

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Tuesday, September 1, 2020
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Agenda – Zoom Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – James Diggs – TCC Chair
2. Additions or corrections to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes March 3, 2020

Member Updates

4. Member updates from members around the Region

Action Items

5. Chair/Vice Chair Election for FY2021

Discussion Items

6. STI P6 Prioritization Update – Submitted Projects/Prioritization 6.0 (P6) Revenue Memo
7. STIP FY2020-2029 Amendment Updates
8. Traffic Survey Data/COVID-19
9. Legislative Update – HB 77 and JLPEOC Report
10. Gus Tullios Stepping Down as Division 4 BOT member – New Division 4 State Board of Transportation is Mr. Melvin Mitchell - <https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-cooper-appoints-members-board-transportation>

Reports

11. US 70 Commission
12. Hwy 17/64 Association – Next meeting Sept. 20, 2020 (Zoom-TBD)
13. NCDOT Division 4
14. NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)

Public Comment

15. Public Comment

Other Business

16. TCC Member Comments

Dates of future meetings:

November 3, 2020

January 5, 2021

March 2, 2021

May 4, 2021

Attachments:

- TCC March 3, 2020 Minutes
- STI P6 Projects Submitted July 2020
- STI P6 NCDOT Memo COVID-19 Revenue Update
- STI P6 Updated Schedule
- STIP Updates May, June, July, and August
- Traffic Survey Data/COVID-19 Presentation
- Legislative Update – HB77 and JLPEOC Report
- Gus Tullios Article
- Governor Announcement of New Division 4 BOT Member
- US 70 Commission Project Status Report
- Hwy 17/64 Association NCDOT Financial Presentation

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March 3, 2020

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield
James Diggs, Wilson
Aaron Chalker, Wilson
Grona Jones, City of Wilson
Adam Tyson Nash
Natalie Bess, Pinetops
Tim Robbins, Benson

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD
Dana Magliola, NCDOT

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Other

Robert Hiatt, UCPCOG
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Jordan Reedy, Rocky Mount MPO

Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – James Diggs – TCC Chair*

Mr. James Diggs welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.

2. *Member Updates*

Each member provided a brief highlight of activities within each member's jurisdiction.

3. *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Diggs asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to the agenda. **UPON A MOTION** by Adam Tyson (Nash), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro), the agenda was unanimously approved as written.

4. *Minutes – January 7, 2020*

After reviewing the Minutes for the January 7, 2020 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Stephen Wensman, (Smithfield), second by Adam Tyson (Nash) the minutes for the January 7, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

Presentation

5. *Eastern NC Freight Mobility Study, Dana A. Magliola, NCDOT Planning/Logistics*

A brief power point presentation on the Eastern NC Freight Mobility Study. Mr. Magliola shared details of the findings and recommendations developed during the Eastern NC Freight Mobility Study process.

<http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/Agenda/NCDOT%20Office%20of%20Logistics%20+%20Freight%203%20March%20TCC.pdf>

Action Items

6. *UCPRPO STI P6 Project List Approval*

Members were provided with the proposed STI P6 Project List. **UPON A MOTION** by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro), second by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) the UCPRPO STI P6 Project List was adopted unanimously and recommended to the TAC for adoption.

7. *Adoption of UCPRPO FY2020-2021 Project Work Program (PWP)*

Members were provided with the proposed UCPRPO draft PWP approved by NCDOT. **UPON A MOTION** by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield), second by Adam Tyson (Nash) the UCPRPO UCPRPO FY2021 PWP was adopted unanimously and recommended to the TAC for adoption

Discussion

8. *STI P6 Calendar – Next Steps*

Members were provided with the new “Info Graphic” that was produced by the SPOT Office that helps explain the STI process and provides specific dates for the STI P6 schedule.

9. *NC First Commission*

A brief update on the NC First Commission’s progress in finding potential revenues sources for transportation facilities within North Carolina. Members were encouraged to support the Commission and visit their web site to learn more. (<https://www.ncdot.gov/about-us/how-we-operate/finance-budget/nc-first/Pages/default.aspx>)

10. *Modify TCC meeting start time to 2:00pm*

There was a request to modify the TCC regular meeting time from 11:00am to 2:00pm. **UPON A MOTION** by Adam Tyson (Nash), second by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) the UCPRPO UCPRPO TCC regular meeting time is changed from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

11. *TAC Ethics Filing Requirements*

TCC members were asked to remind and work with the TAC members to ensure they completed their required annually Ethics Filings. It was noted of the importance for TAC members to file both the Statement of Economic Interests as well as the Real Estate Disclosure Forms. Only TAC members are required to complete the ethics filings.

12. *Complete Streets Policy Update*

Members were provided with the newly released Complete Streets Policy info-graphic and Policy Guidance.

Reports

13. *US 70 Commission*

It was reported the US 70 Commission met in January 23, 2020 at the NCDOT Division 2 Training Center in Kinston, NC. An update on the Strategic Transportation Corridor Master Plan was provided as well as comments provided by Secretary James H Trogon III. The next US 70 Commission is scheduled for April 16, 2020 at the Johnston County Ag Center in Smithfield, NC at 1:30pm.

14. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

The next Hwy 17/64 meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2020 with the location TPD.

15. *Legislative Update*

There was no legislative activity reported.

16. *NCDOT Division 4*

Division 4 reported that Eric Boyette was appointed as the new Secretary of Transportation. He noted Secretary Boyette was no stranger to Division 4 as he has worked for the department in Division 4 in the past. He also noted the he resides within the UCPRPO planning area in Kenly, NC.

17. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

TPD reported on the Corona Virus and the affects it may have on public meetings and receiving public input. Carlos Moya provided handouts provided by the Governor’s office on more detailed information on the pandemic and encouraged everyone to start considering how people may be working from home. In addition, he encouraged members to visit CDC.gov to get accurate information and to be careful about dis-information.

Other Business

18. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC member comments.

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Public Comment

19. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 2:00pm.

UPON A MOTION from Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Adam Tyson (Nash) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diggs, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO

UCPRPO STI P6 REGION PROJECTS (02/17/20) - **DRAFT**

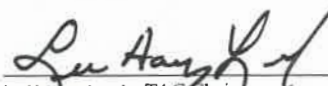
SPOT ID	Mode	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility Name	From / Cross Street	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	County(s)	P6.0 Status (Draft)	Notes
H090224-B	Highway	R-3407B	Regional Impact	NC 33	NC 42 at Scott'S Crossroads	NC 222 at Belvoir Crossroads	Widen to Multi-Lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 64,400,000	Pitt, Edgecombe	Carryover	Completed or Active NEPA - Does not need to be re-submitted
H111270	Highway	U-6000	Regional Impact	NC 58	NC 42/Ward Blvd. (SR 1516)	Forest Hills Rd. (SR 1165)	Widen Roadway to Multi-Lane Facility with Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodations	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 11,975,000	Wilson	Carryover	Completed or Active NEPA - Does not need to be re-submitted
H170647	Highway	I-6061	Statewide Mobility	I-95	SR 1003 (Brogden Road)		Improve interchange to current standards allowing for future widening of I-95	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 14,500,000	Johnston	Carryover	Programmed, not Committed - Does not need to be re-submitted
H170654	Highway	I-6062	Statewide Mobility	I-95	SR 2339 (Bagley Road)		Upgrade interchange to current standards allowing for future widening of I-95	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 14,500,000	Johnston	Carryover	Programmed, not Committed - Does not need to be re-submitted
H170663	Highway	R-5761	Regional Impact	NC 242	SR 1168 (Tarheel Rd)	I-40	Widen to 4 lane highway with median and sidewalks (4E Section). Provide a four lane divided cross section for NC 242 North from its junction with US 301 Hwy to its intersection with Interstate 40. The addition of a median will allow for better controlled access which will provide more mobility as the corridor develops in the near future. Recent development and proposed new development in the near future means an increase in AADT thereby creating the need for controlled access for safe mobility.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 14,000,000	Johnston	Carryover	Programmed, not Committed - Does not need to be re-submitted
H170664	Highway	R-5949	Regional Impact	US 258	SR 1601 (Colonial Rd)	US 64	Widen to a four-lane divided boulevard with sidewalks from SR 1344 to US 64.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 18,000,000	Edgecombe	Carryover	Programmed, not Committed - Does not need to be re-submitted
H111268	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 58	SR 1320 (Airport Blvd)	NC 42, SR 1516 (Ward Boulevard)	Upgrading NC 58 Between Airport Blvd. (SR 1320) and NC 42/Ward Blvd. (SR 1516) to a Four-Lane Divided Boulevard with a Raised 23 - Foot Median with Bicycle and Pedestrian Lanes, and Curb and Gutter.	11 - Access Management	\$ 43,000,000	Wilson	Holding Tank	
H111275	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 42	I-795, US 264	SR 1165 (Forest Hills Road)	Upgrade This Corridor to a Four-Lane Divided Boulevard with a Raised 23-Foot Median with Bicycle and Pedestrian Lanes, and Curb and Gutter. Realignment Is Proposed, As Part of This Project at NC 42/ Old Raleigh Rd. (SR 1136) and Airport Blvd. (SR 1158) Due to the Proximity of This intersection to Several Schools in the Area.	11 - Access Management	\$ 28,700,000	Wilson	Holding Tank	
H170115	Highway		Statewide Mobility	I-87, US 64	US 258 (Western Blvd), US 64 Alt		Upgrade Interchange to Interstate Standards and provide safe pedestrian facilities across US 64 (Western Blvd) in Tarboro.	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 15,200,000	Edgecombe	Holding Tank	
H170537	Highway	U-3464	Regional Impact	US 301 (S Brightleaf Boulevard), NC 96 (S Brightleaf Boulevard)	SR 1341 (Galilee Road)	SR 1007 (Brogden Road)	SR 1341 (Galilee Road) to SR 1007 (Brogden Road). Widen to Multi-lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 31,900,000	Johnston	Holding Tank	
H170543	Highway	U-3464	Regional Impact	US 301 (S Brightleaf Boulevard), NC 96 (S Brightleaf Boulevard)	I-95	SR 1341 (Galilie Road)	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 28,700,000	Johnston	Holding Tank	
H170666	Highway		Statewide Mobility	I-95	US 301 (N Church St)		Upgrade Interchange to diamond interchange allowing for future widening of I-95 and include a safe and convenient connection to NC 222.	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 12,500,000	Johnston	Holding Tank	
H170729	Highway		Statewide Mobility	I-42, US 70	SR 2309 (Creech's Mill Road)	SR 2314 (Pondfield Road)	Upgrade Roadway to Interstate Standards	3 - Upgrade Expressway to Freeway	\$ 108,500,000	Johnston	Holding Tank	
H171618	Highway		Regional Impact	US 258 (Mutual Boulevard)	I-87, US 64		Construct US 64 Westbound off-Ramp	9 - Convert Grade Separation to Interchange	\$ 12,500,000	Edgecombe	Holding Tank	
	Highway		Regional Impact	Alt 64 (Western Blvd)	US 64/I-87	Howard Ave	Access Management, improve intersections, and pedestrian facilities - Widen to 4 Lanes	1 - Access Management		Edgecombe		Town of Tarboro (via CB Brown 1/18/19)
	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 210	Black Creed Rd	BUS 70 (W Market St)	Widen highway. To be determined	1 - Widen Existing Roadway		Johnston		Johnston (via Durwood Stephenson email 7/17/18)
	Highway		Statewide Mobility	I-87, US 64	Nash/Wake Co	Egecombe/Martin Co	Upgrade to Interstate Standards	Modernization		Nash/Edgecombe		Legislation (Possible INFRA Grant)
	Highway		Regional Impact	NC 242	SR 1168 (Tarheel Rd)		Intersection improvements	8 - Improve Intersection		Johnston		Request from Benson
	Highway		Regional Impact	Alt 264 (Raleigh Rd Pkwy)	NC 42 (Ward Avd)		Intersection improvements with round-about	8 - Improve Intersection		Wilson		City of Wilson

