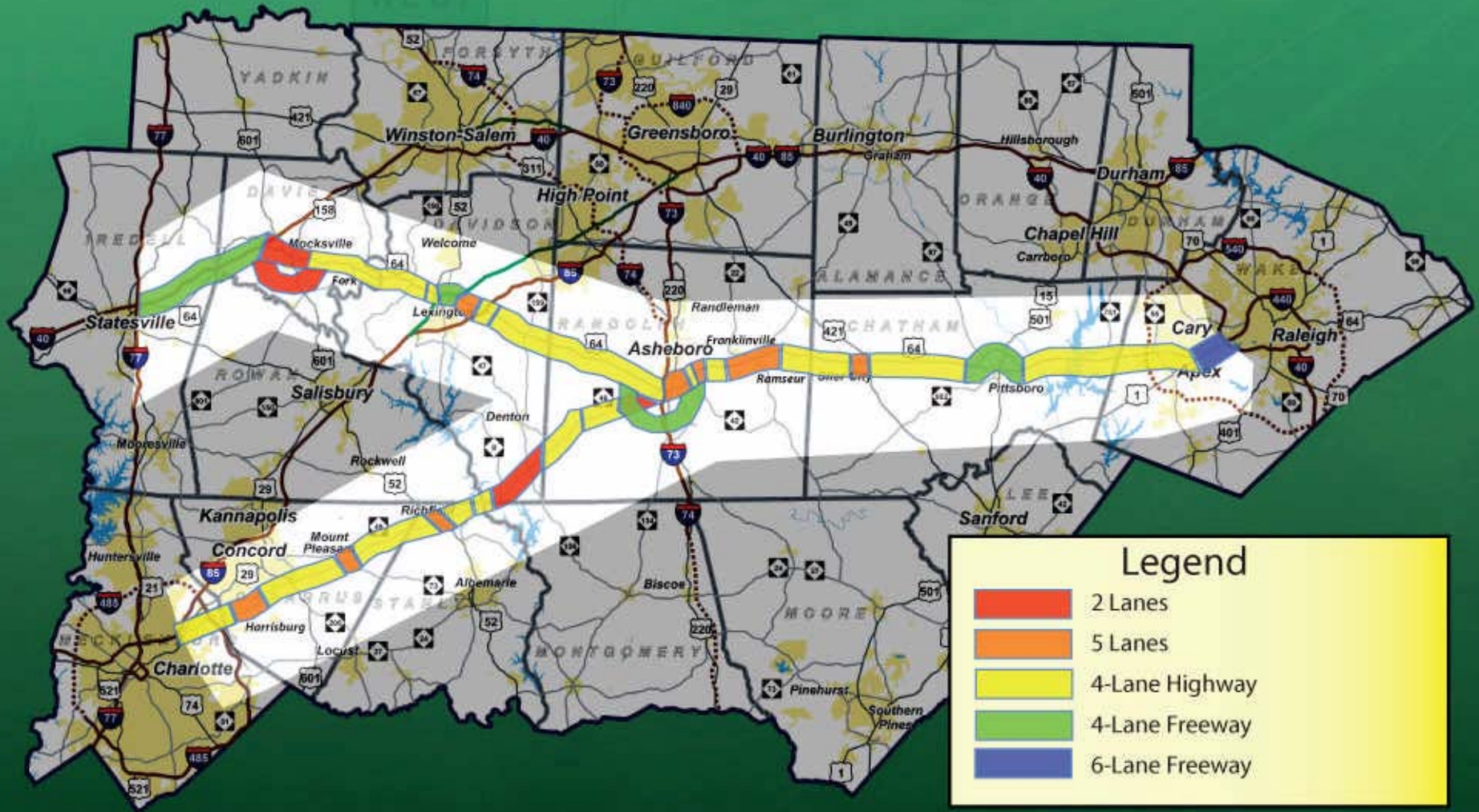


Existing



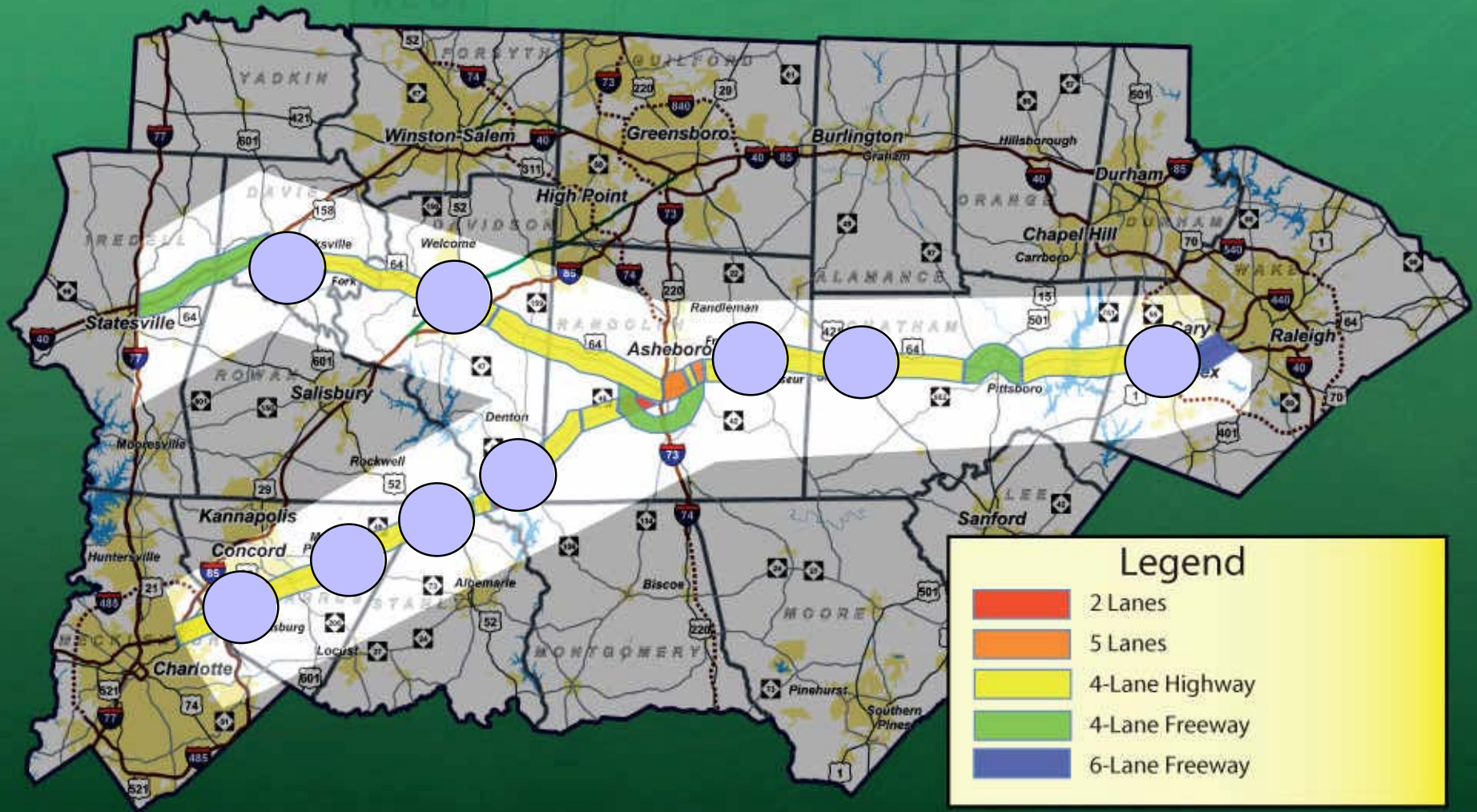


