NC Board of Transportation
US 70 Workgroup

June 2, 2016

Bypasses
Corridor Upgrades
Feasibility Studies
US 70 Bypasses

Goldsboro Bypass (R-2554)

Funding Status:
   Complete

Schedule:
   ▪ Record of Decision Approved – August 1998
   ▪ Section A
      o Opened to traffic October 17, 2015
   ▪ Section BA
      o Opened to traffic Dec. 16, 2011
   ▪ Sections BB & C
      o Opened to traffic May 27, 2016

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Kinston Bypass (R-2553)

**Funding Status:**
Unfunded in 2016-2025 STIP.

**Schedule:**
- Start-of-Study Letter – May 29, 2009
- Purpose & Need (CP1) Concurrence Achieved – October 13, 2010
- Detailed Study Alternatives (CP2) Concurrence Achieved – November 17, 2011
- Citizens Informational Workshop #3 – May 15 & May 17, 2012
- Field verification of modeled wetlands – 2012
- Environmental Studies for historic resources, natural resources, and community impacts – 2012 through 2016
- Capacity Analysis – late 2013
- CP2 Concurrence (revisited) – January 16, 2014
- Bridging Decisions (CP2A) – April 17, 2014
- Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Unsigned Draft) *Late 2016
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Signed Draft) *TBD
- Corridor Design Public Hearing – TBD
- Corridor Selection (CP3) – TBD
- Delineation of wetlands and streams – *TBD
- Avoidance and Minimization (CP4A) – *TBD
- Final Environmental Impact Statement – *TBD
- State Record of Decision – *TBD
- Right of Way acquisition – (STIP: unfunded)
- Construction – (STIP: unfunded)

**Activities Underway/Completed**
- Environmental Studies for Detailed Study Alternatives.
- Functional Designs for Detailed Study Alternatives are completed.
- Preliminary Noise Analysis is completed.
- Public Meeting(s) #4 – were held August 26th & 28, 2014.
- Local Officials Meeting #6 was held August 26, 2014.
- Land Use Scenario Assessment was finalized in August 2015
- NCDOT-PDEA and FHWA are currently working on “lessons learned” for the GIS Pilot project & devising the best means for bringing that study to a close.

**Upcoming Actions**
- Rough draft of Preliminary Draft EIS to be completed Fall 2016

*Notes: Kinston Bypass is unfunded in the STIP. Decisions regarding further scheduling activities are To Be Determined (TBD).*

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Havelock Bypass (R-1015)

Funding Status:
All segments funded for both right of way and construction in 2016-2025 STIP.

Schedule:
- Corridor Public Hearing – December 6, 2011
- Conducted Post Hearing Meeting – Feb. 2012
- Concurrence Point 3 Meeting (Corridor Selection Revisited) – Concurrence Achieved on April 10, 2012
- Concurrence Point 2A (Bridging Decisions Revisited) – Concurrence Achieved on July 9, 2012
- Environmental Studies Updates – 2012 - 2015
- Concurrence Point 4A (Avoidance & Minimization) – August 2014
- Final EIS Approved (FHWA) – Oct. 2015
- Record of Decision – Summer 2016
- Construction – Sept. 2018

Activities Underway/Completed
- Design public meeting was held August 31, 2015.
- Post-hearing meeting was held October 12, 2015.
- FHWA approved the Final EIS in October 2015.
- Coordinating a MOU that establishes parameters of USFS management of Croatan Wetland Mitigation Bank once it is transferred to them.
- USFS and NCDOT discussed the burn plan / bypass closure procedures with interested parties in May, 2016.
- Preliminary Draft ROD and draft responses to agency and NGO comments are being reviewed by NCDOT.

Upcoming Actions
- Negotiate the MOU for CWMB management by USFS.
- Complete the Draft Record of Decision (ROD).
- Resolve comments from US Forest Service regarding effects to long leaf pine.

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US 70 Corridor Upgrades

US 70 Improvements near Wilson’s Mills, Johnston County, W-5600
Upgrade US 70 to a freeway from US 70 Business to Neuse River bridge.

Funding Status:
Fully funded in 2016-2025 STIP.

Schedule:
- Project Scoping Meeting – Held July 2012
- Public Meeting – Held February 2016
- Categorical Exclusion – July 2016
- Right of Way Acquisition – FY 2018
- Construction – FY 2020

Activities Underway
- Preparing for merger team meeting to discuss preferred alternative and impact minimization for project (Concurrence Point 3 and 4A), scheduled for June 2016.
- Preparing environmental document (Expect to complete CE in July 2016).

Upcoming Actions
- Concurrence on selected alternative by NEPA/404 merger team and minimization option (Concurrence Point 3 and 4A) expected in June 2016.
- Environmental document (Categorical Exclusion) approval expected in July 2016

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US 70 Improvements near Pine Level, Johnston County, W-5107
Median cross-over closures and upgrades of two intersections to interchanges.

Funding Status:
Fully funded in 2016-2025 STIP

Schedule:
- Categorical Exclusion Document – Approved February 2012
- Construction – Project let to construction February 2015
  o Estimated Completion January 2018

Activities Underway
- Construction is underway (31% complete).