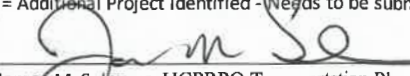
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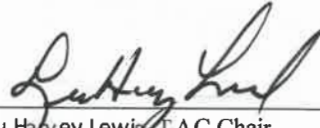

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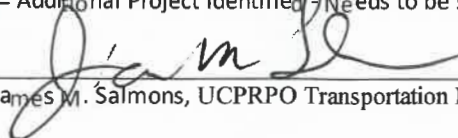
UCPRPO STI P6 DIVISION PROJECTS (02/17/20) - **DRAFT**

SPOT ID	Mode	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility Name	From / Cross Street	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	County(s)	P6.0 Status (Draft)	Notes	
H150646	Highway	R-5950	Division Needs	SR 1501 (Swift Creek Rd)	Airport Industrial Dr	Driveway just north of Johnston County Airport	Widen Swift Creek Rd to add central turn lanes to additional driveways, both into the Johnston County Airport and into the neighboring industrial park.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 4,100,000	Johnston	Carryover	Programmed, not Committed - Does not need to be re-submitted	
H090421	Highway	U-3471	Division Needs	SR 1606 (Black Creek Road)	US 264 Bypass	US 301/264 Alternate (Ward Boulevard)	US 264 Bypass to US 301/264 Alternate (Ward Boulevard). Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 19,400,000	Wilson	Holding Tank	14	
H090891	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1927 (East Anderson Street)	Webb Road	I-95	Widen to Three (3) Lanes from I-95 to Webb Street in Johnston County	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 10,000,000	Johnston	Holding Tank	15	
H090895	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1900 (Noble Street)	SR 1003 (Buffalo Road)	US 301	Expand to Three(3) Lanes from SR 1003 to US 301	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 13,663,000	Johnston	Holding Tank	16	
H150459	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1323 (Tilghman Rd N)	NC 42 (Ward Blvd)	SR 1332 (Lake Wilson)	Widen from from two 10' lanes to two 14' lane facility with 11' turn lane, curb and gutter with bike lanes and sidewalks. Section 3B	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 18,800,000	Wilson	Holding Tank	17	
H170353	Highway		Division Needs	New Route	NC 58 (Nash St)	SR 1323 (Tilghmam Rd)	Construct the Wilson Northern Connector; This is phase 1 of 2; 4 lane highway from NC 58 to SR 1323 (Tilghmam Rd). R/W has been reserved but not purchased.	5 - Construct Roadway on New Location	\$ 27,900,000	Wilson	Holding Tank	18	
	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1211 (W Howard Ave)	64 Alt - Western Blvd	NC 33 - N Main St	Access Control with wide median and bike/pedestrian improvements	Access Control		Edgecombe		Tarboro	19
	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1003 (Buffalo Rd)	SR 1934 (Old Beulah Rd)	SR 1939 (Live Oak Church Rd)	Widen to Three (3) Lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway		Johnston		Johnston Co	20
	Highway		Division Needs	US 301 (S Brightleaf Blvd)	SR 1007 (Brogden Rd)		Upgrade intersection to improve mobility and safety.	8 - Intersection Improvement		Johnston		Smithfield	21
	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1908 (Fire Dept Rd)	SR 1913 (Wilson's Mills Rd)		Construct roundabout to improve mobility and safety in downtown Wilson's Mills.	8 - Intersection Improvement		Johnston		Wilson's Mills	22
	Highway		Division Needs	SR 1913 (Wilson's Mills Rd)	US 70 Bus (W Market St)	M Durwood Stephenson Hwy	Widen to three lanes with pedestrian facilities.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway		Johnston		Smithfield	23

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UCPRPO STI P6 NON-HIGHWAY PROJECTS (02/17/20) - **DRAFT**

AVIATION

SPOT ID	Mode	TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility Name	From / Cross Street	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	County(s)	P6.0 Status (Draft)	NOTES
A171642	Aviation	AV-5897	Division Needs	ETC - Tarboro-Edgecombe Airport	ETC - Runway Extension to 5,000'	N/A	Upgrade runway by 1,000 ft to a length of 5,000 ft. (Partner Connect Project No. 3771)	0500 - Runway Length/Width	\$ 2,840,000	Edgecombe	Carryover	Programmed, not Committed. Project in STIP - Does not need to be re-submitted
A130494	Aviation	AV-5844	Division Needs	ETC - Tarboro-Edgecombe Airport	ECT - Corporate Apron and Hangar	N/A	Expand the Corporate Apron by 8,350 SF and construct a 70' X 80' Hangar. (includes Project Request Numbers: 2898)	1200 - Aircraft Apron / Helipad Requirements	\$ 570,000	Edgecombe	Holding Tank	
A130498	Aviation		Division Needs	JNX - Johnston Regional Airport	JNX - Taxiway Widening	N/A	The existing taxiway pavements will be approaching the end of their useful life and require pavement rehabilitation. Assumed design would include a 3" asphalt maintenance overlay. The taxiways will be widened to 50' at this time to conform to C- III standards. (includes Project Request Numbers: 2129)	1100 - Taxiway Requirements	\$ 4,100,000	Johnston	Holding Tank	
A130499	Aviation	AV-5847	Division Needs	JNX - Johnston Regional Airport	JNX - T-Hangars, Apron and Corporate Area Site Prep	N/A	This project provides for construction of Phase I of the new corporate area development. Phase I will include the construction of a new t-hangar area and construction of a new apron. Elements of construction will include clearing and grubbing, grading and drainage, paving, and erosion control measures. (includes Project Request Numbers: 2127)	1240 - Corporate and T-hangar Taxiway: Construction	\$ 8,945,000	Johnston	Holding Tank	
A150741	Aviation		Division Needs	ETC - Tarboro-Edgecombe Airport	ETC - T-Hangars & Taxilane	N/A	Tarboro Airport T-Hangars & Taxilane - Partner Connect Project #3431	1900 - Hangars	\$ 550,000	Edgecombe	Holding Tank	

BIKE/PEDESTRIAN

B140926	BikePed		Division Needs	Elm City Sidewalk Project	Elementary School	Middle School	Construct sidewalks along Toisnot St, W Main St, Parker St, Church St, and Branch St which connects to Elm City Elem School and Elm City Middle School	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 91,200	Wilson	Holding Tank	
B150570	BikePed		Division Needs	SR 1120 - W Hanes St Middlesex Elementary School	Morgan St	Middlesex Elementary School	Construct sidewalks from down town Middlesex Park to Middlesex Elementary School along W Hanes St.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 176,600	Nash	Holding Tank	
B170683	BikePed		Division Needs	NC 43 (Red Oak Pedestrian Project)	SR 1603 (Red Oak Boulevard)	SR 1524 (Red Oak Battleboro Road)	Construct sidewalks along Red Oak Boulevard, N Old Carriage Rd, and Red Oak Battleboro Rd.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 92,777	Nash	Holding Tank	
B170684	BikePed		Division Needs	NC 43 (E Hamlet Street)	S Sally Jenkins Street	16th Street to Vidant walking trail	Construct sidewalk along NC 43 (E Hamlet Street)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 93,120	Edgecombe	Holding Tank	
B171652	BikePed		Division Needs	Micro Pedestrian Facilities along US 301	Oil Company Rd	Charles St	Construct additional pedestrian facilities along US 301 through the Town of Micro.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 80,081	Johnston	Holding Tank	