Existing Plus Committed





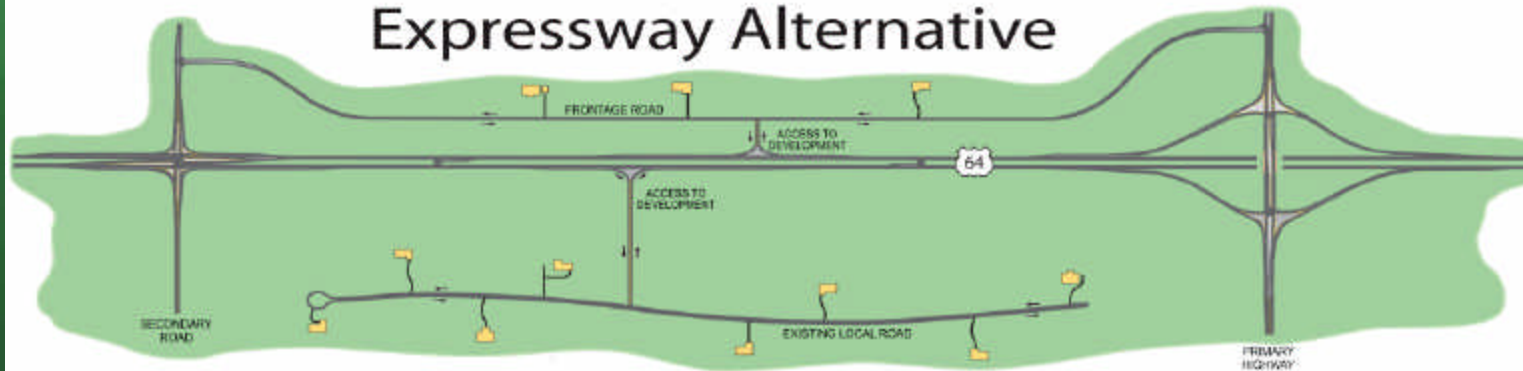