Project Manager: Bobby Liverman, PE (252) 459-2129, blliverman@ncdot.gov
US 70 Improvements in James City, Craven County, U-5713
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Upgrade US 70 to freeway standards.

**Funding Status:**
Fully funded in 2016-2025 STIP

**Schedule:**
- EA – FY 2018
- FONSI – FY 2019
- Design/Build – FY 2021

**Activities Underway/Completed**
- Internal scoping meeting held Jan 28, 2015.
- Individual interviews with citizens and businesses held Aug 2015.
- Focus group meetings held Sep 2015.
- Public meetings held Oct 2015.
- Environmental surveys are underway.

**Upcoming Actions**
- Preliminary design concepts due summer 2016.
- Public meetings to be held Fall 2016 - to show preliminary designs concepts.
- Traffic forecast due summer 2016.

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US 70 Improvements from James City to Havelock, Craven County, R-5777
Upgrade US 70 to freeway standards, including construction of service roads and interchanges.

**Funding Status:**
Recently funded in 2016-2025 STIP (Right of Way only)

**Schedule:**
- Environmental Assessment – FY 2022
- FONSI – FY 2023
- Right of Way Acquisition – FY 2025
- Construction – Post Year

**Upcoming Actions**
- Planning/Environmental study to begin in 2017.

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US 70 Improvements in Morehead City (including the Widening of Newport River Bridge), Carteret County, U-5740
Widen US 70 and widen/upgrade bridge.

**Funding Status:**
Fully funded in 2016-2025 STIP

**Schedule:**
- Environmental Assessment – FY 2020
- FONSI – FY 2021
- Right of Way Acquisition – FY 2022
- Construction – FY 2024

**Upcoming Actions**
- Planning/Environmental study to begin in 2016.
Slocum Gate Improvements (MCAS Cherry Point, Havelock), Craven County, R-5516
Construction of flyover on existing US 70 at Slocum Gate.

**Funding Status:**
Fully funded in Draft 2016-2025 STIP for ROW and LET.

**Schedule:**
- Feasibility Study prepared by Dept. of Defense – completed 2009
- Categorical Exclusion – completed December 2013
- Right of Way Acquisition – FY 2015
- Construction – June 2017

**Activities Underway/Completed**
- Scoping Meeting held – February, 2012
- Traffic Forecast completed – February 2013
- Preliminary Design updated – November 2013
- Categorical Exclusion Environmental Document – approved December 2013

**Upcoming Actions**
- Right of way acquisition is underway (began June 2015).

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US 70 Improvements in Beaufort (including Gallants Channel Bridge Replacement), Carteret County, R-3307

**Funding Status:**
Under construction

**Schedule:**
- Environmental Assessment – approved Oct. 2004
- Right of Way Acquisition – complete
- Project Letting – January 2014
- Estimated completion – late 2016

**Activities Completed**
- Vessel surveys completed – 2012 and 2013
- Marine Assessment Report completed – August 2013
- Coast Guard Permit approved – December 2013
- Project letting – January 2014
- Project under construction (Conti Enterprise Inc., contractor)

**Upcoming Actions**
- Grading for entire project is mostly complete
- Bridge construction in progress
- Retaining wall and noise walls are completed
- Turner Street bridge construction is almost complete
- Contractor advises project should be open to traffic in Spring 2017

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Feasibility Studies
Unfunded projects with a study to determine scope and general cost.

**COMPLETED:**

**Kinston**
Conversion of existing US 70 intersection at NC 11/55 (Skinners Bypass) to an interchange
Feasibility Study completed March 2010 (US 70 Corridor Commission)

**Kinston**
CF Harvey Parkway Extension from NC 58 to NC 11
Feasibility Study completed Dec. 2012 (memo format).

**US 70 in James City**
Upgrade along exiting US 70 corridor
Feasibility Study completed January, 2012 (NCDOT part of James City to Havelock study below), (US 70 Corridor Commission Study – March 2010)

**James City to Havelock Bypass**
Near term and long term US 70 corridor improvements

**Northern Carteret Bypass, R-4431**
New location freeway
Feasibility Study completed September 2, 2009 (Memo Update), July 22, 2009 (Feasibility Study Report).

**US 70 from New Bern to Proposed Havelock Bypass**
Construct freeway on New Location in Craven County Report complete Oct. 2014.

**US 70 from Johnston County Line to Proposed US 70 Goldsboro Bypass, Wayne County**
Upgrade to freeway
Feasibility Study completed November, 2015.

**Morehead City to Beaufort**
Widening of existing US 70 causeway
Feasibility Study completed February, 2016.

**US 117 (Future I-795) from US 70 in Goldsboro to I-40, Wayne, Duplin and Sampson Counties**
Upgrade to freeway

**UNDERWAY:**

**Kinston**
Conversion of existing US 70 intersection at US 258 (Queen Street) to an interchange
US 70 from Princeton to I-95 in Selma, Johnston County.
Upgrade to Freeway (Interstate Standard).

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