RAIL

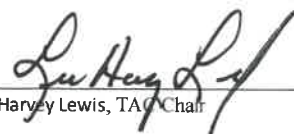
R171628	Rail		Statewide	NS H/CSX A/CSX SE	Carolina	New York	Construction and implementation of Southeastern North Carolina Passenger Rail Service. Service to run from Raleigh to Wilmington via Selma and Fayetteville using the NS H Line, CSX A Line, and CSX SE Line.	Other passenger rail improvements	\$ 750,000,000	Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Harnett, Johnston, Robeson, Wake	Holding Tank	
	Rail		Statewide	Commuter Rail - Smithfield/Selma to Raleigh	Raleigh	Selma/Smithfield	Extend the Piedmont Rail Service to Selma/Smithfield	Commuter Rail Service		Johnston/Wake		
	Rail		Statewide	Commuter Rail - Smithfield/Selma to Raleigh	Carolina	Goldsboro	Extend the Piedmont Rail Service to Selma/Smithfield and Selma	Commuter Rail Service		Wake/Johnston/Wayne		
	Rail		Statewide	SR 1003 (Buffalo Rd)			Rail/Highway Grade Separation Interchange	Interchange Improvement		Johnston		
	Rail		Statewide	US 70 Bus (E Market St)			Replace Rail Bridge over US 70 Bus (E Market St)	Interchange Improvement				

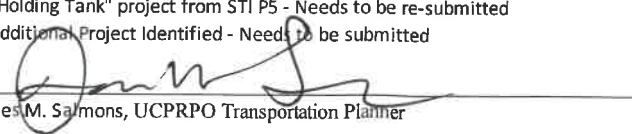
TRANSIT

T170682	Transit	TA-6720	Division Needs	Johnston County Expansion Vehicle	N/A	N/A	Purchase expansion vehicles to include 1 25' LTV	4 - Demand Response	\$ 33,000	Johnston	Carryover	Programmed, not Committed. Project in STIP - Does not need to be re-submitted
T130137	Transit		Division Needs	Wilson co fy16 vehicle expansion	N/A	N/A	Project #1 - Wilson County services the residents of Wilson as well those in the county. Wilson County operates 24 hours a day Monday through Friday with limited services on weekends. Wilson County provides transportation services for eight(8) service agencies within Wilson County.	4 - Demand Response	\$ 5,500	Wilson	Holding Tank	

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J. ERIC BOYETTE
SECRETARY

July 30, 2020

MEMO TO: MPOs, RPOs, NCDOT Division Planning staff

FROM: Van Argabright
Director, Division of Planning & Programming

SUBJECT: Prioritization 6.0 (P6) schedule

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A number of factors have affected the amount of funding that is anticipated to be available for new projects in this round of Prioritization (P6): a significant revenue reduction due to COVID-19; a change, mandated by HB 77, in how transportation revenue is allocated between maintenance and capital improvements that reduced revenues available to the STIP; and continued increases in project costs. **The STIP Unit has done an analysis and determined there will be very little funding available for new projects based on current revenue projections.** However, NCDOT will not have a clear picture about our funding until Congress completes work on the next federal authorization funding bill (i.e. the replacement for the FAST Act) and clarifications to the CARES Act.

In light of the unknowns that we are dealing with, NCDOT wants to ensure that we communicate with our partners and chart a path forward that includes their input. Our current plan is to close the window for new P6 project submissions on July 31, 2020 as originally planned; however, any planning organization that needs a one month extension may do so by contacting Jason Schronce, Manager of NCDOT's SPOT Unit. Closing the submission window will allow NCDOT to begin work on P6 scoring with our internal business units. A Prioritization Workgroup meeting will be held this Fall to convey additional information about our financial position and discuss options for completing the P6 Prioritization cycle and releasing the next Draft STIP.

If you have any questions, please contact me (vargabright@ncdot.gov) or Jason Schronce (jschronce@ncdot.gov) via email to discuss. Thank you.

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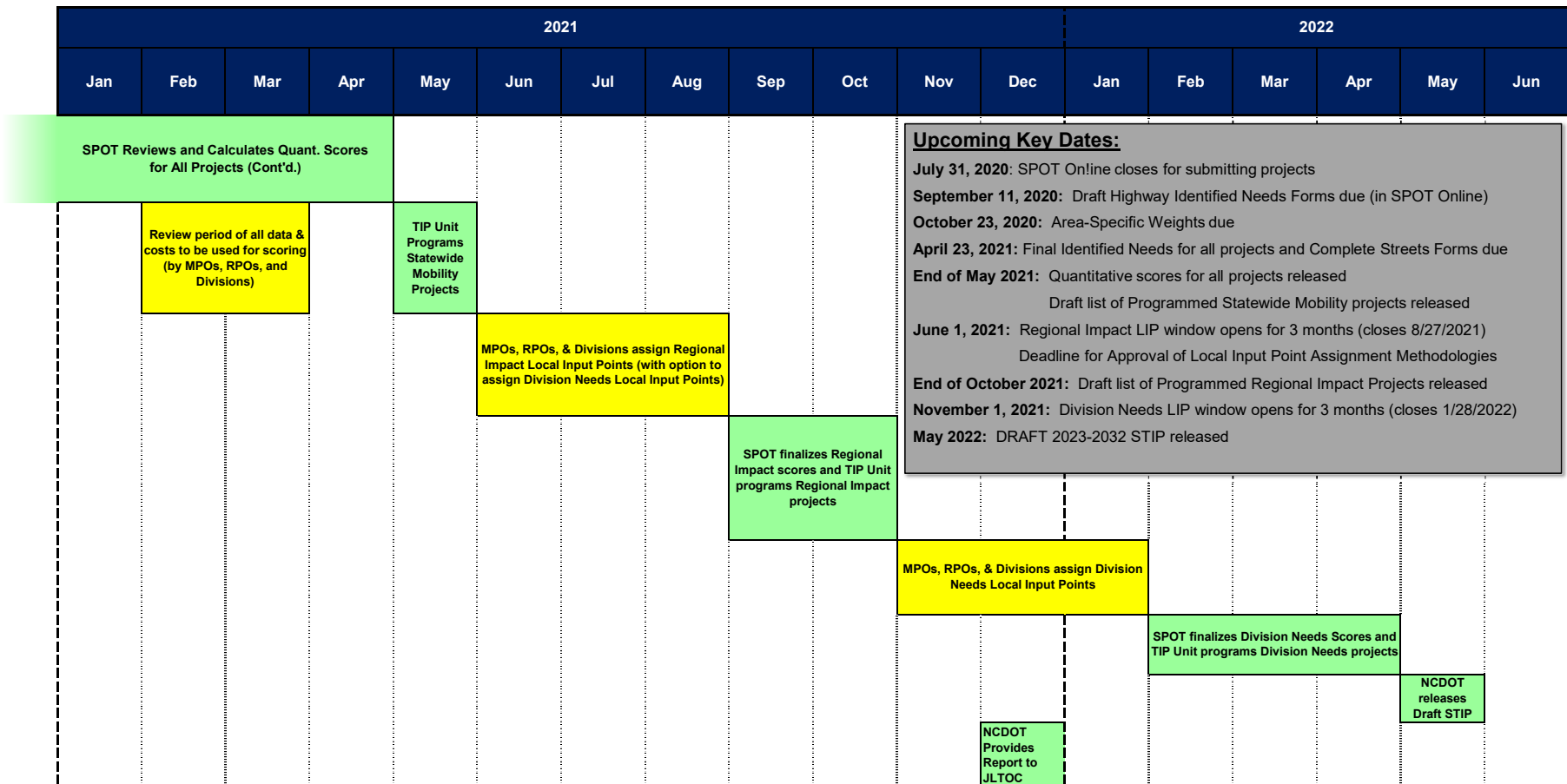
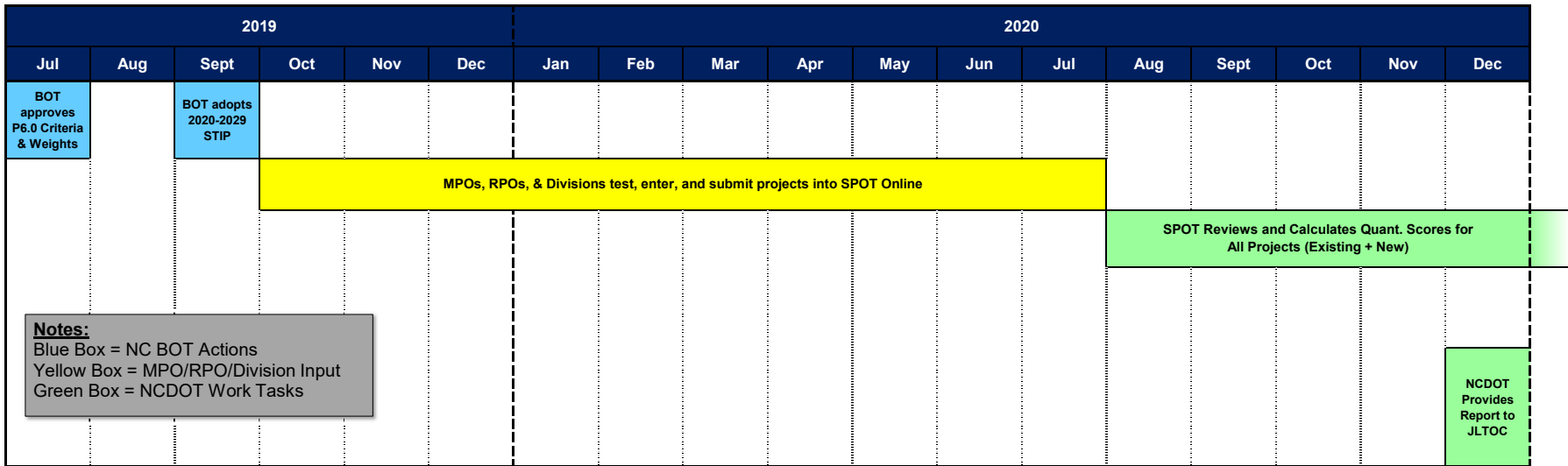
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FINAL Prioritization 6.0 Schedule (COVID-19)



