



The Carolina Crossroads Project Team Welcomes You

We're here to:

- Discuss the Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Project
- Gather your input on study issues

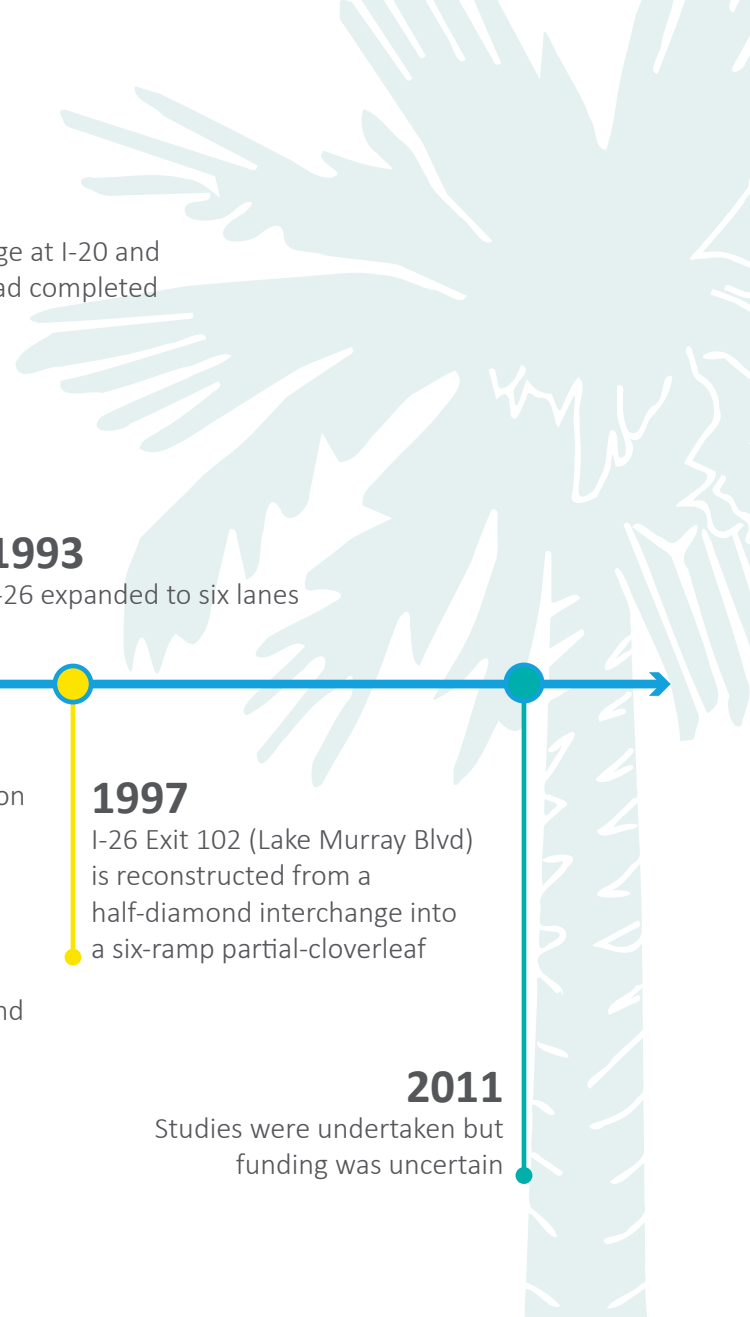
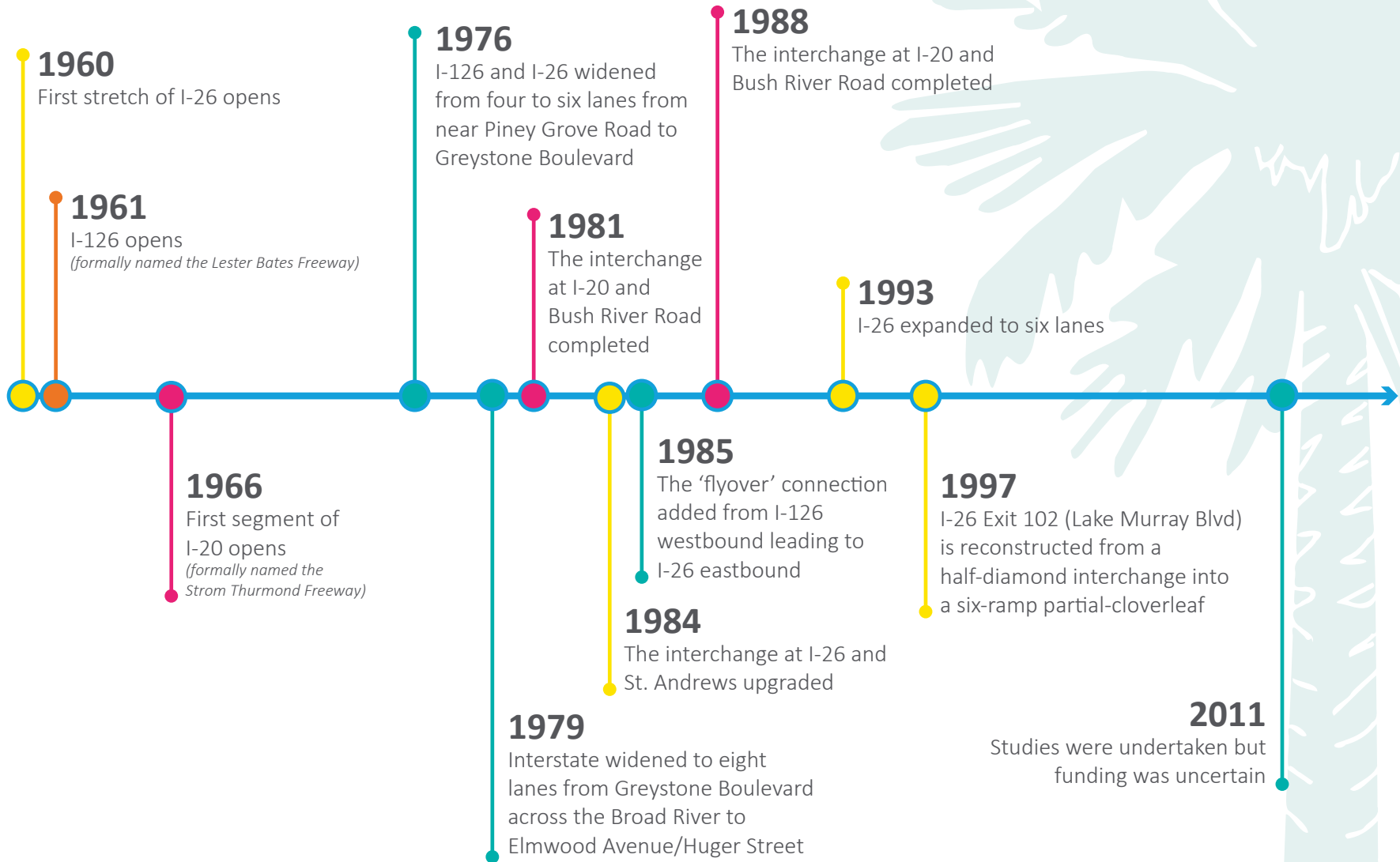
We encourage you to submit a comment on the study.

