



CAROLINA CROSSROADS

Public Input Meeting

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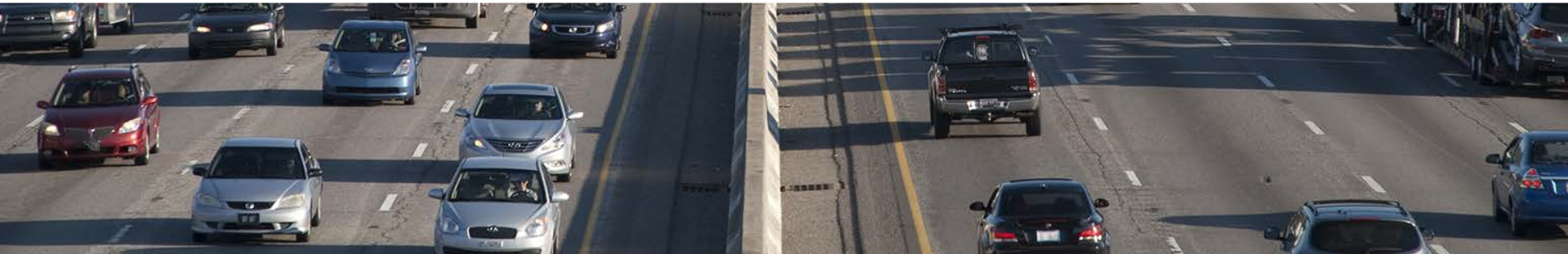
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INTERSTATES

KEY INTERCHANGES





19

Bridges



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Interchanges



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**Interstate
(miles)**



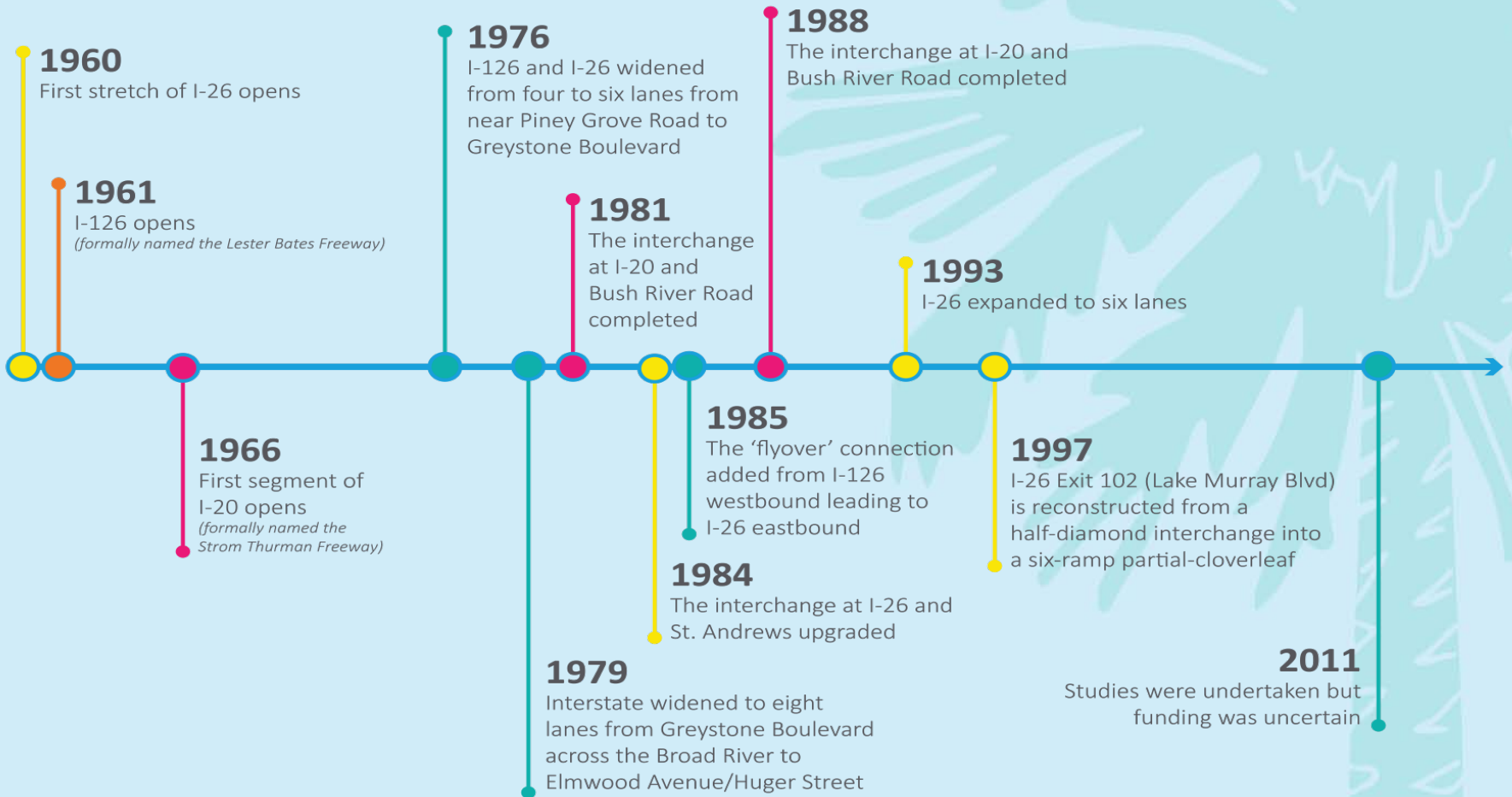
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**Roadway
(lane miles)**