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B-4931 EDGECOMBE PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 258, REPLACE BRIDGE 320022 OVER TOWN CREEK. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY</u> <u>CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 - <u>\$1,950,000</u> \$1,950,000	(HFB)
B-4933 EDGECOMBE PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NC 33, REPLACE BRIDGE 320080 OVER TAR RIVER. REPLACE BRIDGE 320049 OVER TAR RIVER OVERFLOW. <u>TO STRATEGICALLY BALANCE LETTINGS. DELAY</u> <u>RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM FY 20 TO FY 23 AND</u> <u>CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 21 TO FY 24.</u>	RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION	FY 2023 - \$60,000 (T) FY 2024 - \$800,000 (T) FY 2024 - \$4,600,000 (NHPB) FY 2025 - <u>\$4,600,000</u> \$10,060,000	(T) (T) (NHPB) (NHPB)
B-5655 EDGECOMBE PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NC 111 / NC 122, REPLACE BRIDGE 320011 OVER TOWN CREEK. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY</u> <u>CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 - <u>\$1,950,000</u> \$1,950,000	(HFB)

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B-5671	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NC 97, BRIDGE 87 OVER SWIFT CREEK ON NC 97.	ENGINEERING	FY 2021 -	\$17,000	(T)
EDGEcombe		<u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS, DELAY</u>		FY 2022 -	\$17,000	(T)
PROJ.CATEGORY		<u>CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>		FY 2023 -	\$17,000	(T)
REGIONAL				FY 2024 -	\$17,000	(T)
				FY 2025 -	\$17,000	(T)
				FY 2026 -	\$17,000	(T)
				FY 2027 -	\$17,000	(T)
				FY 2028 -	\$17,000	(T)
				FY 2029 -	\$17,000	(T)
				POST YR-	\$102,000	(T)
			BUILD NC CON	FY 2021 -	\$86,000	(T)
				FY 2022 -	\$86,000	(T)
				FY 2023 -	\$86,000	(T)
				FY 2024 -	\$86,000	(T)
				FY 2025 -	\$86,000	(T)
				FY 2026 -	\$86,000	(T)
				FY 2027 -	\$86,000	(T)
				FY 2028 -	\$86,000	(T)
				FY 2029 -	\$86,000	(T)
				POST YR-	\$516,000	(T)
			CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 -	\$725,000	(T)
				FY 2022 -	\$725,000	(T)
					\$2,995,000	
B-6002	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1126 (FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH ROAD), REPLACE BRIDGE 320064 OVER TOWN CREEK.	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 -	\$1,200,000	(HFB)
EDGEcombe		<u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS, DELAY</u>			\$1,200,000	
PROJ.CATEGORY		<u>CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>				
DIVISION						

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B-6050 JOHNSTON PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 2137 (PITTMAN ROAD) SR 2130 (E MAIN STREET) SR 2339 (BAGLEY ROAD), REPLACE BRIDGE 500109 ON SR 2137 (PITTMAN ROAD) OVER I-95, BRIDGE 500110 ON SR 2130 (EAST MAIN STREET) OVER I-95, AND BRIDGE 500112 ON SR 2339 (BAGLEY ROAD) OVER I-95.	RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 -	\$1,500,000	(NHPB)
				FY 2023 -	\$5,000,000	(NHPB)
				FY 2024 -	\$5,000,000	(NHPB)
				FY 2025 -	\$5,000,000	(NHPB)
					\$16,500,000	
<u>TO STRATEGICALLY BALANCE LETTINGS, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 21 TO FY 23.</u>						
BR-0111 EDGEcombe PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1404 (SEVEN BRIDGES ROAD), REPLACE BRIDGE NO. 320003, 320004, 320005 OVER SWIFT CREEK ON SR 1404 (SEVEN BRIDGES ROAD).	RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION	FY 2020 -	\$420,000	(O)
				FY 2020 -	\$56,000	(O)
				FY 2021 -	\$2,850,000	(O)
				FY 2022 -	\$2,850,000	(O)
					\$6,176,000	
<u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>						
BR-0116 NASH PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1403 (COOPER ROAD), REPLACE BRIDGE 630080 OVER GIDEON SWAMP ON SR 1403 (COOPER ROAD).	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 -	\$700,000	(HFB)
				FY 2022 -	\$700,000	(HFB)
					\$1,400,000	
<u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS, DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>						
I-5986B HARNETT JOHNSTON PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	I-95, SR 1002 (LONG BRANCH ROAD - EXIT 71) TO I-40 (EXIT 81). WIDEN TO EIGHT LANES.	RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION	FY 2020 -	\$2,105,000	(T)
				FY 2021 -	\$39,995,000	(T)
				FY 2020 -	\$700,000	(T)
				FY 2022 -	\$20,466,000	(T)
				FY 2023 -	\$20,467,000	(T)
	\$20,467,000	(T)				
	\$104,200,000					

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I-6041 EDGECOMBE PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 64 (FUTURE I-87), SR 1233 (THOMAS ROAD) OVERPASS TO NC 33. PAVEMENT REHABILITATION. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 21 TO FY 22.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2022 - \$4,195,000 (NHPIM) FY 2023 - \$4,196,000 (NHPIM) \$8,391,000
I-6041A EDGECOMBE PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 64 (FUTURE I-87), REHABILITATE BRIDGE 320104, 320155, 320148, 320153, 320154, 320156, 320157, 320320, 320325, AND 320326. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 22 TO FY 23.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2023 - \$2,400,000 (NHPIM) \$2,400,000
I-6042A EDGECOMBE PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 64 (FUTURE I-87), REHABILITATE BRIDGE 320327 AND 320328. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 22 TO FY 23.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2023 - \$500,000 (NHPIM) \$500,000
R-5718 JOHNSTON PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1003 (BUFFALO ROAD), US 70 TO SR 1934 (OLD BEULAH ROAD). WIDEN TO THREE LANES. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>	RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 - \$560,000 (T) FY 2021 - \$67,000 (T) FY 2023 - \$2,204,000 (BG5200) FY 2024 - \$2,204,000 (BG5200) FY 2025 - \$2,204,000 (BG5200) \$7,239,000

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W-5804A WILSON	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 301, US 301 AT NC 581. CONSTRUCT A REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION WITH TRUCK BULB-OUTS AT THE ADJACENT U-TURN POINTS.	RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 - FY 2022 -	\$100,000 \$854,000 \$954,000	(HSIP) (HSIP)
PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL		<u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS, DELAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM FY 20 TO FY 21 AND CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 21 TO FY 22.</u>				

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<p>* HS-2004 EDGEcombe HALIFAX JOHNSTON NASH WAYNE WILSON PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE REGIONAL DIVISION</p>	<p>- ROCKY MOUNT METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - GOLDSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - PEANUT BELT RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - EASTERN CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>VARIOUS, SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN DIVISION 4. <u>PROJECT ADDED AT REQUEST OF TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY: INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AND FUNDING TO BE REQUESTED IN THE FUTURE AS NEEDED.</u></p>
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<p>* RC-2004 EDGEcombe HALIFAX JOHNSTON NASH WAYNE WILSON PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION</p>	<p>- ROCKY MOUNT METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - GOLDSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - PEANUT BELT RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - EASTERN CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>VARIOUS, TRAFFIC SEPARATION STUDY IMPLEMENTATION AND CLOSURES IN DIVISION 4. <u>PROJECT ADDED AT REQUEST OF RAIL DIVISION: INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AND FUNDING TO BE REQUESTED IN THE FUTURE AS NEEDED.</u></p>
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STIP ADDITIONS