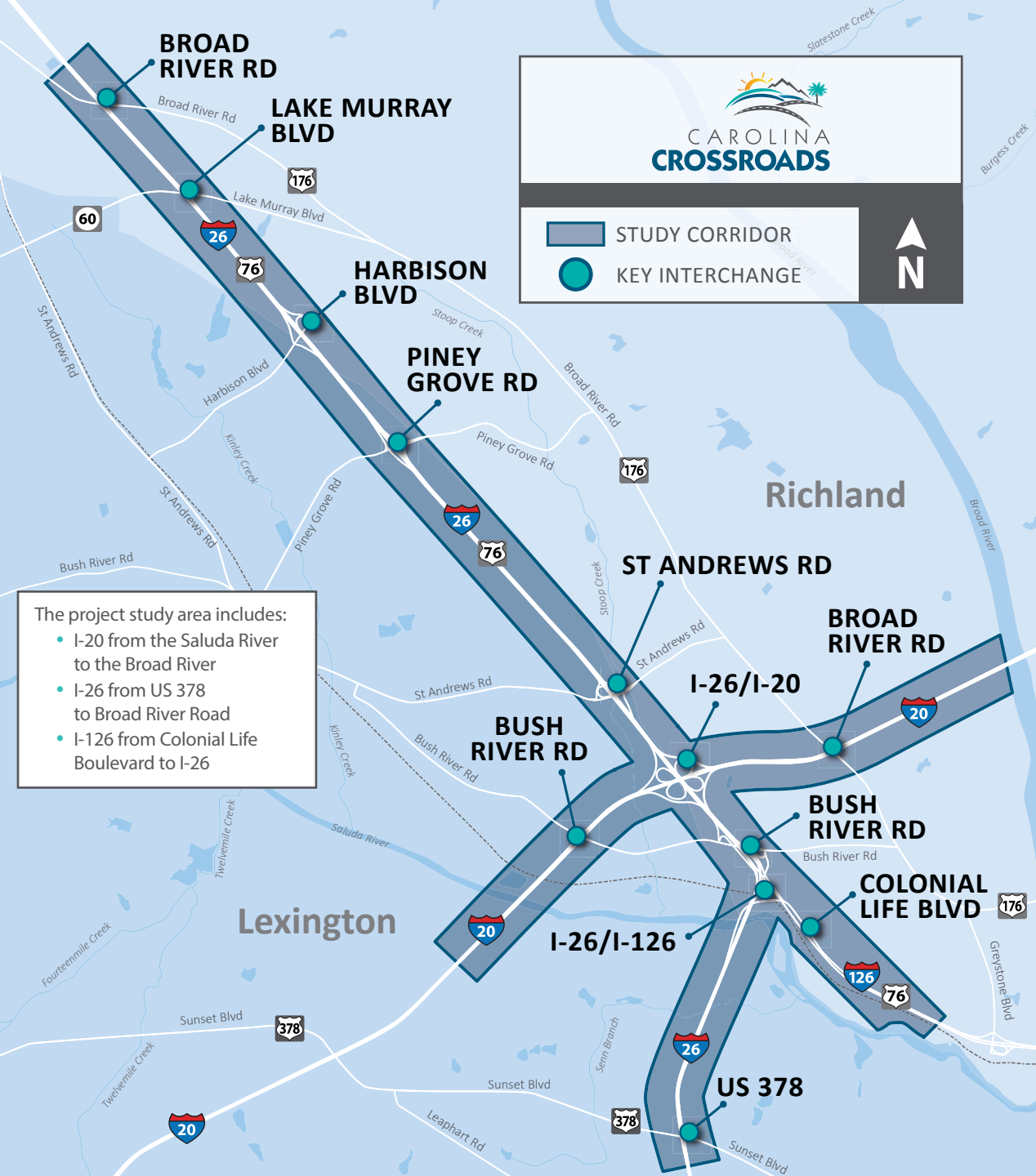
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INTERSTATES **KEY INTERCHANGES**