STUDY CORRIDOR
KEY INTERCHANGE

Corridor History





Reduced
Congestion



Improve Traffic
Operations



Increase
Safety



Increase
Capacity

Project Goals



Improved
Freight Mobility



Job
Creation



Reduced
Emissions



Other
Benefits

Additional Project Benefits

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Phase 1:

Notice of Intent (NOI) to
prepare an EIS and
Scoping (July 24, 2015)

Phase 2:

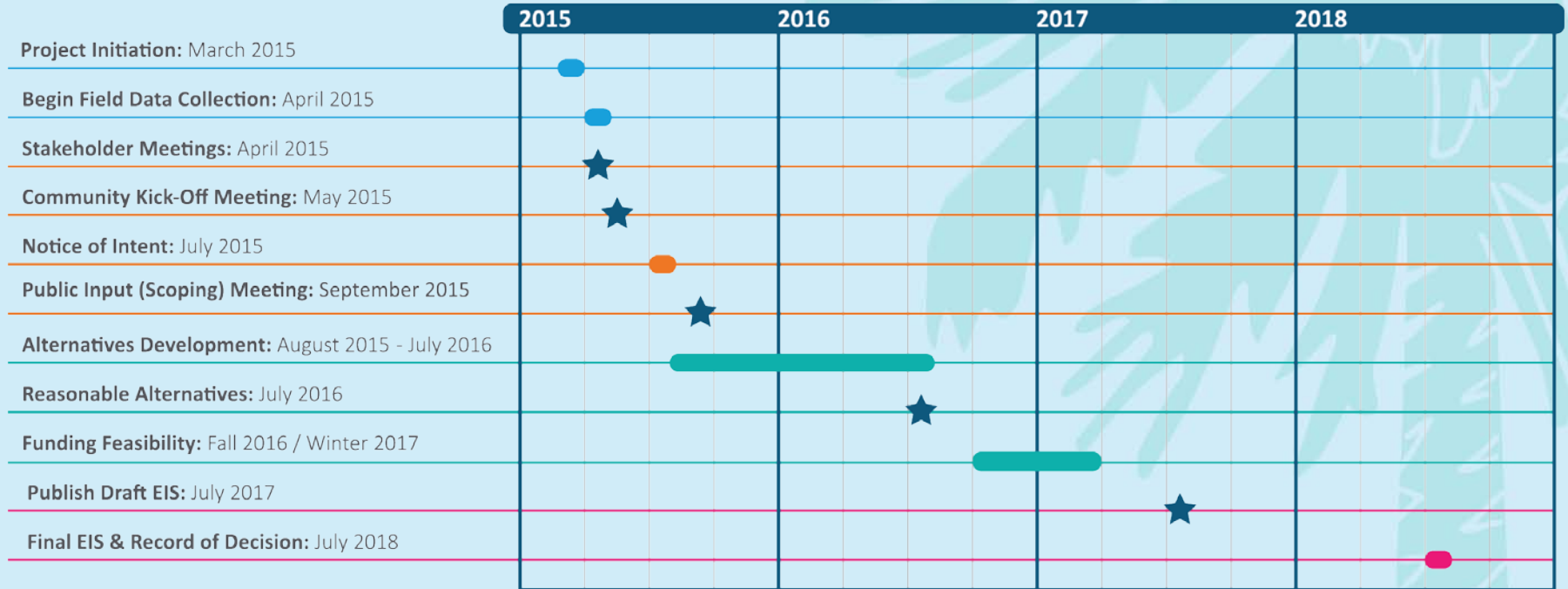
Compare alternatives
and prepare a Draft EIS
and a Final EIS