<p>* RX-2004 EDGECOMBE HALIFAX JOHNSTON NASH WAYNE WILSON PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ROCKY MOUNT METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - GOLDSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - PEANUT BELT RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - EASTERN CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION 	<p>VARIOUS, HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IN DIVISION 4.</p> <p><u>PROJECT ADDED AT REQUEST OF RAIL DIVISION:</u> <u>INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AND FUNDING TO BE REQUESTED IN THE FUTURE AS NEEDED.</u></p>
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BR-0036	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING	NC 33, BRIDGE 630041 ON NC 33 OVER I-95.	ENGINEERING	FY 2021 -	\$26,000	(T)
NASH	ORGANIZATION	<u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS, DELAY</u>		FY 2022 -	\$26,000	(T)
PROJ.CATEGORY		<u>CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>		FY 2023 -	\$26,000	(T)
REGIONAL				FY 2024 -	\$26,000	(T)
				FY 2025 -	\$26,000	(T)
				FY 2026 -	\$26,000	(T)
				FY 2027 -	\$26,000	(T)
				FY 2028 -	\$26,000	(T)
				FY 2029 -	\$26,000	(T)
				POST YR-	\$156,000	(T)
			BUILD NC CON	FY 2021 -	\$215,000	(T)
				FY 2022 -	\$215,000	(T)
				FY 2023 -	\$215,000	(T)
				FY 2024 -	\$215,000	(T)
				FY 2025 -	\$215,000	(T)
				FY 2026 -	\$215,000	(T)
				FY 2027 -	\$215,000	(T)
				FY 2028 -	\$215,000	(T)
				FY 2029 -	\$215,000	(T)
				POST YR-	\$1,290,000	(T)
			CONSTRUCTION	FY 2021 -	\$1,100,000	(T)
				FY 2022 -	\$1,100,000	(T)
					\$5,815,000	

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BR-0039 NASH PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1510, BRIDGE 224 ON SR 1510 OVER I-95. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>	ENGINEERING	FY 2021 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				FY 2022 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				FY 2023 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				FY 2024 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				FY 2025 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				FY 2026 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				FY 2027 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				FY 2028 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				FY 2029 -	\$26,000	(T)	
				POST YR-	\$156,000	(T)	
				BUILD NC CON	FY 2021 -	\$215,000	(T)
					FY 2022 -	\$215,000	(T)
					FY 2023 -	\$215,000	(T)
					FY 2024 -	\$215,000	(T)
FY 2025 -	\$215,000	(T)					
FY 2026 -	\$215,000	(T)					
FY 2027 -	\$215,000	(T)					
CONSTRUCTION	FY 2028 -	\$215,000	(T)				
	FY 2029 -	\$215,000	(T)				
	POST YR-	\$1,290,000	(T)				
	FY 2021 -	\$1,350,000	(T)				
	FY 2022 -	\$1,350,000	(T)				
		\$6,315,000					
I-6046 EDGEcombe NASH PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- ROCKY MOUNT METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 64 (FUTURE I-87), SR 1603 (OLD CARRIAGE ROAD) TO SR 1225 (KINGSBORO ROAD). PAVEMENT REHABILITATION. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 21 TO FY 22.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2022 -	\$8,850,000	(NHPIM)	
				FY 2023 -	\$8,850,000	(NHPIM)	
					\$17,700,000		

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<p>I-5986C CUMBERLAND HALIFAX HARNETT JOHNSTON NASH NORTHAMPTON ROBESON WILSON PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE</p>	<p>- ROCKY MOUNT METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - FAYETTEVILLE URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - PEANUT BELT RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - LUMBER RIVER RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>I-95, INSTALL BROADBAND FIBER ALONG I-95 FROM SOUTH CAROLINA LINE TO VIRGINIA STATE LINE. <u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PROCUREMENT. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u></p>	<p>CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>FY 2021 - \$210,000 (T) FY 2021 - <u>\$16,600,000</u> (O) \$16,810,000</p>
<p>R-5777D CARTERET CRAVEN JOHNSTON LENOIR WAKE WAYNE PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE</p>	<p>- CAPITAL AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - GOLDSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - NEW BERN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - EASTERN CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - DOWN EAST RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>US 70, INSTALL BROADBAND FIBER ALONG US 70 FROM I-40 TO PORT OF MOREHEAD CITY. <u>TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR PROCUREMENT. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u></p>	<p>CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>FY 2021 - \$3,800,000 (T) FY 2021 - \$11,400,000 (O) FY 2022 - <u>\$3,800,000</u> (T) \$19,000,000</p>

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* B-4933 EDGECOMBE PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NC 33, REPLACE BRIDGE 320080 OVER TAR RIVER. REPLACE BRIDGE 320049 OVER TAR RIVER OVERFLOW. <u>AT REQUEST OF STRUCTURES MANAGEMENT UNIT. DELAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM FY 23 TO 25 AND CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 24 TO FY 27.</u>	RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION	FY 2025 - FY 2026 - FY 2027 - FY 2028 -	\$60,000 \$800,000 \$4,600,000 \$4,600,000	(T) (T) (NHPB) (NHPB)	
							\$10,060,000
B-5947 NASH PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	NC 581, REPLACE BRIDGE 630091 OVER TAR RIVER. <u>AT REQUEST OF STRUCTURES MANAGEMENT UNIT. DELAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM FY 20 TO FY 23 AND CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 21 TO FY 24.</u>	RIGHT-OF-WAY UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION	FY 2023 - FY 2023 - FY 2024 - FY 2025 - FY 2026 -	\$400,000 \$35,000 \$2,133,000 \$2,133,000 \$2,134,000	(NHPB) (NHPB) (NHPB) (NHPB) (NHPB)	\$6,835,000
B-5980 NASH PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	SR 1522 (HALIFAX ROAD), REPLACE BRIDGE 630203 OVER I-95. <u>TO ASSIST IN BALANCING FUNDS. DELAY CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 20 TO FY 21.</u>	RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION	FY 2020 - FY 2021 -	\$2,000,000 \$15,600,000	(NHPB) (NHPB)	\$17,600,000
* B-6044 JOHNSTON PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	I-95, REPLACE BRIDGES 500082 AND 500085 OVER BLACK CREEK AND BRIDGES 500100 AND 500101 OVER THE NEUSE RIVER. <u>AT REQUEST OF STRUCTURES MANAGEMENT UNIT. DELAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM FY 22 TO FY 23 AND CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 24 TO FY 25.</u>	RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION	FY 2023 - FY 2023 - FY 2025 - FY 2025 - FY 2026 - FY 2026 -	\$1,220,000 \$3,660,000 \$3,600,000 \$10,800,000 \$3,600,000 \$10,800,000	(NHPB) (O) (NHPB) (O) (NHPB) (O)	\$33,680,000

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<p>* B-6050 JOHNSTON PROJ.CATEGORY DIVISION</p>	<p>- UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>SR 2137 (PITTMAN ROAD) SR 2130 (E MAIN STREET) SR 2339 (BAGLEY ROAD), REPLACE BRIDGE 500109 ON SR 2137 (PITTMAN ROAD) OVER I-95, BRIDGE 500110 ON SR 2130 (EAST MAIN STREET) OVER I-95, AND BRIDGE 500112 ON SR 2339 (BAGLEY ROAD) OVER I-95.</p> <p><u>AT REQUEST OF STRUCTURES MANAGEMENT UNIT. DELAY RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM FY 21 TO FY 24 AND CONSTRUCTION FROM FY 23 TO FY 26.</u></p>	<p>RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION</p>	<p>FY 2024 - \$1,500,000 (NHPB) FY 2026 - \$5,000,000 (NHPB) FY 2027 - \$5,000,000 (NHPB) FY 2028 - \$5,000,000 (NHPB)</p>	<p>\$16,500,000</p>
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NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



COVID-19 Travel Trends in NC

Kerry Morrow

July 22, 2020

Tracking Trends

- Two types of statistics are being tracked to characterize the changes in travel:
 - Volume Trends – % Change between Pre COVID-19 volume and current volume
 - Travel Trends – Change in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) between 2020 Forecasted VMT and 2020 Actual VMT estimates
- Calculations are made by day of week due to the normal variation in daily travel occurring in a week
- Change is calculated for each continuous count station (CCS)
- Daily statewide volume change is based on the average CCS change
- Volume trend is based on the early March 2020 Pre COVID volumes
- Travel trend is based on 2019 volumes for the same month
- 2020 Actual VMT is estimated by applying the average daily % change to the 2019 daily VMT estimate

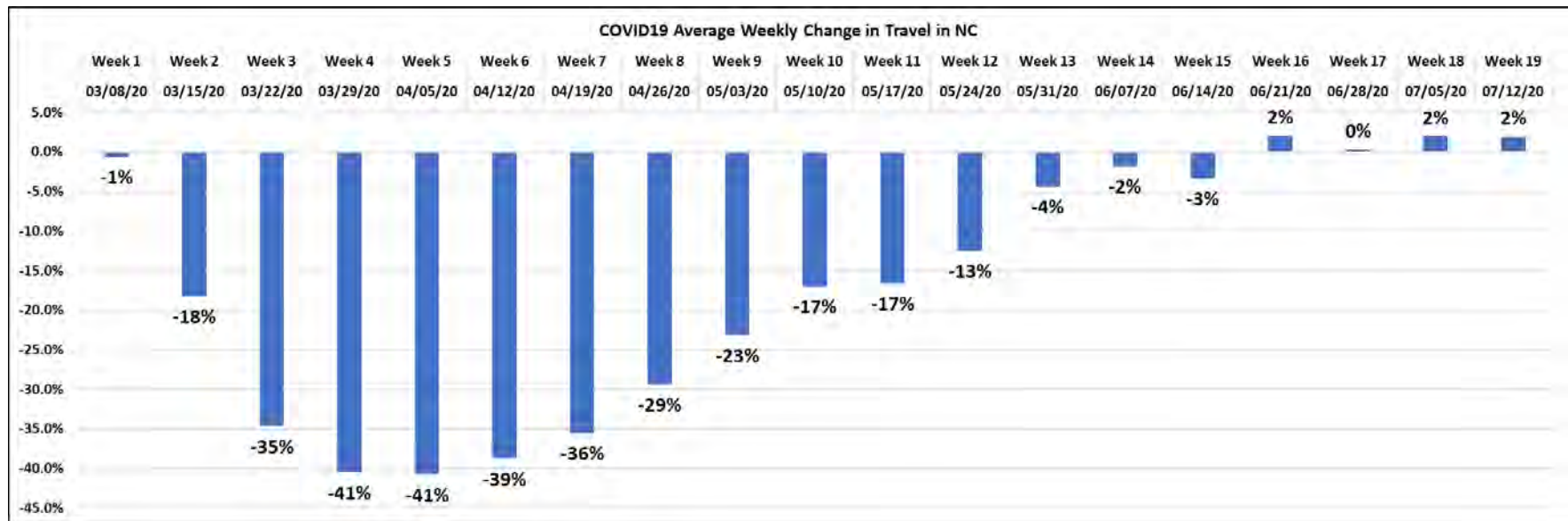
Key Dates

The following dates for actions taken by the state to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 virus are key to the changes in travel:

- March 10th – Emergency Declaration (Week 2)
- March 14th – Close public schools (Week 2)
- March 17th – Close bars and prohibits dining in restaurants (Week 3)
- March 30th – Stay at Home order implemented (Week 4)
- May 8th – Phase I reopening initiated (Week 10)
- May 22nd – Phase II reopening initiated (Week 12)

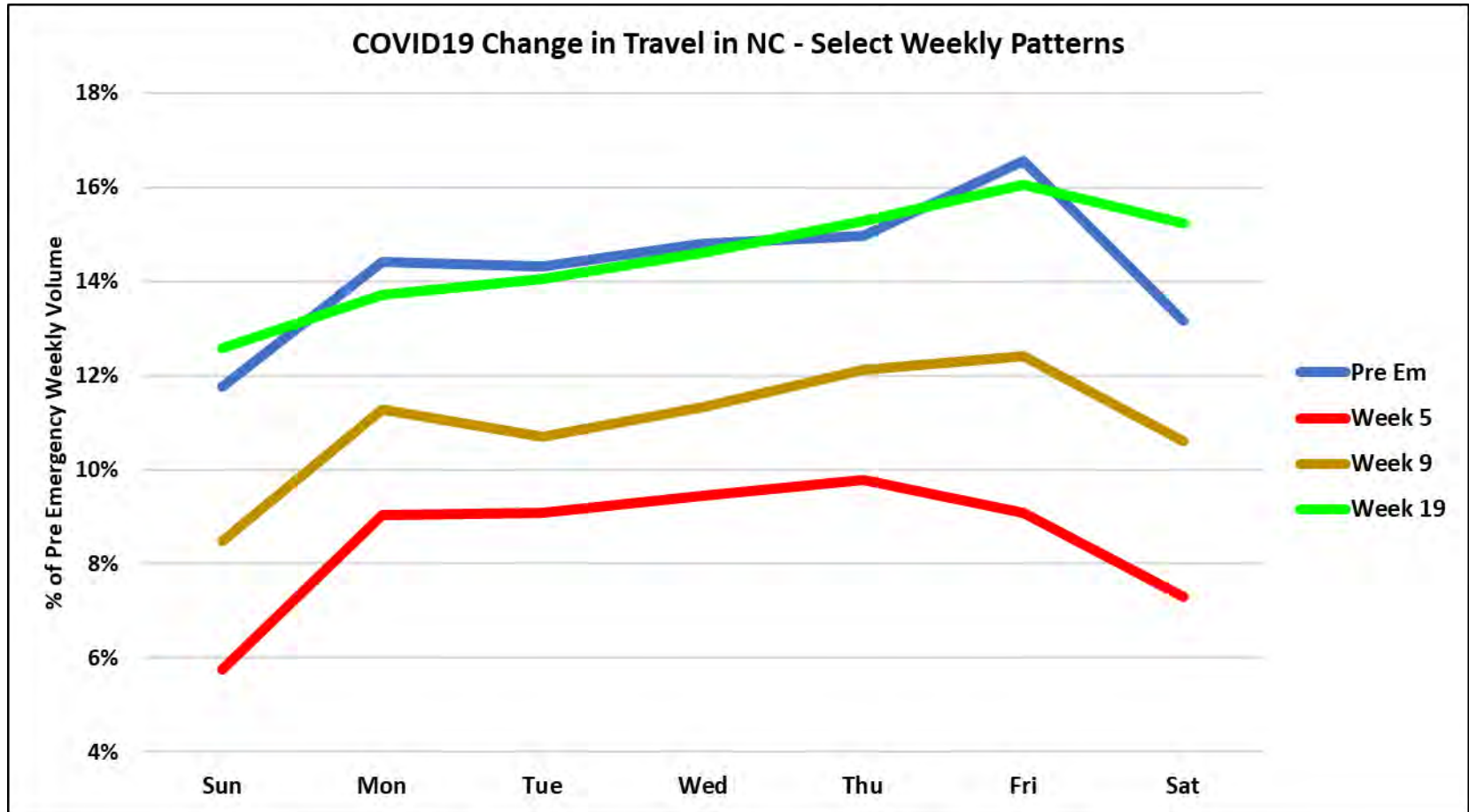
We are tracking volume trends weekly and the week indicated for each date is the first full week after the action was implemented.

Volume Trend – Weekly Change



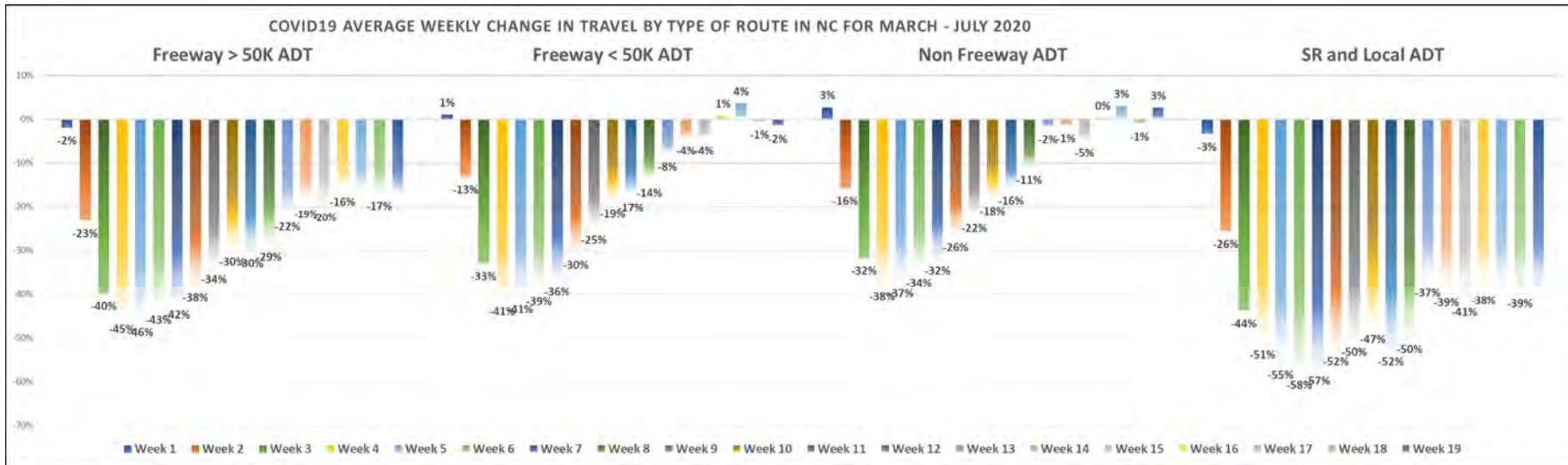
Weekly Change: Average of daily changes from Pre COVID volumes