Corridor History






CAROLINA CROSSROADS

STUDY CORRIDOR
 KEY INTERCHANGE



The project study area includes:

- I-20 from the Saluda River to the Broad River
- I-26 from US 378 to Broad River Road
- I-126 from Colonial Life Boulevard to I-26

Carolina Crossroads is a State Priority


- Developed initially in the 1950s and no longer meets current traffic demands
- Major hub for the Midlands' commuters, travelers and commerce

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


Project Phasing

WE ARE HERE 

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

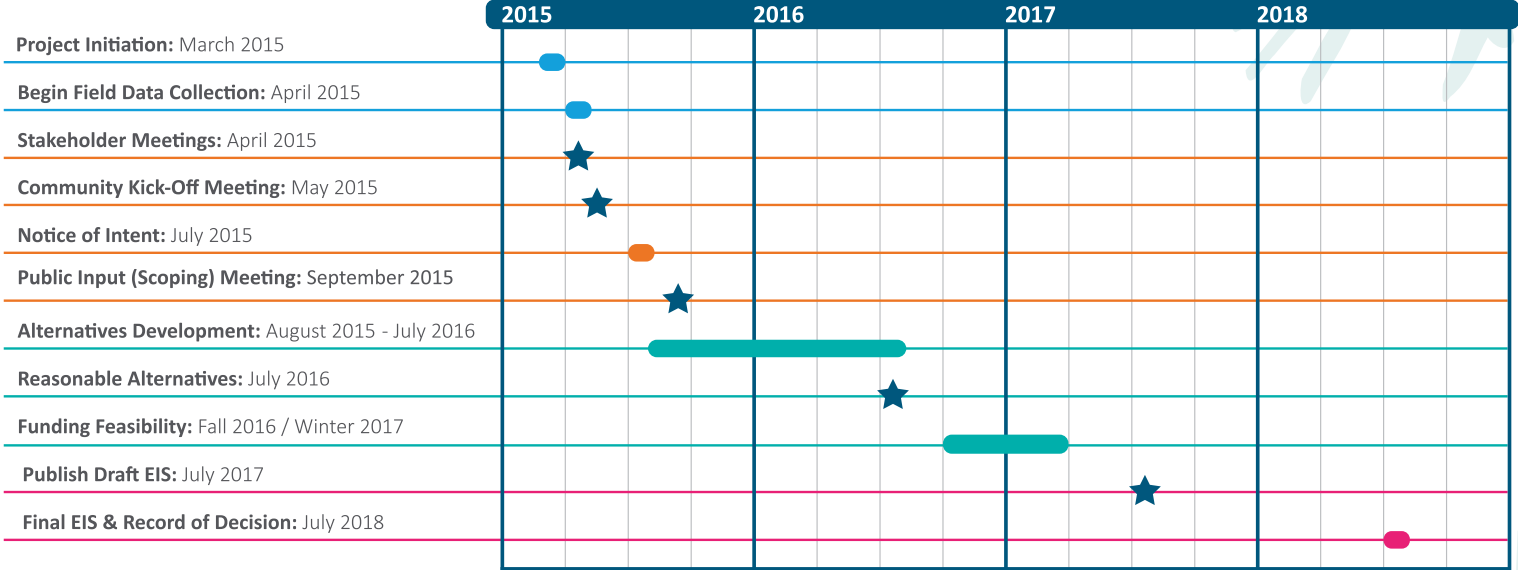


PHASE 3:
Project Delivery/
Construction



36 Months: July 2015–July 2018

PHASE 1 & 2 TIMELINE



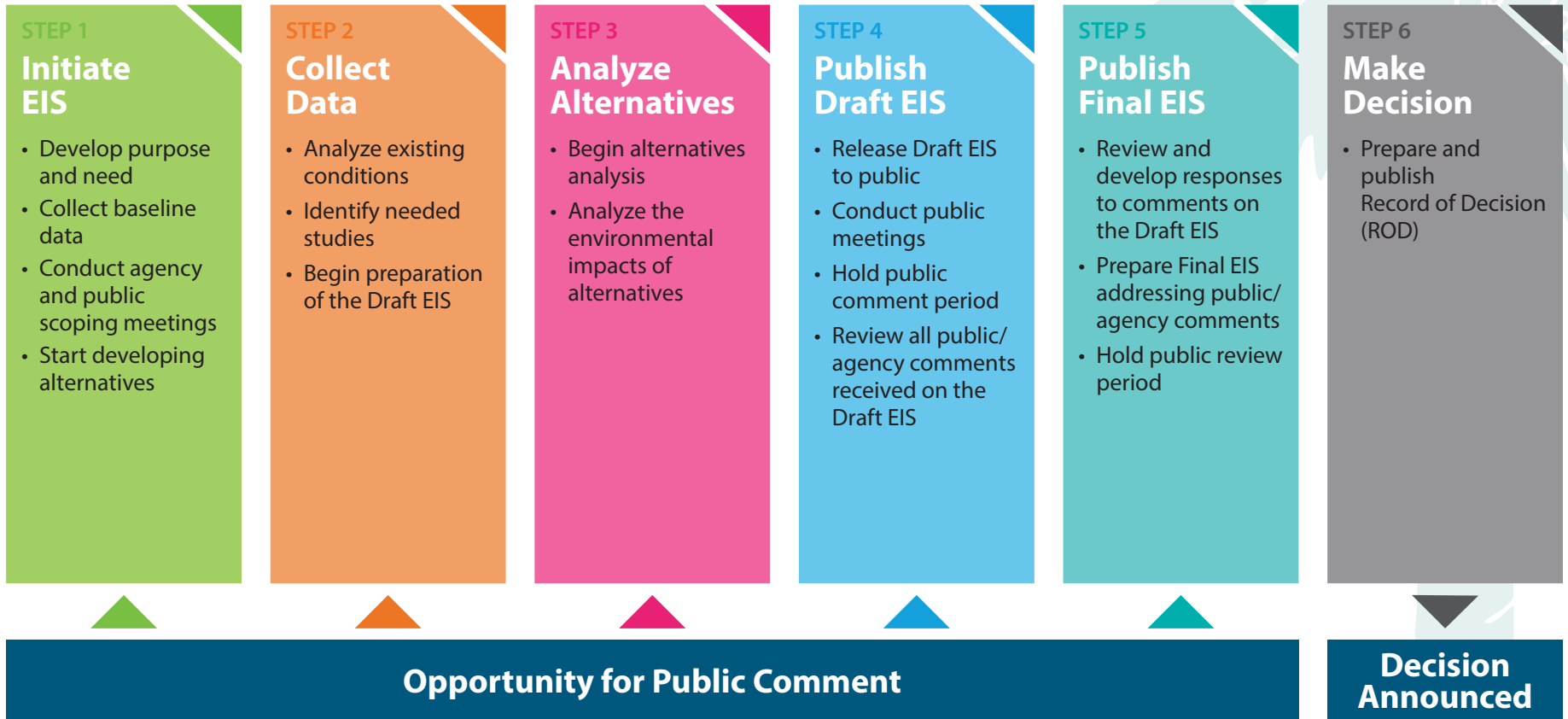
★ – Public & Stakeholder Meeting

Dates are estimated and subject to change.



National Environmental Policy Act

- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required by NEPA and is administered by FHWA
- Provides for informed decision-making
- Includes partners in the process
- Considers a wide variety of factors



Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

EIS PROCESS

- Gathers information on existing conditions:
 - » Natural Resources
 - » 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES



Threatened/endangered species



Historic and cultural sites



Wetland and water quality



Social and economic resources



Air quality



Noise environs



Community impacts



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 Environmental Impact Statement

Why Do We Do Scoping?

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

What is the Purpose and Need of the Project?

Preliminary Need Components

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

Input Needed

- » Do you agree?
- » What else would you add?



What is the Range of Alternatives to be Evaluated?

Is mass transit an option?

- » Park & Rides
- » Bus Rapid Transit
- » Light Rail
- » Commuter Rail
- » High Occupancy Lanes
- » Bicycle/Pedestrian Facilities

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

Would a new alignment improve operations in the existing corridor?

