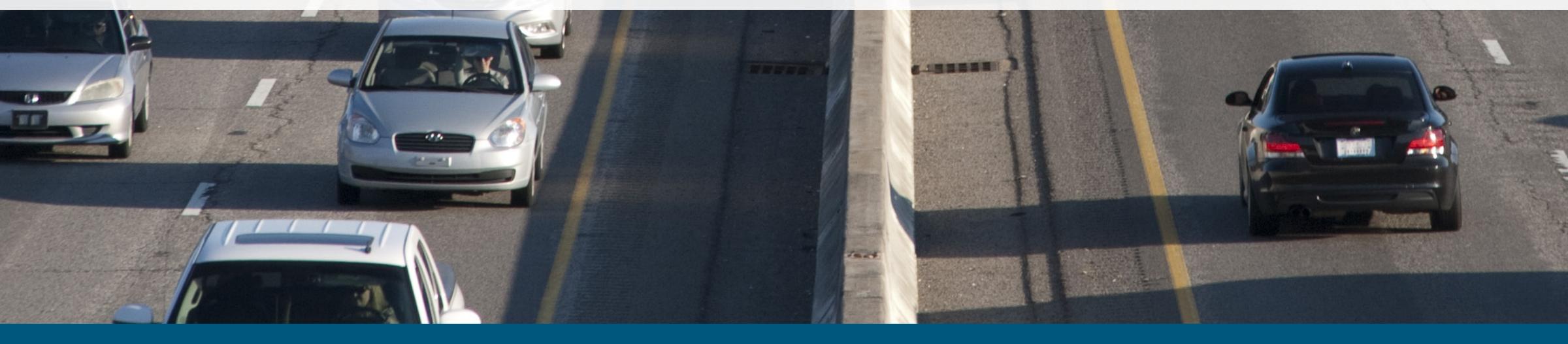


INTERSTATES







CAROLINA CROSSROADS **KEY INTERCHANGES**

The Carolina Crossroads Project Team Welcomes You



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We're here to: Introduce you to the Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Project

- Provide information on the process and schedule for the project
- Explain how you can stay informed and get involved



