



Cape Fear Skyway

**NC Turnpike Authority Board Meeting
May 5, 2011**

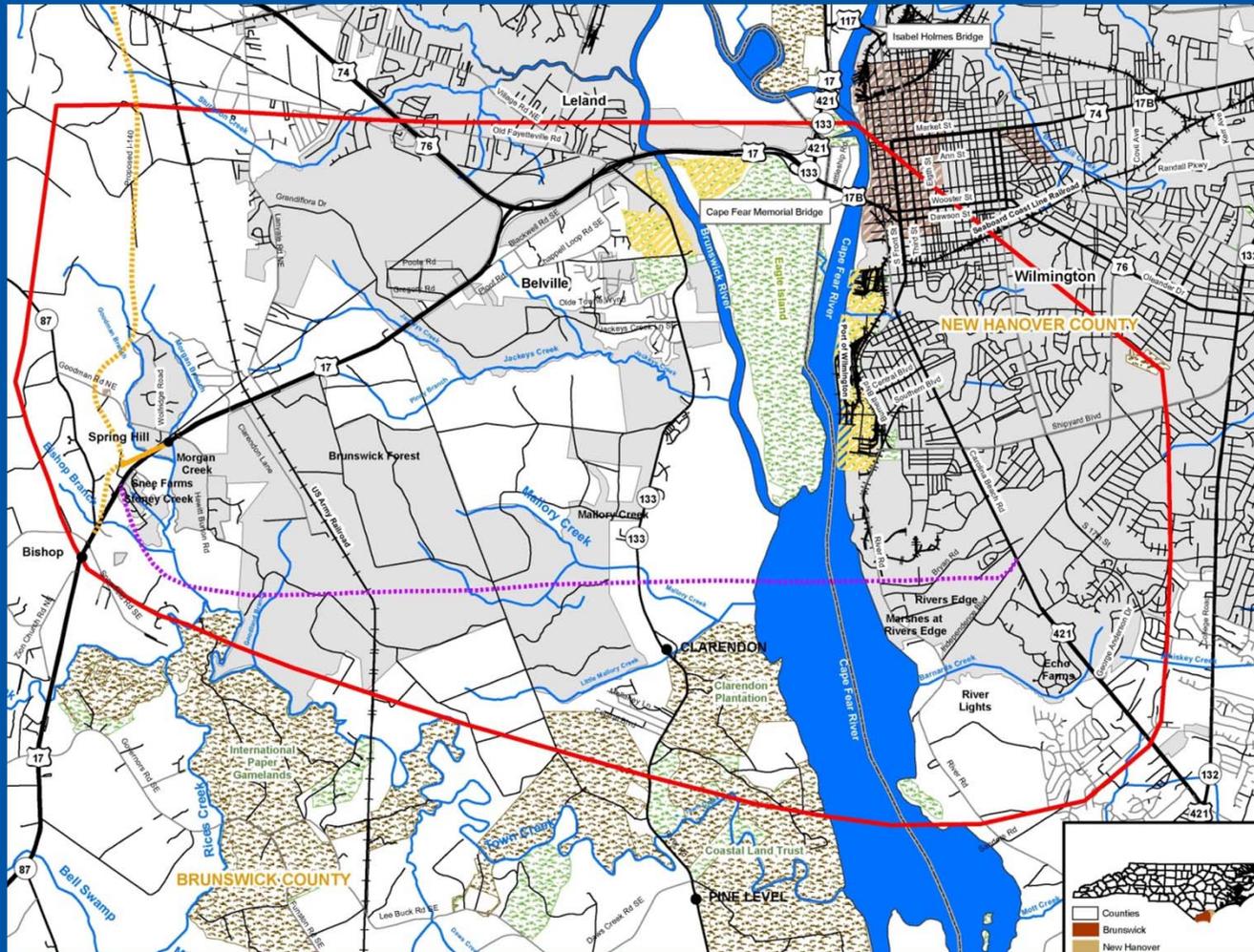


Today's Overview

- ❖ Project description
- ❖ Why is this project needed?
- ❖ March Public Workshops
- ❖ Next steps
- ❖ Project timeline



Project Study Area





Why is this project needed?