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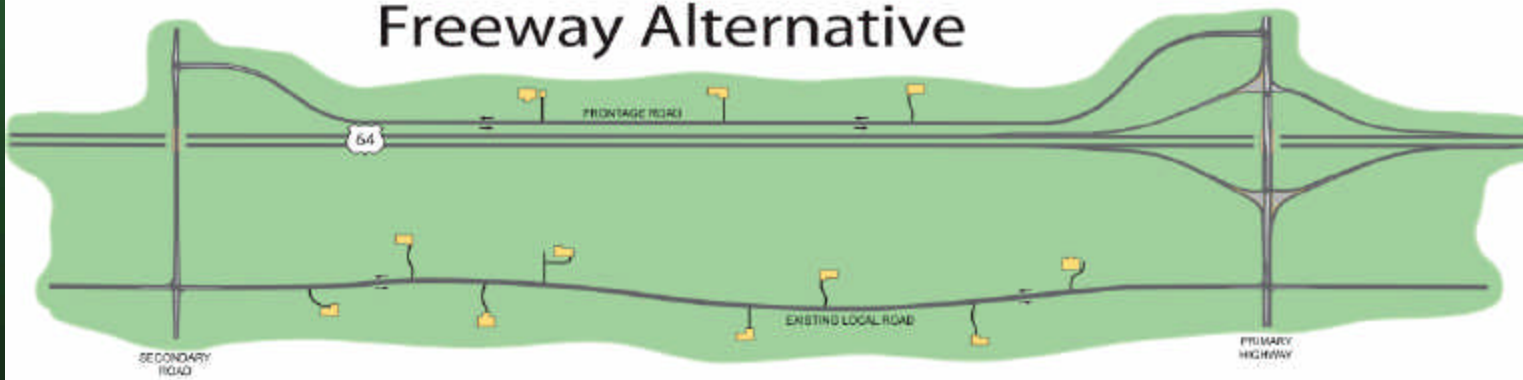