Volume Trend – Day of Week



Compares day of week impacts for selected weeks

Volume Trend – Type of Route



Compares variation of impacts by the type of route

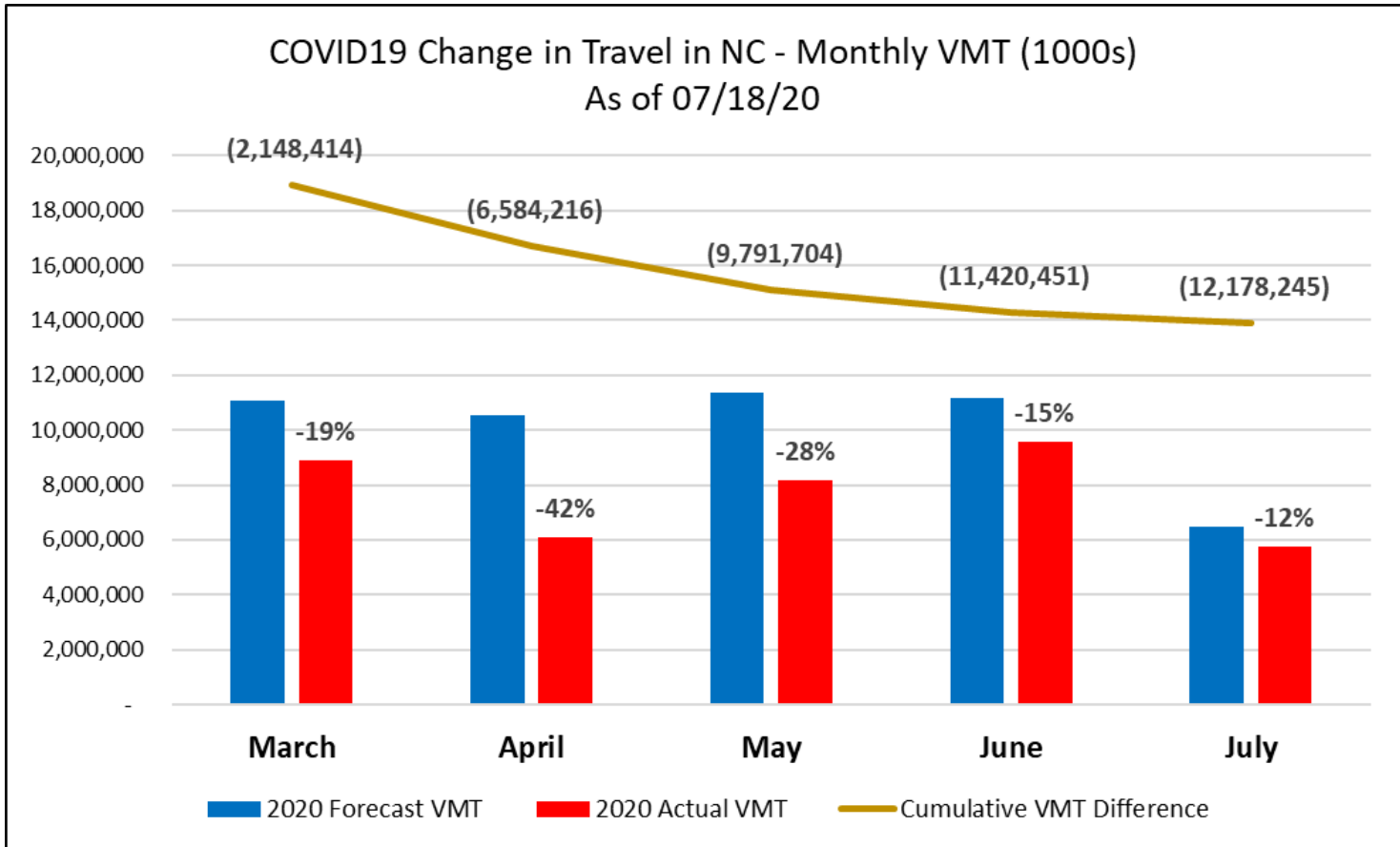
Travel Trend – Based on VMT

A statistic used to measure travel is Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). It is generated by multiplying the length of a highway segment with its volume. The VMT travel reported for 2018 are:

- US VMT was about 3.3 Trillion
- NC VMT was about 121 Billion
- Average monthly NC VMT was about 10 Billion
- VMT varies by Day of Week
- Lowest travel day in NC is typically Sunday around 300 Million
- Highest travel day in NC is typically Friday around 420 Million

Statewide Daily VMT will vary due to seasonal variation, holidays, adverse weather, and major events.

Travel Trend – Monthly



As of July 18th we have 12 Billion less VMT than forecasted

Travel Trend Contacts

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9. Legislative Update

House Bill 77 was passed by the General Assembly and Governor Cooper allowed it to become law without his signature. The new law adjusts NCDOT's FY21 budget and implements governance measures and other modifications related to NCDOT operations. Key elements of the bill are:

- FY21 adjustments to the Highway Fund (which primarily funds maintenance and operations activities):
 - \$8.5 million reduction in Construction
 - \$65.7 million increase in Maintenance
 - \$17.8 million reduction in Powell Bill (Local Aid)
 - \$76.2 million reduction in Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian
 - \$8.7 million reduction in Aviation
 - \$12.2 million reduction in Rail
 - \$0.8 million reduction in Division of Motor Vehicles
 - \$3.5 million reduction in Compensation, Benefits, Transfers & Reserves
 - \$7.7 million reduction in Capital Improvements
- FY21 adjustments to the Highway Trust Fund (which primarily funds construction activities):
 - **\$425.9 million reduction in STI funding**
- Increases in funding for:
 - General Maintenance Reserve (\$84 million increase)
 - Contract Resurfacing (\$22 million increase)
- Reductions in funding for:
 - Mobility Modernization Program (zeroed-out, \$41 million reduction)
 - Powell Bill Program (\$7 million reduction in recurring funds, \$10 million reduction in non-recurring funds)
 - State Secondary System (\$9 million reduction)
 - Commercial Airport Funds (\$4 million reduction)
 - State Aid to General Aviation Airports (\$5 million reduction)
 - Amtrak Payment Cap (\$1 million reduction due to CARES Act provision)
 - Freight Rail & Rail Crossing Safety Improvement Program (\$11 million reduction)
 - Lynx Blue Line Extension (\$25 million reduction)
 - **Transit – State Maintenance Assistance Program (zeroed-out, \$33 million reduction)**
 - **Transit – Rural Operating Assistance Program (zeroed-out, \$19 million reduction)**
 - DMV Headquarters Lease (\$1 million reduction)
 - Capital Repairs (zeroed-out, \$8 million reduction)
 - Elimination of 41 vacant positions at NCDOT (\$4 million reduction)
- Requires NCDOT to work with the Office of State Budget and Management on five-year revenue forecasts
- Sets a floor on the gas tax rate through the end of 2021

- **Authorizes issuance of additional Build NC Bonds**
- **Increases amount of permissible GARVEE funding**
- Directs more gas tax revenue into the Highway Fund (increase from 71% to 81% for FY21 sliding back to 75% by FY23) and less into the Highway Trust (decrease from 29% to 19% for FY21 sliding back to 25% by FY23)
- Authorizes governor to call special session of General Assembly if needed to address funding related to an emergency situation
- Makes changes to NCDOT's required weekly "Cash Watch" reporting
- Reorganizes the NC Board of Transportation and gives the board fiduciary responsibility:
 - Increases board size from 19 to 20 by adding an additional at-large seat
 - Makes General Assembly leadership responsible for appointing the six at-large members (Governor remains responsible for appointing the fourteen Division members)
 - Sets new schedule of appointments, with terms for both Division 7 and 8 members coming up in 2022
- Requires NCDOT to make monthly financial statement reports to the General Assembly, as well as a year-end report
- Establishes a Transportation Oversight Manager position and requires restructuring of financial personnel within NCDOT
- Requires an annual performance audit by the State Auditor
- Requires third-quarter rebalancing of maintenance funds between Divisions
- Requires an audit of NCDOT's use of Advance Construction
- The full document can be found at
<https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/House/PDF/H77v8.pdf>

9. Legislative Update continued....

JOINT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM EVALUTION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING (JLPEOC)

The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee met on August 10, 2020 to receive a report that the Department of Transportation and Council of Internal Auditing did NOT ensure NCDOT followed the Internal Audit Act.

https://www.ncleg.net/PED/Reports/documents/DOT_InternalAudit/DOT_InternalAudit_Report.pdf

The Report's Findings and Recommendations were:

Summary of Findings

1. DOT OIG failed to conduct types of internal audits that could have flagged overspending and cash flow problems identified by a national firm and the State Auditor
2. Majority of audits are misaligned with best practices concerning functional boundaries and independence
3. Council of Internal Auditing has been viable and active but has not probed or challenged the effectiveness of internal audit units

Summary: Three Recommendations

The General Assembly should direct the

1. State Board of Transportation Audit Committee to revisit DOT OIG's annual plan and determine why OIG is not publishing reports
2. Council of Internal Auditing to conduct a hearing on DOT internal audit functions and assist DOT in improving the effectiveness of OIG
3. Council of Internal Auditing to establish and monitor compliance with standards for all internal audit units within state agencies

The Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee did not pass the proposed legislation to present to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.

The JLPEOC Chair stated that he believed it would not be taken up by the General Assembly until after the November election and not until 2021.

Key take away is to expect additional legislation in addition to HB77 in response to the Department's cash crisis and the State Auditor's audit report.

Tulloss set to leave state transportation board

- By WILLIAM F. WEST Staff Writer
- Jul 21, 2020

https://www.rockymounttelegram.com/news/local/tulloss-set-to-leave-state-transportation-board/article_f0b43c7f-c4f6-5812-9fb3-2e13309426b9.html



Gus Tulloss receives the Distinguished Citizen of the Year award on Feb. 2, 2016, at the annual Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce meeting at Nash Community College.

A local insurance agent who has served more than 12 years on the State Board of Transportation is not going to be seeking reappointment, this due to a state legislative re-organization of the panel that, in effect, is going to keep him from continuing to serve.

Gus Tulloss, 77, has been representing transportation Division 4, which includes Edgecombe and Nash counties. Tulloss over the weekend told the Telegram he gave word in recent days to Gov. Roy Cooper's team of his decision.

"Yes, I'm going to miss it, but everything sort of comes to an end," Tulloss said. "And I've had a wonderful experience."

The legislators decided to change the way the transportation board members are appointed, this after State Auditor Beth Wood and her team, in a report on May 5, said the transportation department spent beyond what the department planned.

In the past, the governor has appointed all 19 members to the board, with 14 board members each representing a division and five board members serving at large.

And three of the board members have been a member of a political party affiliation other than the governor's political party affiliation.

The change by the legislators increased the number of board members to 20, with the governor to appoint 14 to each represent a division and the legislators to appoint six to serve at large.

Of the six to serve at large, three are going to be recommended by the speaker of the House and three are going to be recommended by the president pro tempore of the Senate.

And another key change is none of the governor's appointees have to be from a political party opposite the one of which the governor is a member.

Because Tulloss is a Republican and Cooper is Democrat, Cooper is now free to select a Democrat to represent Division 4, which in addition to Edgecombe and Nash includes Wilson, Halifax, Wayne and Johnston counties.