❖ Traffic Capacity Deficiencies

- US 17 and other local roads
- Cape Fear Memorial Bridge





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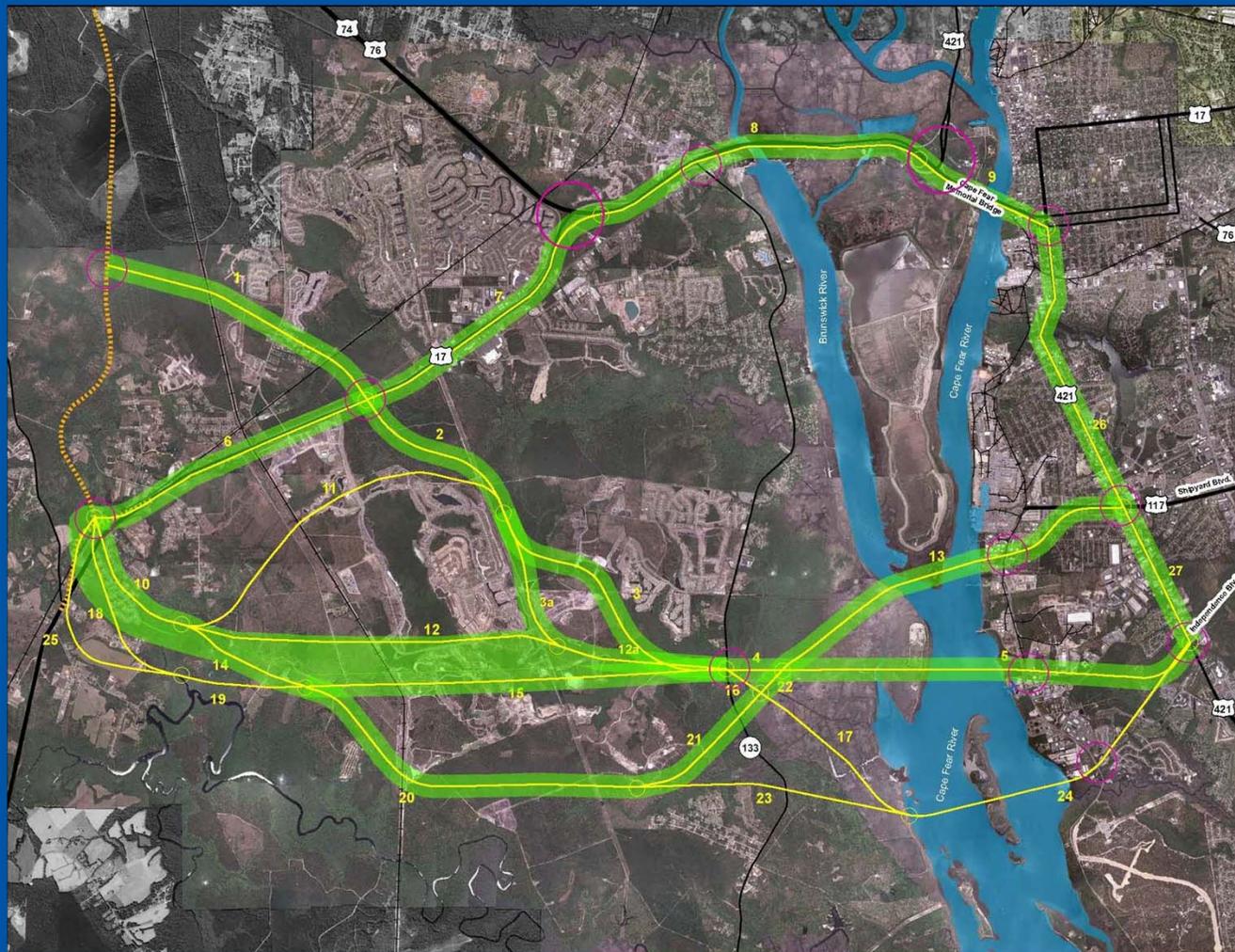
❖ Improved Access to Port of Wilmington

- Congestion and safety issues associated with trucks
- Future growth needs





Project Options Under Consideration





How are options selected for further study?

- ❖ Do they meet the purpose and need of the project?
- ❖ How much will they cost?
- ❖ How do they affect the human and natural environments?
- ❖ What is does the public think?