Expressway and Freeway

Expressway Alternative

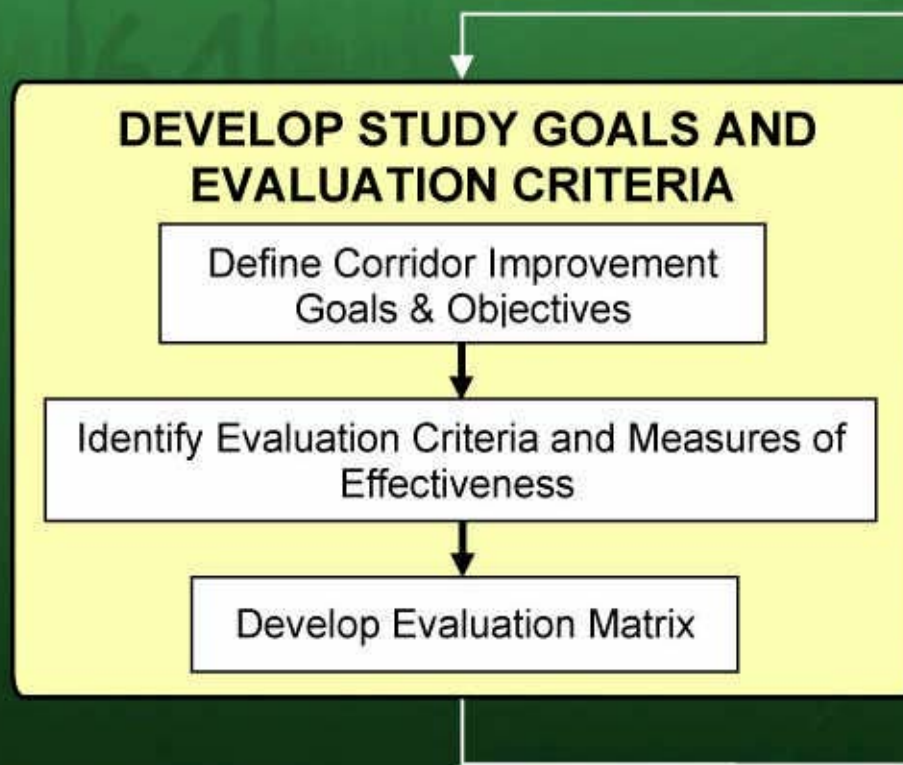


Freeway Alternative





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Travel Demand Model

Level of detail- Sketch planning tool to assess alternatives

- Capture intercity movements
 - Entire state represented
 - Highest detail in "core" area
- Estimated Travel Diversion



Evaluation Criteria

Study Objective Category	Measure of Effectiveness
Evaluation Criteria	
MOBILITY BENEFITS	
Travel Time Savings	Percent reduction in travel time from Charlotte and Statesville to Raleigh vs. baseline.
Travel Diversion I-85 and I-40	Percent Interstate traffic reduction vs. baseline.
Safety Improvement	Reduction in accidents using National (and/or Statewide) average accident rates by facility type vs. baseline.
Accommodation of Transit Plans	Alternative's potential to facilitate implementation of transit initiatives.



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GROWTH MANAGEMENT BENEFITS

Development Pattern Impacts	Potential to direct growth consistent with locally desired development patterns and policies.
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ECONOMIC BENEFITS	
Accessibility Improvement	Percent change in number of jobs or households within specified travel times to specific destinations vs. baseline.
Development Opportunity	Potential for improved access to future development that includes major employers.



Evaluation Criteria

Study Objective Category	Measure of Effectiveness
Evaluation Criteria	
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	
Sensitivity to Environmental Factors	Potential for adverse impact based on facility footprint and location.
Sensitivity to Social Factors	Potential for adverse impact based on facility footprint and location.



Evaluation Criteria

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Evaluation Criteria	
COST EFFECTIVENESS	
Transportation User Benefits	Travel time, operating, and safety cost savings relative to the baseline.
Capital Cost	Estimate of probable cost.
User Benefits / Capital Cost	Calculated ratio.



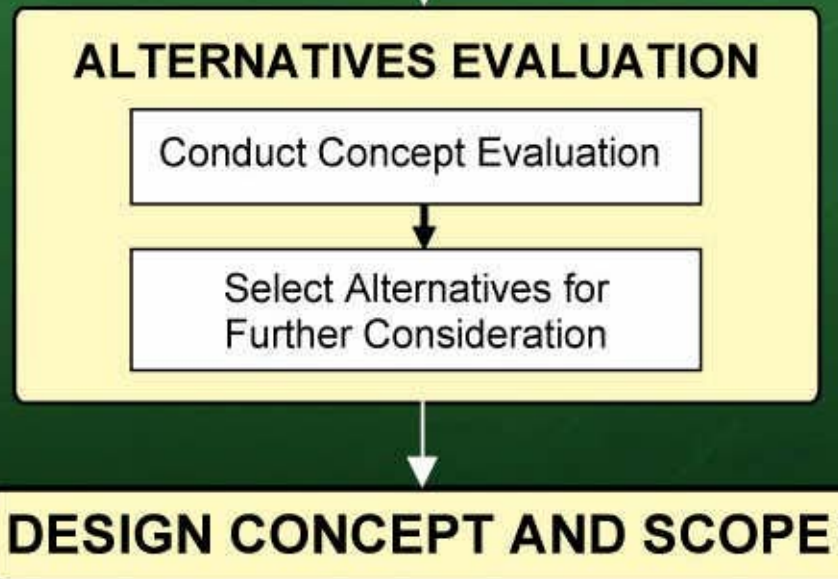
Evaluation Criteria

		
Best	Better	Good

- Degree to which alternative satisfies evaluation criteria.
- Alternatives compared to no-build condition.