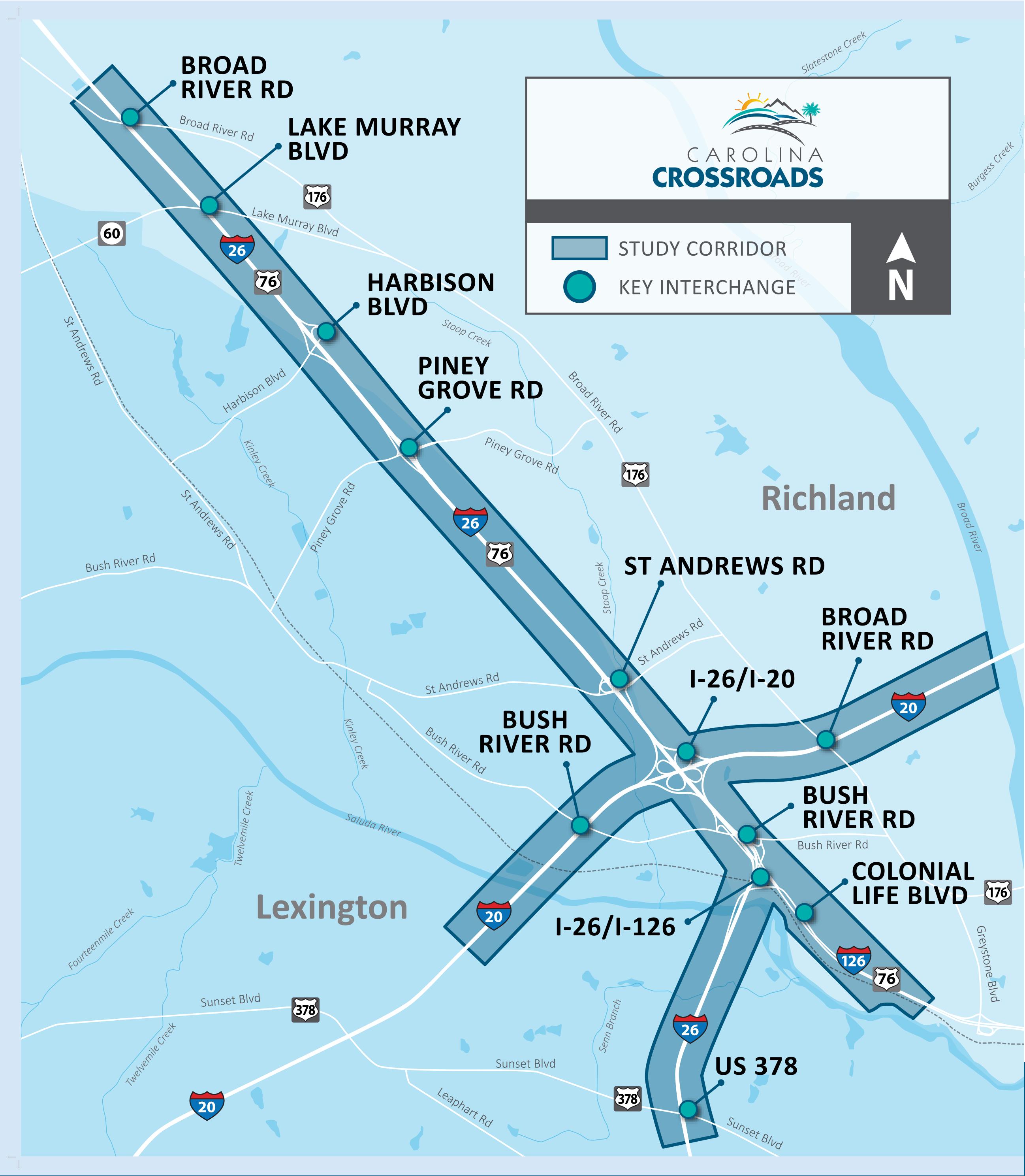




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Carolina Crossroads is a State Priority

Developed initially in the 1950s and no longer meets current traffic demands

Major hub for Midlands' commuters, travelers and commerce

The I-20, I-26 and I-126 interstate corridor is the crossroads of the state's economy.