Public Workshop Summary

- ❖ Public workshops held March 22nd and March 24th in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties
 - March 22 – Belville Elementary School, Leland, NC (285 attendees)
 - March 24 – Alderman Elementary School, Wilmington, NC (132 attendees)
- ❖ Approximately 417 citizens attended
- ❖ 303 comments received (as of April 24th)



Purpose of Public Workshops

- ❖ Provide an overview of the project
- ❖ Present project purpose and need and options considered
- ❖ Answer any questions citizens have about the project
- ❖ Provide an opportunity for people to submit comments about the project





Public workshops

- ❖ Sign in and provide contact information
- ❖ Handouts
- ❖ Comment forms
- ❖ Project team members available for discussion





Cape Fear Skyway
Brunswick and New Hanover Counties



COMMENT FORM

Contact Information (Please Print)

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Please use the space below to include your comments or questions concerning the Cape Fear Skyway project. If you need additional space, use the back of this comment form or include your own letter.

1. Do you have any comments or questions regarding the purpose and need of the Cape Fear Skyway project?

2. Based on the maps shown at the workshop, which alternative do you believe would best meet the transportation need? Are there any other options you feel should be considered?

3. Do you have any comments or questions regarding the environmental or human impacts resulting from the project?

4. Please provide any additional comments or questions.

Please drop your comment form in the comment box at the workshop or return to one of the addresses provided below by April 28, 2011.

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Public Workshop Summary

❖ Summary of comments received

- Concerns with impacts to homes (mostly Stoney Creek)
- Support for upgrade of existing roads
- Concerns with cost, I-140 completion
- Many support Option A (northern alignment)
- Opposition to project in general
- Opposition to tolling
- Many acknowledge transportation problem exists