Alternatives Evaluation Process





Evaluation of Alternatives

ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION MATRIX

Study Objective Category	Measure of Effectiveness	Alternative			
		E+C	E+C Enhanced	Expressway	Freeway
MOBILITY BENEFITS					
Travel Time	Percent reduction in travel time from Charlotte and Statesville to Raleigh vs. baseline condition.	○	◐	◐	●
Travel Diversion I-85 and I-40	Percent Interstate traffic reduction from baseline condition.	○	◐	◐	●
Safety	Reduction in accidents using National (and/or Statewide) average accident rates by facility type vs. baseline condition.	○	◐	◐	●
Accommodation of Transit Plans	Alternative's potential to facilitate implementation of transit initiatives.	○	○	○	○
GROWTH MANAGEMENT BENEFITS					
Development Pattern Impacts	Potential to direct growth consistent with locally desired development patterns and policies.	●	◐	◐	○
ECONOMIC BENEFITS					
Accessibility	Percent change in number of jobs or households within specified travel times to specific destinations vs. baseline condition.	○	○	○	○
Development Opportunity	Potential for improved access to future development that includes major employers.	○	●	●	◐
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES					
Sensitivity to environmental factors	Potential for adverse impact based on facility footprint and location.	●	◐	○	○
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Capital Cost	Estimate of probable cost.	●	◐	○	○
User Benefits / Capital Costs	Calculated ratio.	●	◐	○	◐



Mobility Benefits

Evaluation Criteria	Measure of Effectiveness	E+C	E+C Enh.	Exprswy	Frwy
Travel Diversion From I-85/I-40	Percent Interstate traffic reduction from baseline condition.	○	◐	◑	●

- **E+C** results in a **2,500 VPD (2%) diversion** of traffic from I-40/I-85 west of Raleigh.
- **E+C Enhanced** results in a **10,800 VPD (8%) diversion** of traffic from I-40/I-85 west of Raleigh.
- **Expressway** results in a **12,600 VPD (9%) diversion** of traffic from I-40/I-85 west of Raleigh.
- **Freeway** results in a **23,000 VPD (17%) diversion** of traffic from I-40/I-85 west of Raleigh.