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Corridor (Facts

19 Bridges

12 Interchanges

14 Interstate Miles

166 Roadway Lane Miles



Project () Goals



Reduced Congestion

Improved Traffic Operations

Increased Safety

Increased Capacity

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Improved Freight Mobility

Job Creation

Reduced Emissions Other Benefits





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Project Phasing



- PHASE 1 & 2 TIMELINE

Community Kickoff Meeting: May 2015

Notice of Intent: July 2015

Public Scoping Meetings: August 2015

Alternatives Development: August 2015 - July 2016

Reasonable Alternatives: July 2016

Funding Feasibility: Fall 2016 / Winter 2017

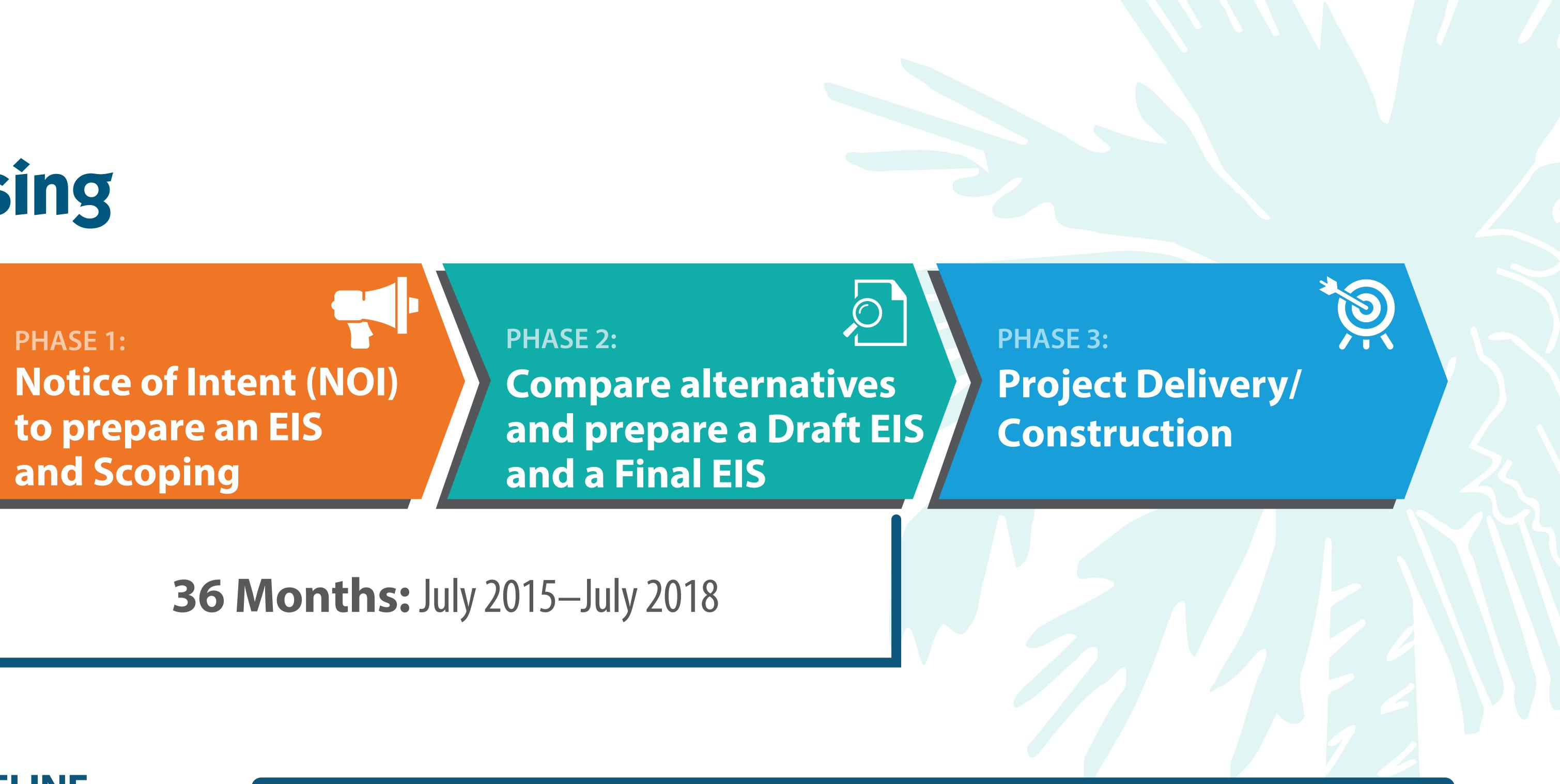
Publish Draft EIS: July 2017

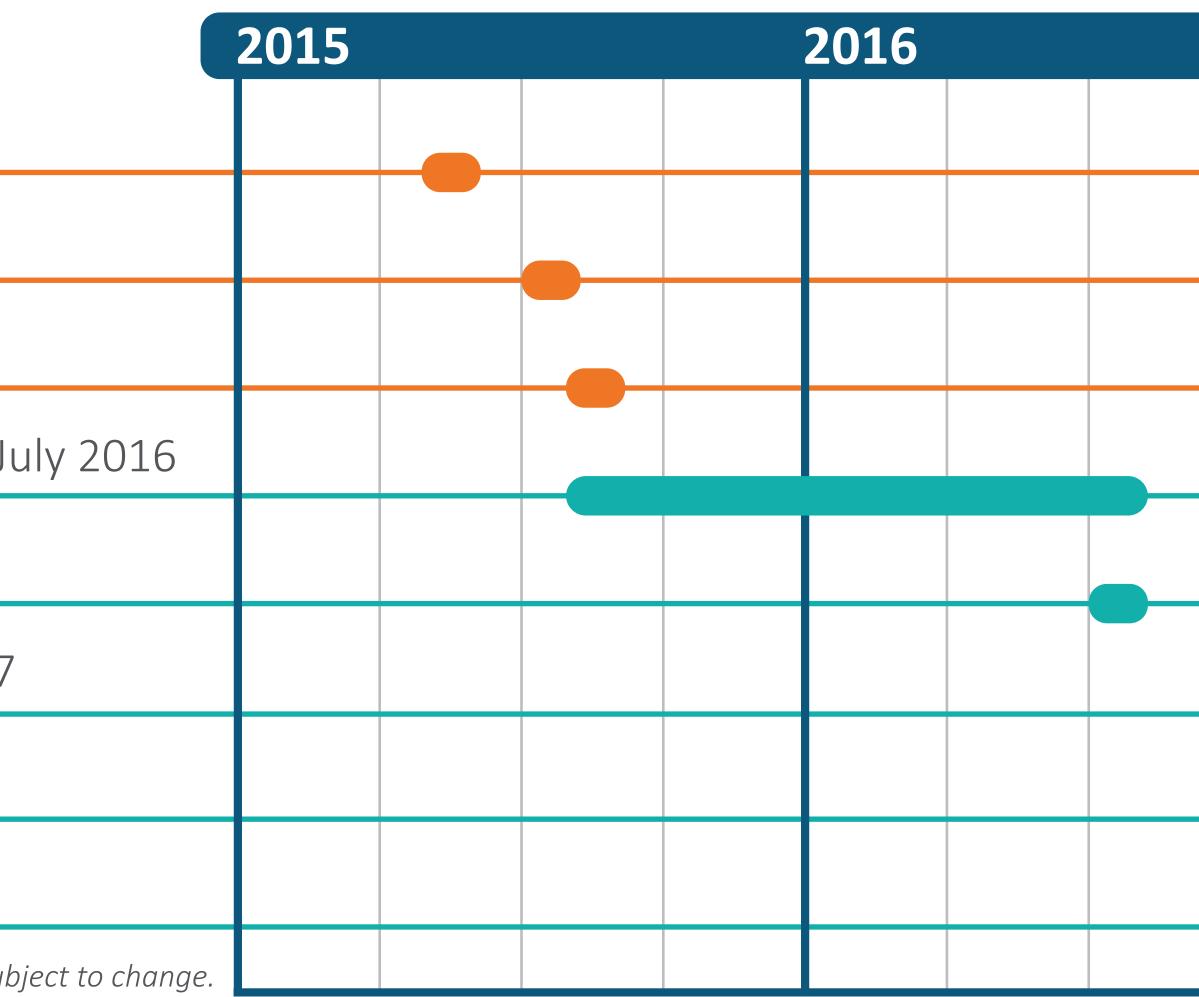
Final EIS & Record of Decision: July 2018