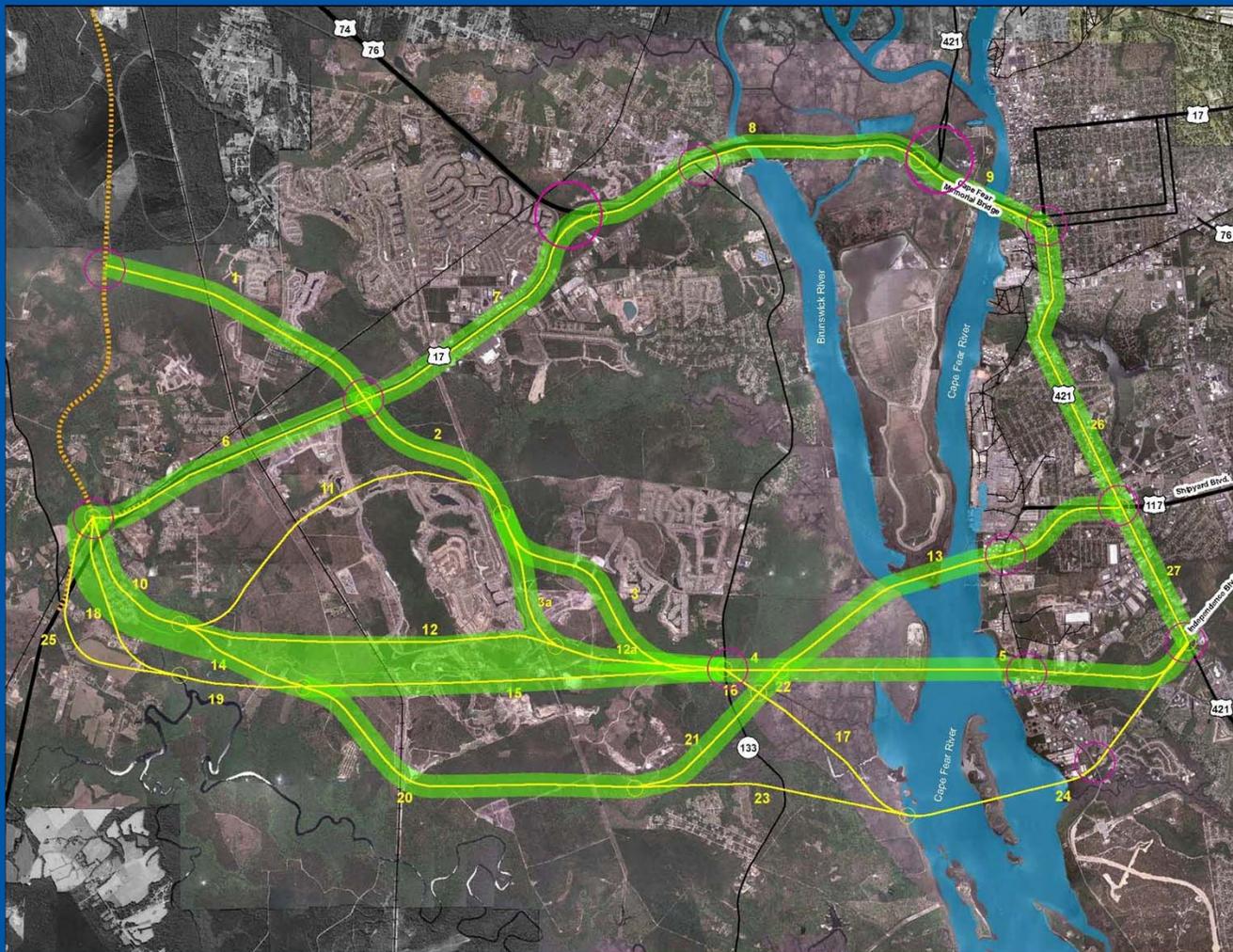


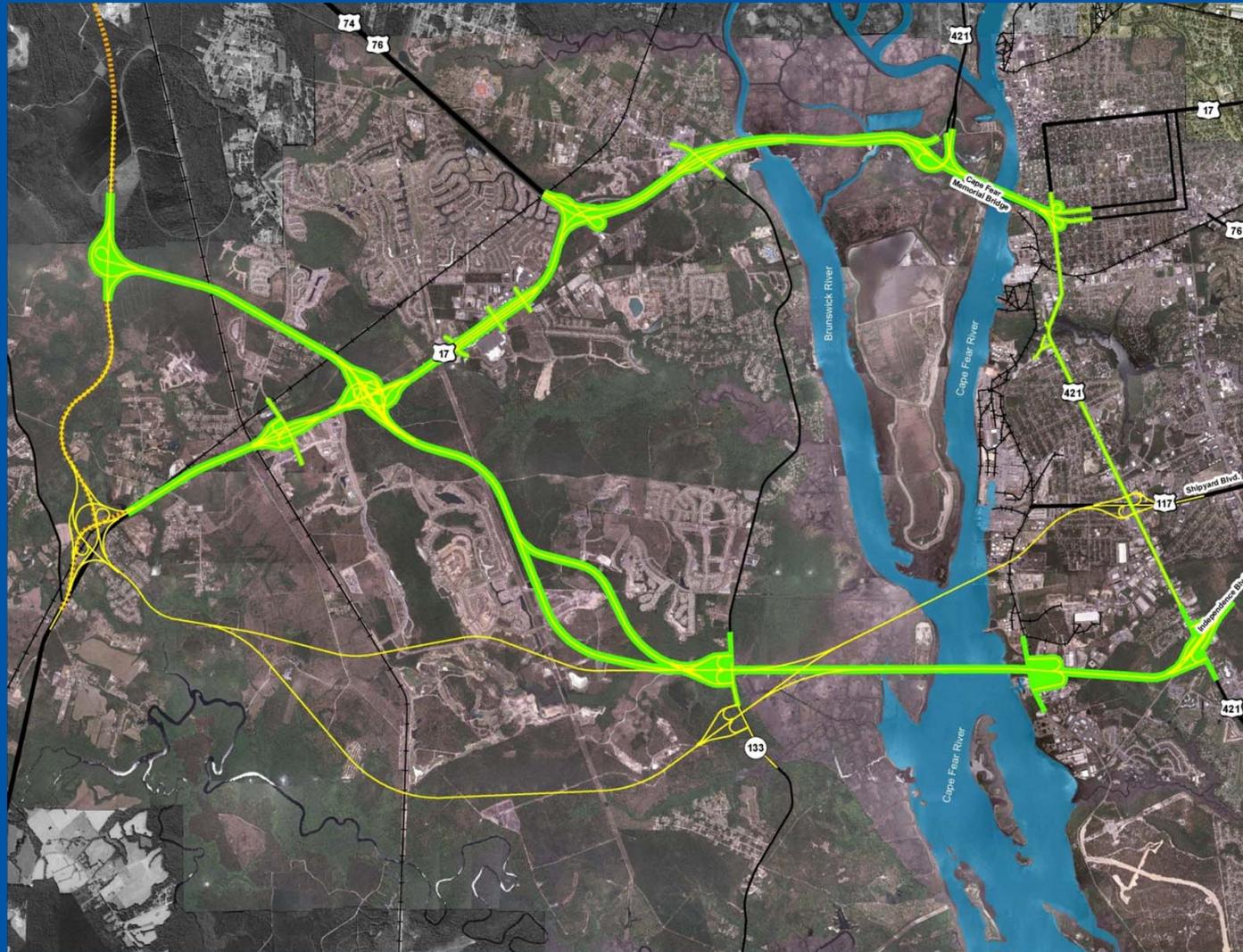
What are the next steps in the process?