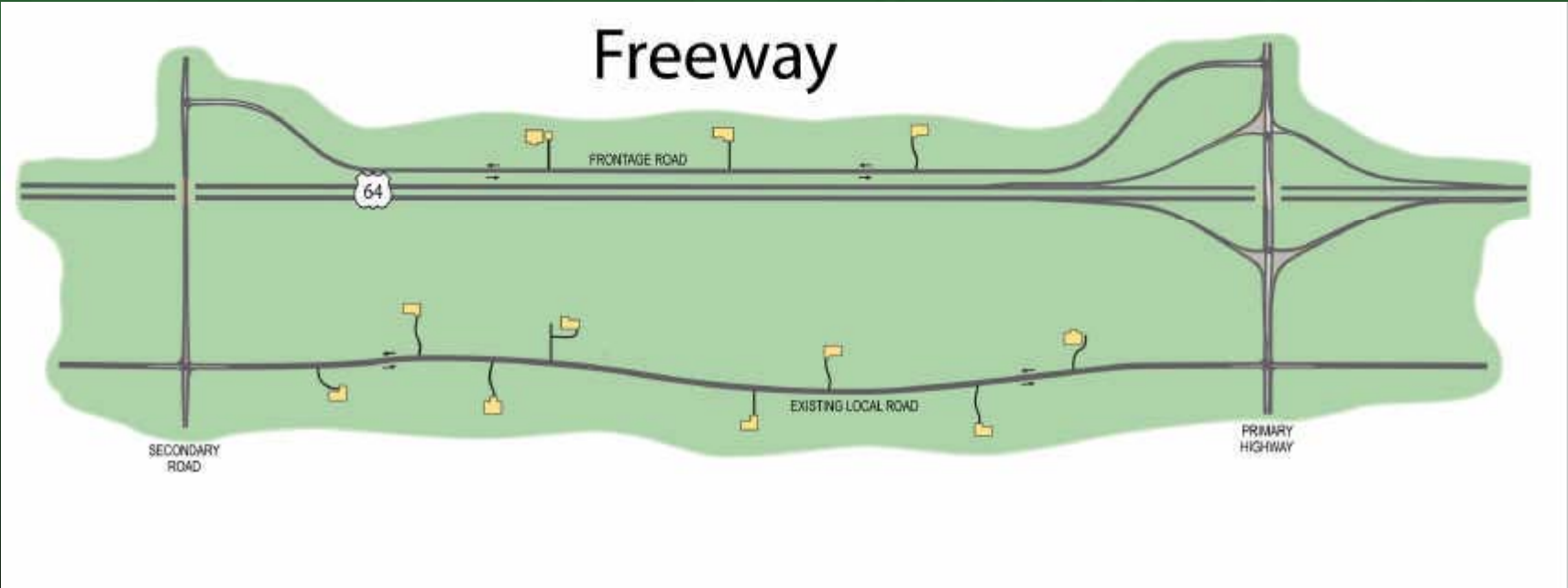


Achieving the Vision

Committed Projects

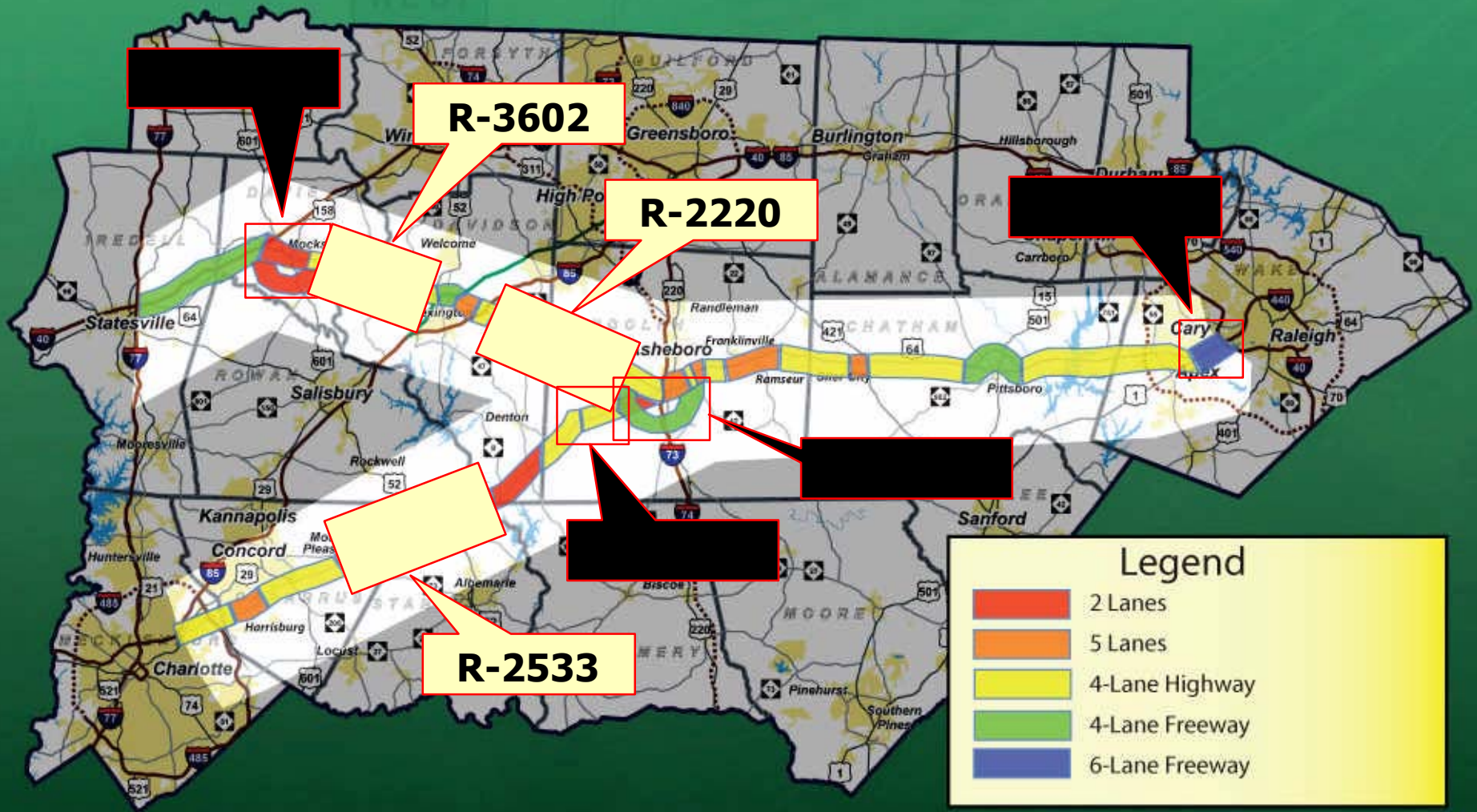


Enhanced Projects



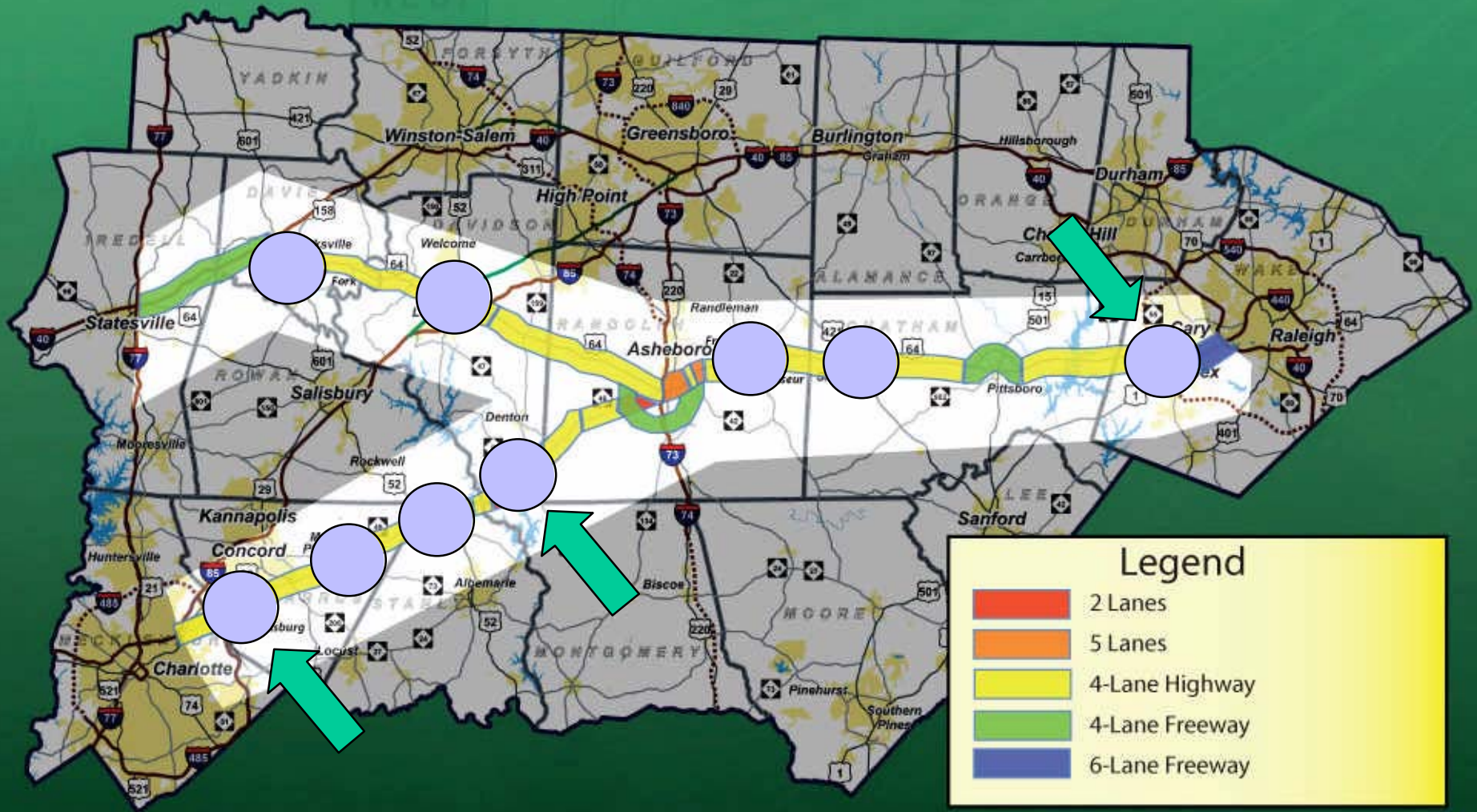


Corridor Vision Committed Projects