Dates are estimated and subject to change.

PHASE 1:







2017		2018		



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National Environmental Policy Act

- Provides for informed decision-making
- Includes partners in the process
- Considers a wide variety of factors

STEP 1

Initiate EIS

- Develop purpose and need
- Collect baseline data
- Conduct agency and public scoping meetings
- Start developing alternatives

STEP 2 Collect Data

- Analyze existing conditions
- Identify needed studies
- Begin preparation of the Draft EIS







An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required by NEPA and is administered by FHWA

STEP 3 Analyze Alternatives

- Begin alternatives analysis
- Analyze the environmental impacts of alternatives

STEP 4 Publish **Draft EIS**

- Release Draft EIS to public
- Conduct public meetings
- Hold public comment period
- Review all public/ agency comments received on the Draft EIS

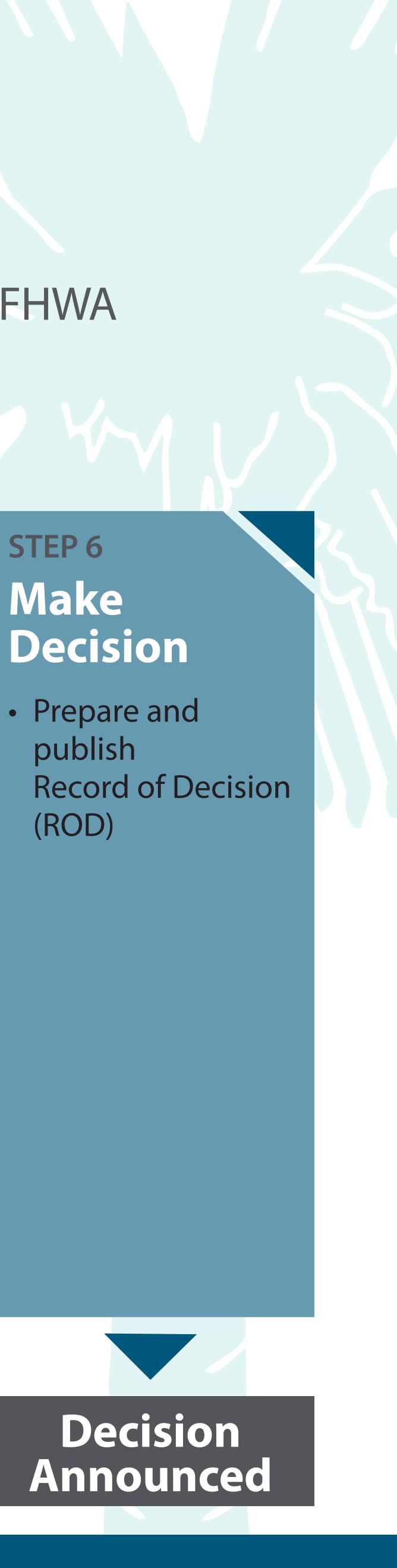
Opportunity for Public Comment



STEP 5 Publish **Final EIS**

- Review and develop responses to comments on the Draft EIS
- Prepare Final EIS addressing public/ agency comments
- Hold public review period

publish (ROD)







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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



Threatened/endangered species



Wetlands and streams



Water quality











Social and economic resources



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Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

EIS PROCESS

- Gathers information on existing conditions:
 - Natural Resources \rightarrow
 - >> Human Environment
 - **Physical Resources**
- Considers a range of reasonable alternatives.
- Analyzes the potential impacts on existing conditions resulting from the alternatives.
- Complies with other applicable environmental laws and executive orders.





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