- ❖ Review comments received from workshops
- ❖ Meet with environmental agencies
- ❖ Determine options to be studied further
- ❖ Conduct further studies
- ❖ Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- ❖ Continue stakeholder coordination throughout

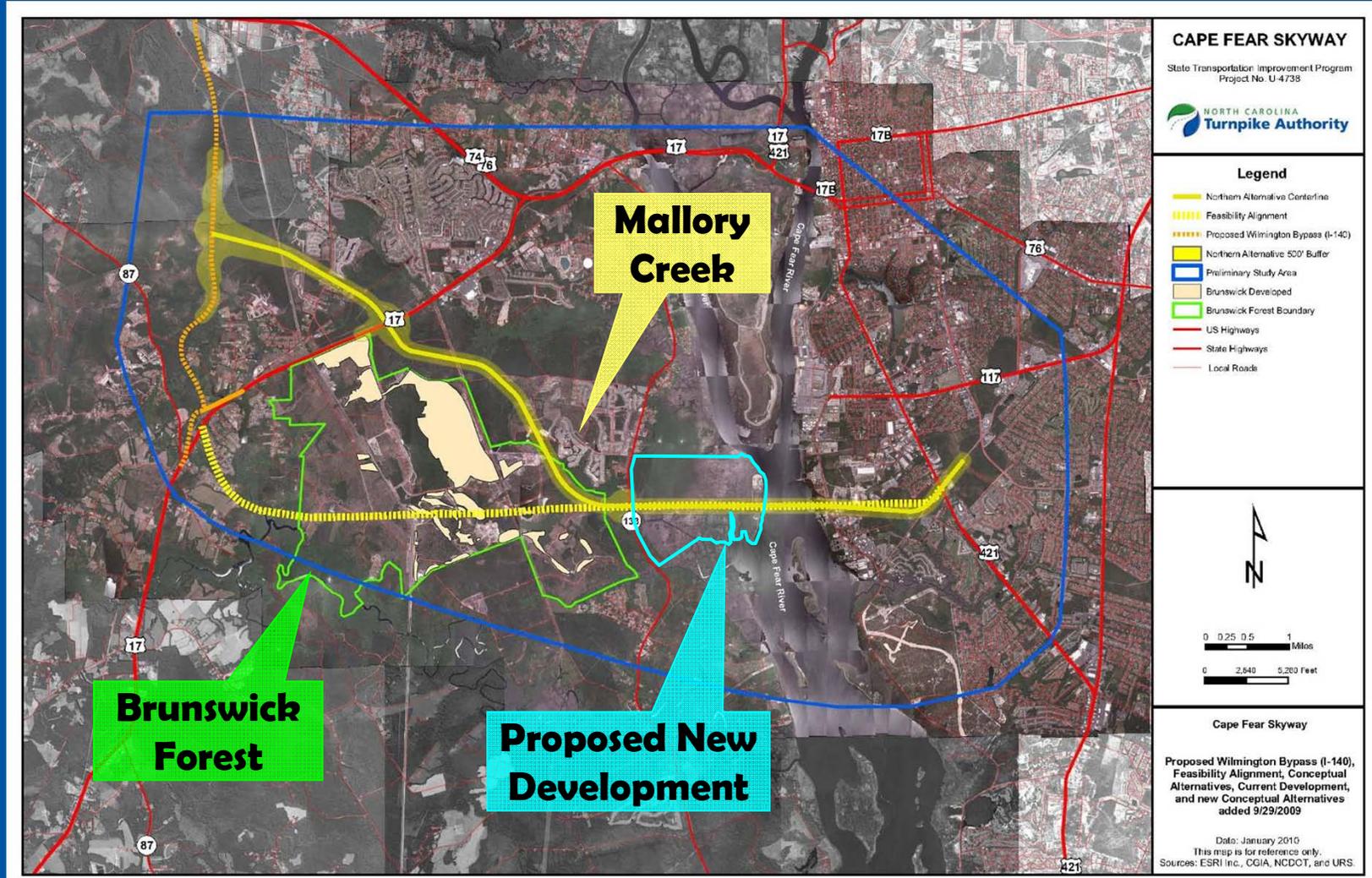


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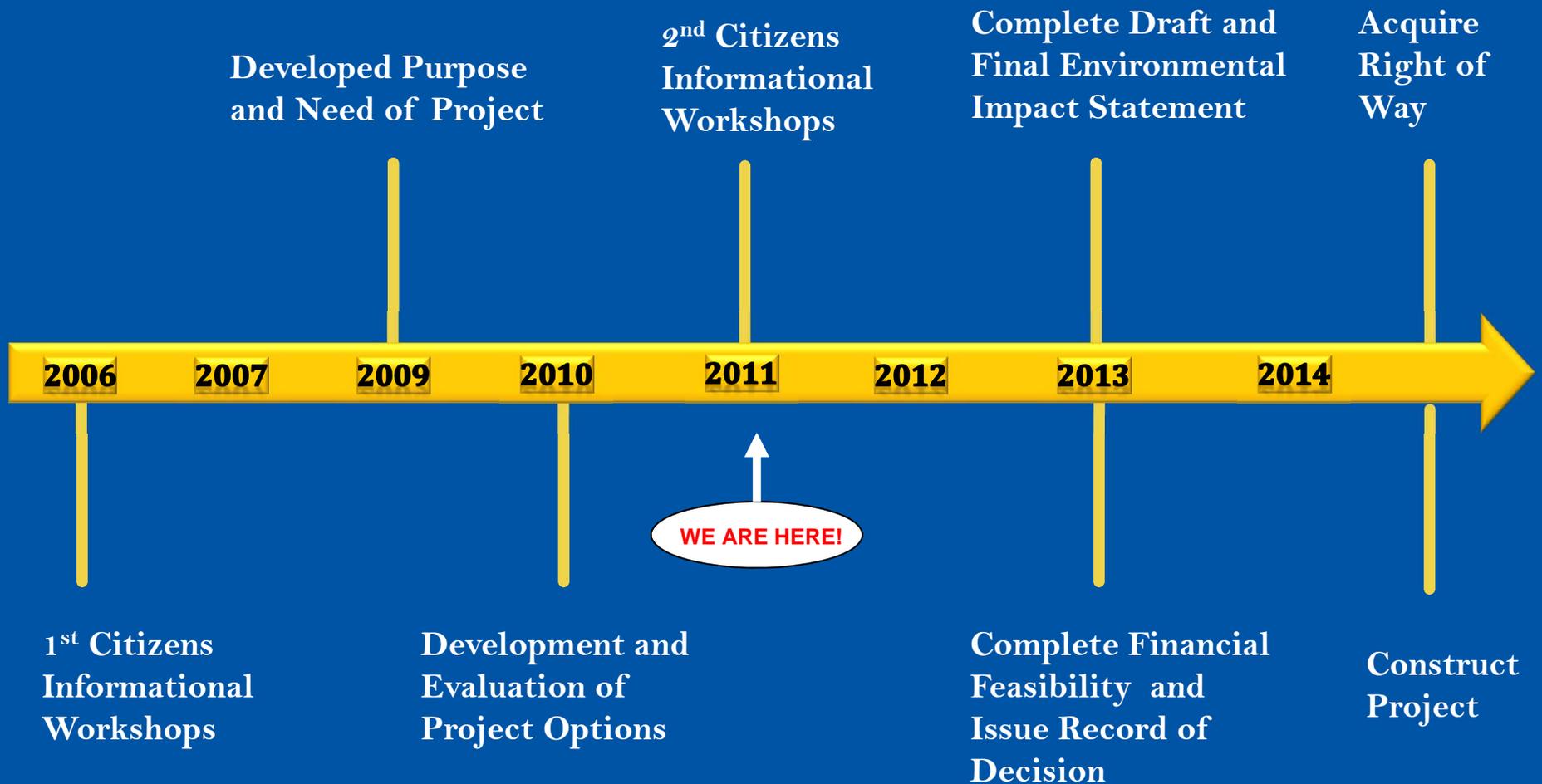
Recommended Detailed Study Alternatives



Northern Alignment – Corridor Preservation



Project Timeline





Current Project Schedule

- ❖ 1st Quarter 2013 – Draft EIS
- ❖ 3rd Quarter 2013 – Final EIS
- ❖ 4th Quarter 2013 – ROD
- ❖ 2013 – Determine project financial feasibility
 - *The estimated construction time frame once funding is secured is 5 years.*



Questions?

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