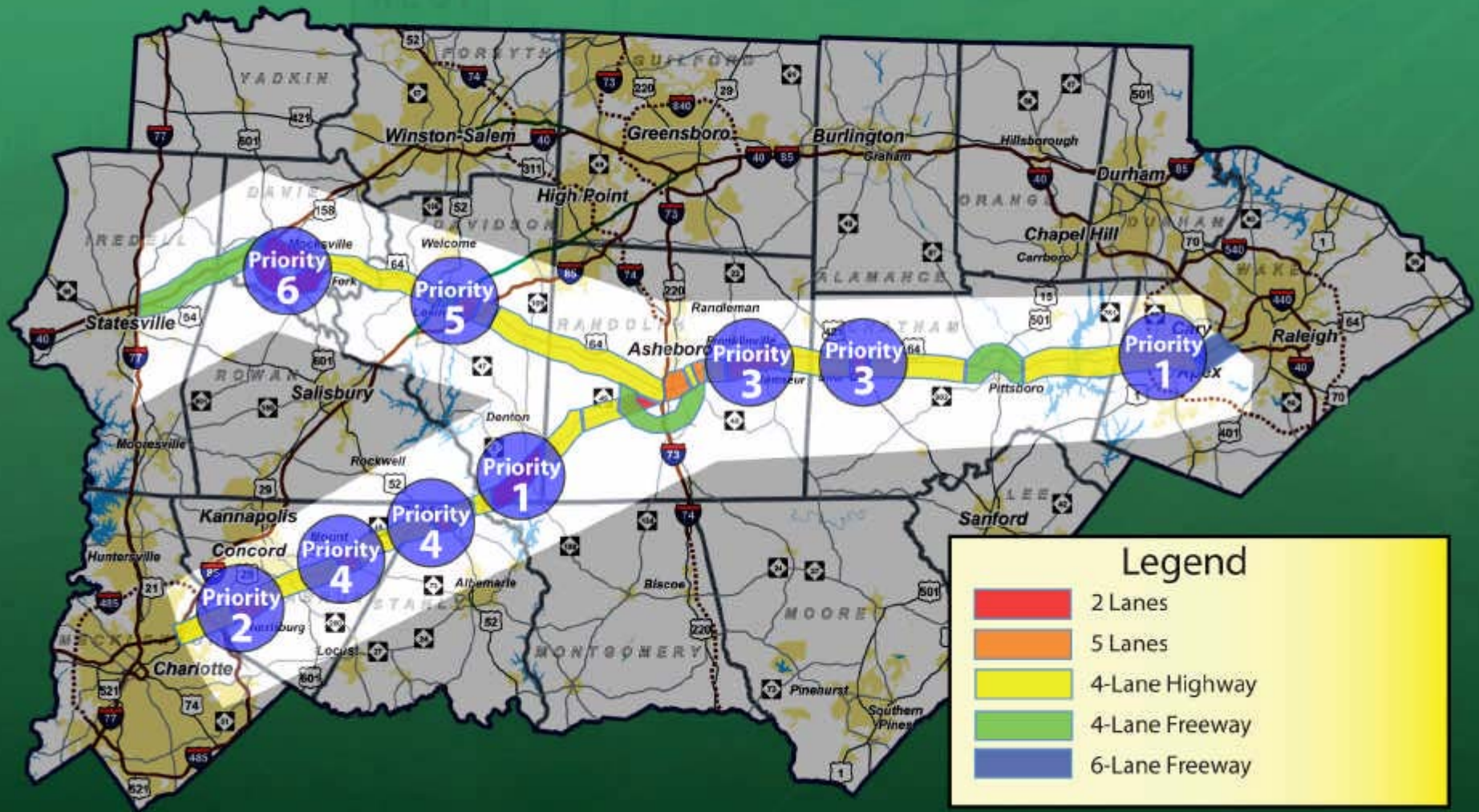


Corridor Vision Enhanced Projects





Implementing the Vision Enhanced Projects Priority





Corridor Vision

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Corridor Vision





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Other Study Components

- Investigated Corridor Protection Methods
- Developed General Land Use Guidelines for Maintaining Mobility along the Corridor



Questions?



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