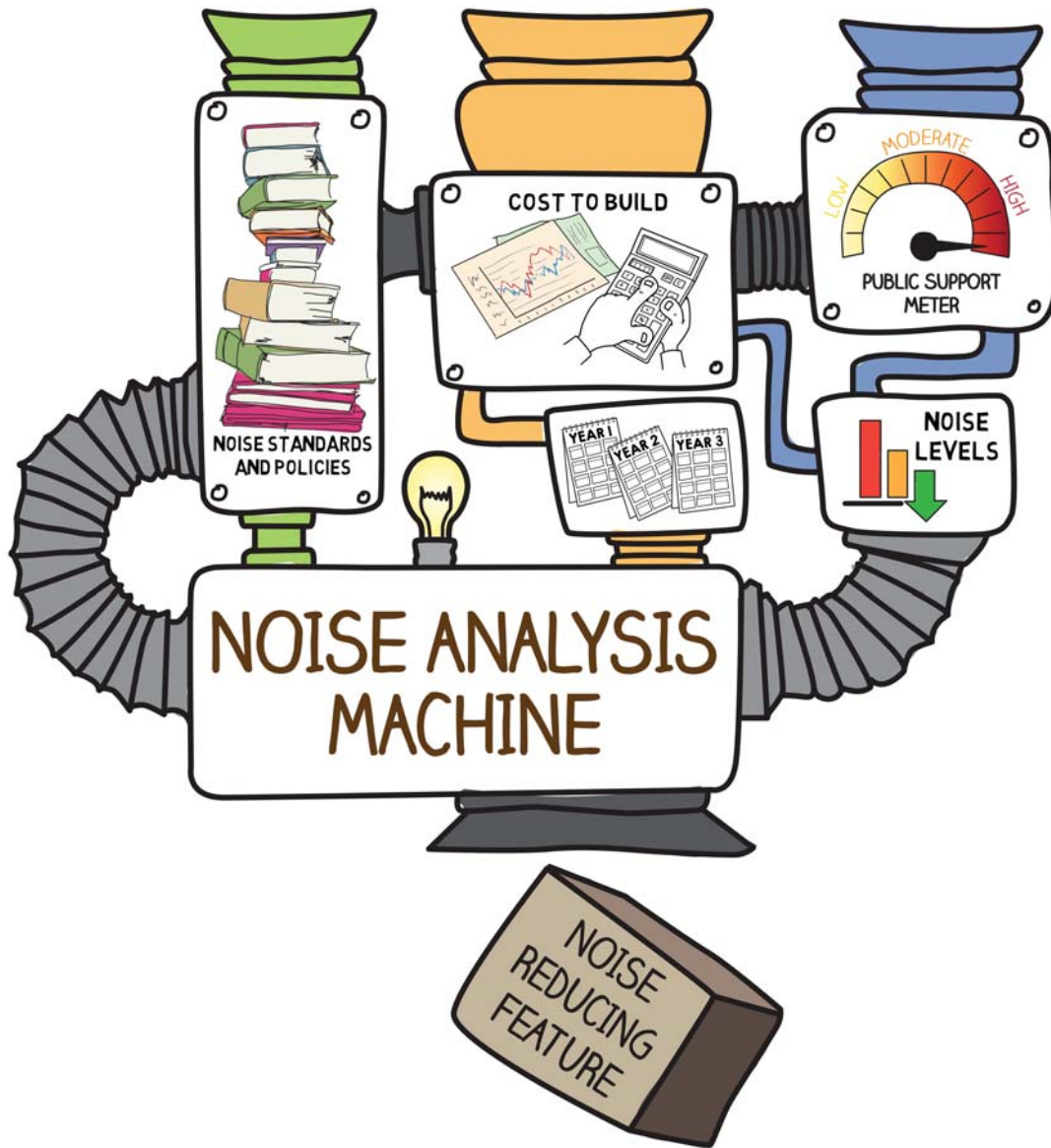
- » Northern Connector or other new alignment roadways

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

- » Widen Broad River Road or other roadway improvements

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





Will You Volunteer for the Noise Advisory Board?

Live in a neighborhood or own a business adjacent to the Carolina Crossroads I-20/26/126 Corridor Project?

REQUIREMENTS:

- Must live or own a business in the corridor

DUTIES:

- Provide noise-related information and concerns to the project team
- Help disseminate project information related to the noise analysis for the project

COMMITMENT:

- Attend an initial meeting in fall 2015 to learn about Noise Advisory Board goals and objectives
- Attend up to two additional Noise Advisory Board meetings during the next 36 months of the project

One representative from each neighborhood will be selected.



Get Involved & Stay Informed

There are a number of ways to be involved with the project:



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