Phase 3:

Project Delivery

36 Months

Anticipated Schedule



★ – Public & Stakeholder Meeting

Dates are estimated and subject to change.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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Step 1 Initiate EIS

- Develop purpose and need
- Collect baseline data
- Conduct agency and public scoping meetings
- Hold public comment period
- Start developing alternatives
- Continue Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Step 2 Collect Data

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

Step 3 Analyze Alternatives

- Continue 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

Step 5 Publish Final EIS

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

Step 6 Make Decision

- Prepare and publish Record of Decision (ROD)

Opportunity for Public Comment

Decision
Announced

Environmental Studies



Threatened/endangered species



Wetlands and water quality



Air Quality



Historic and cultural sites



Social and economic resources



Noise environs



In Scoping We Identify



Transportation
Deficiencies



Study
Boundaries



Reasonable
Alternatives



Agency
Roles



Environmental
Factors



Permits

What is Scoping?

- An open process involving the public and federal, state and local agencies
- Identifies the major and important issues for consideration in the Purpose and Need for the Environmental Impact Statement

Why Do We Do Scoping?

- To take your input to help us narrow the focus of the study

Why is the Project Needed?

Preliminary Need Components

- Reduce congestion
- Improve system linkages
- Improve safety
- Accommodate future increases in traffic

Input Needed

- Please provide your input on the comment form

What is the Range of Alternatives to be Evaluated?

Is mass transit an option?

- Park & Rides
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Commuter Rail
- High Occupancy Lanes

Would traffic management technology improve operations?

- Information Technology Systems
- Ramp Metering
- Ramp Signal Timing

Could you make improvements within the existing corridor?

- Add lanes/widen
- Interchange improvements/replacements

What is the Range of Alternatives to be Evaluated?

Would a new alignment improve operations in the existing corridor?

- Northern Connector or other new roadways

Would improvements in the regional transportation network improve operations in the existing corridor?

- Widen Broad River Road or other improvements

Can we leave the existing corridor as it is and do nothing?

Public Information & Engagement



3,274 Website Visitors



228 Online Meeting Visitors

116 Web Comments



299 Social Media Followers

453,084 Social Media Impressions



202 Elected Officials Briefing Packets Sent



10,019 Postcards Sent



554 Emails Sent



2 Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meetings Held

To Date 40 Stakeholder Advisory Committee Members Identified

Top Five Comment Topics To Date

Mailing List Requests: 66

Alternatives: 41

General: 28

Safety: 11

Project Support: 9

What We've Heard:

“Thanks for involving the community in this process!”

“I am a resident of North Augusta. I am so terrified of exit 64 A & B that I travel another route which is further in order to exclude it altogether.”

“Create flyovers to carry traffic from I-26 to I-20 and vice versa rather than clover leaf interchanges – similar to I-85/I-285 in Atlanta.”

“Change signage on 26 East between St. Andrews and 20. Currently, drivers are merging into only two lanes, when there are four lanes available. Create a dedicated lane at the 20 entrance/exit to 26 East.”

The Carolina Crossroads Project Team welcomes you to the September 2015 Online Meeting

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Thank you for joining us to learn more about the Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Project. We're here to provide updated information on the Project, process, and schedule and explain how you can stay informed and get involved!



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We encourage you to submit a comment on the study.

For more information on the Project, click on the buttons below:



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- Attend upcoming meetings in summer 2016 to discuss alternatives.
- Provide your input.

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