And the new legislation said that the service of the present board members is going to expire on July 30 and that the service of the new board members is going to start the next day.

Tulloss told the Telegram he has learned much as a board member, namely that almost nothing happens the transportation department is not involved in.

Tulloss said they include fulfilling needs for constructing driveways and roads to new schools and constructing roads in and out of future subdivisions.

The transportation department, amid the economic impact of the Great Depression, began maintaining practically all routes in North Carolina.

The department operates with a roughly \$4.7 billion budget and relies on fuel taxes to generate most of that budget to maintain more than 80,000 miles of routes.

Tulloss said, however, that the weather, including Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, have hit the transportation department's budget quite hard in more recent years.

And Tulloss noted the transportation department spent hundreds of millions of dollars on settlements with property owners, this after the judicial system ruled against a state law that had allowed the department to reserve land for future projects without, in effect, fair compensation.

Tulloss also said he believes the coronavirus pandemic has devastated the transportation department because motorists are not driving as much today, this already in a time when today's vehicles are more fuel efficient.

At the same time, Tulloss is leaving on a good note in Division 4.

Tulloss was heavily involved in securing state approval to shift the state Division of Motor Vehicles headquarters from Raleigh to the former Hardee's Food Systems building just on the Nash County side of the Nash County-Edgecombe County line.

And Tulloss speaks with pride about the completion of improvements and upgrades to Wesleyan Boulevard from May Drive just south of a replaced Sunset Avenue overpass to just south of the Benvenue Road interchange.

Tulloss was first appointed to the board in the earlier part of 2008 by then-Gov. Mike Easley, who is a Democrat.

Tulloss was reappointed by then-Gov. Beverly Perdue, who is a Democrat, and was reappointed by then-Gov. Pat McCrory, who is a Republican.

And Tulloss noted Cooper reappointed him earlier this year.

Cooper spokesman Ford Porter, in an email to the Telegram, said Tulloss has ably served under four different administrations and said Cooper appreciates Tulloss' dedication to North Carolina.

Porter said no decisions have been announced yet regarding appointees.

Department spokesman Andrew Barksdale emailed a statement to the Telegram saying, "Mr. Tulloss has well represented the communities of Division 4 for a dozen years.

"He has been a strong advocate for road improvements — and he has been a good ambassador for the N.C. Board of Transportation," the statement said.

Tulloss made clear he understands things are moving rapidly and said he wants this to be a win-win.

"He was kind enough to let me to stay on and then appointment me," Tulloss said of Cooper.

"And it's a good opportunity for him to put somebody new in that's from his party. It's a good opportunity for me to reflect back on what I've been involved in and what I want to do in the future," Tulloss said.

Governor Cooper Appoints Members to Board of Transportation

Raleigh

Aug 12, 2020

Governor Roy Cooper has appointed members to the North Carolina Board of Transportation:

As new members:

- **Melvin M. Mitchell of Rocky Mount as a representative of the fourth transportation division. Mitchell is the President and Proprietor of the Melvin Mitchell Agency, Inc., an Exclusive Agency with Allstate Insurance Company. Mitchell serves as Secretary on the Nash UNC Health Care Board of Commissioners. He also serves on the Rocky Mount Boys Club, Triangle Bank, Greater Rocky Mount Family Practice and on the board of directors for Providence Bank.**
- Brad C. Lail of Hickory as a representative of the twelfth transportation division. Lail is employed in family businesses including Hickory Furniture Mart and Hotels. Lail served on the Hickory City Council for sixteen years. He has served on the Greater Hickory MPO, the NC Disciplinary Hearing Commission and the NC Building Code Council.

As reappointments:

- Douglas “Allen” Moran of Manteo as a representative of the first transportation division. Capitan Moran serves with the Dare County Sheriff’s Office where he manages the county’s detention center, including 50 employees and \$4 million budget. He also works with his wife, Caroline, as a real-estate team with Village Realty in Nags Head.
- Thomas Taft, Jr. of Greenville as a representative of the second transportation division. Taft currently serves as a principal at Taft Family Ventures and is involved in developments of multifamily properties and has overseen major renovations of several projects across the Southeast. He also serves on the Greenville Board of Adjustments and the board of directors of the ECU Medical and Health Sciences Foundation.
- Landon G. Zimmer of Wilmington as a representative of the third transportation division. Zimmer is responsible for project development, market selection, general corporate administration, and strategic planning as the in-house counsel for the Zimmer Development Company. Zimmer also serves on the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the Bald Head Island Transportation Authority Board of Trustees.
- Valerie D. Jordan of Raleigh as a representative of the fifth transportation division. Jordan is the owner and lead consultant of Hunter J Group, LLC. She brings more than 20 years of experience in development, account services, and project management to the Transportation Board. Jordan previously worked as the US Services Renewals Manager at Cisco Systems in Research Triangle Park.

- Grady Hunt of Pembroke as a representative of the sixth transportation division. Hunt is currently a partner at the law firm Hunt & Brooks and has served as legal counsel to several rural municipalities, including the Town of Pembroke and the Town of Maxton. He currently serves as legal counsel to the Board of Education for the Public Schools of Robeson County and Hoke County.
- Michael S. Fox of Greensboro as Chair and as a representative of the seventh transportation division. Fox brings more than 25 years of legal experience to the Transportation Board. He has been listed in “Best Lawyers in America” in land use and zoning since 2007 and previously served on the Transportation Board from 2010 to 2013.
- Lisa D. Mathis of Sanford as a representative of the eighth transportation division. Mathis owns ArtStudio, helping to spread art and design education to our next generation of creative leaders. She has served on various boards of community and civic organizations and schools, including PTAA president and board member of Cary Academy.
- Andrew M. Perkins, Jr. of Winston-Salem as a representative of the ninth transportation division. Perkins is the Associate Vice Chancellor for business and finance/facilities at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Previously, he served with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers as a Commander and District Engineer.
- Anthony “Tony” Lathrop of Charlotte as a representative of the tenth transportation division. Lathrop is a partner with the law firm of Moore & Van Allen PLLC in Charlotte, specializing in commercial litigation, zoning, land use, and dispute resolution. He was a member of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Planning Commission and chaired the Commission for almost three years, from 2014 to 2017. Lathrop was also formerly a trustee of the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund and currently sits on the Charlotte Advisory Board of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.
- Cullie S. Tarleton of Blowing Rock as a representative of the eleventh transportation division. Tarleton brings decades of leadership experience in communications and broadcasting to the Transportation Board. He is a retired Senior Vice President and General Manager of WBT, WBTV, and WCCB-TV. Tarleton served in the North Carolina General Assembly from 2007 to 2010 and has served on various boards of directors for non-profit and charitable organizations.
- William “Billy” Clarke of Fairview as a representative of the thirteenth transportation division. Clarke is a partner at Roberts & Stevens Attorneys at Law and brings over 30 years of experience in representing public and private clients in Environmental Law. Named to multiple lists of top lawyers, he is a native of western North Carolina and a graduate of Princeton and UNC School of Law.
- Dirk Cody of Robbinsville as a representative of the fourteenth transportation division. Cody has served as project manager for Herve Cody Contractor in Robbinsville since 1988. He has also served as chairman of the Graham County Transportation Advisory Board since 2010. Cody is also the former chairman of the Graham County Health Board, County Board of Elections and served as the Vice Chairman of the County Commissioners.

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This press release is related to:

North Carolina Board of Transportation as of August 13, 2020

Board Member Name	Division or At-large
Allen Moran	Division 1
Thomas Taft	Division 2
Landon Zimmer	Division 3
Melvin Mitchell	Division 4
Valerie Jordan	Division 5
Grady Hunt	Division 6
Mike Fox, Chair	Division 7
Lisa Mathis	Division 8
Andy Perkins	Division 9
Tony Lathrop	Division 10
Cullie Tarleton	Division 11
Bradley Lail	Division 12
Billy Clarke	Division 13
Dirk Cody	Division 14
Jerry Tillman	At-large
Stephen Rosenburgh	At-large
Andy Wells	At-large
Chuck McGrady (pending --effective date is proposed Oct. 2020)	At-large
VACANT	At-large
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US 70 Projects Update

June 30, 2020



NCDOT

DIVISION 4

**Corridor Upgrades
Feasibility Studies
Resurfacing**

TIP: W-5600

US 70 Johnston County



W-5600

US 70 Improvements near Wilson's Mills - Johnston County

Project Description:

Upgrade US 70 to Interstate standards from US 70 Business to Neuse River.

Funding Status:

Fully funded in 2020-2029 STIP. Build NC Bond Project.

Schedule:

- Project Scoping Meeting - July 2012
- Public Meeting - February 2016
- CE Approved - July 2016
- Right of Way Acquisition – March 2018
- Construction – Letting March 2021

Activities Underway

- Right of way acquisition is substantially complete.
- Utility relocations are underway.
- Final plans are substantially complete.
- Permits have been received.

Upcoming Actions

- Finalize right of way acquisition.
- Complete utility relocation.
- Duke Transmission relocation - Summer 2021
- Project letting and award - March 2021

Project Manager: Addison Gainey, P.E., (252) 640-6400, nagainey@ncdot.gov

TIP: R-5829

US 70 Wayne - Johnston Counties



R-5829A & R-5829B

US 70 Improvements near Princeton - Johnston County

Project Description:

Upgrade US 70 to Interstate standards from US 70 Goldsboro Bypass to West of US 70A.

Funding Status:

Currently funded in 2020-2029 STIP.

Schedule:

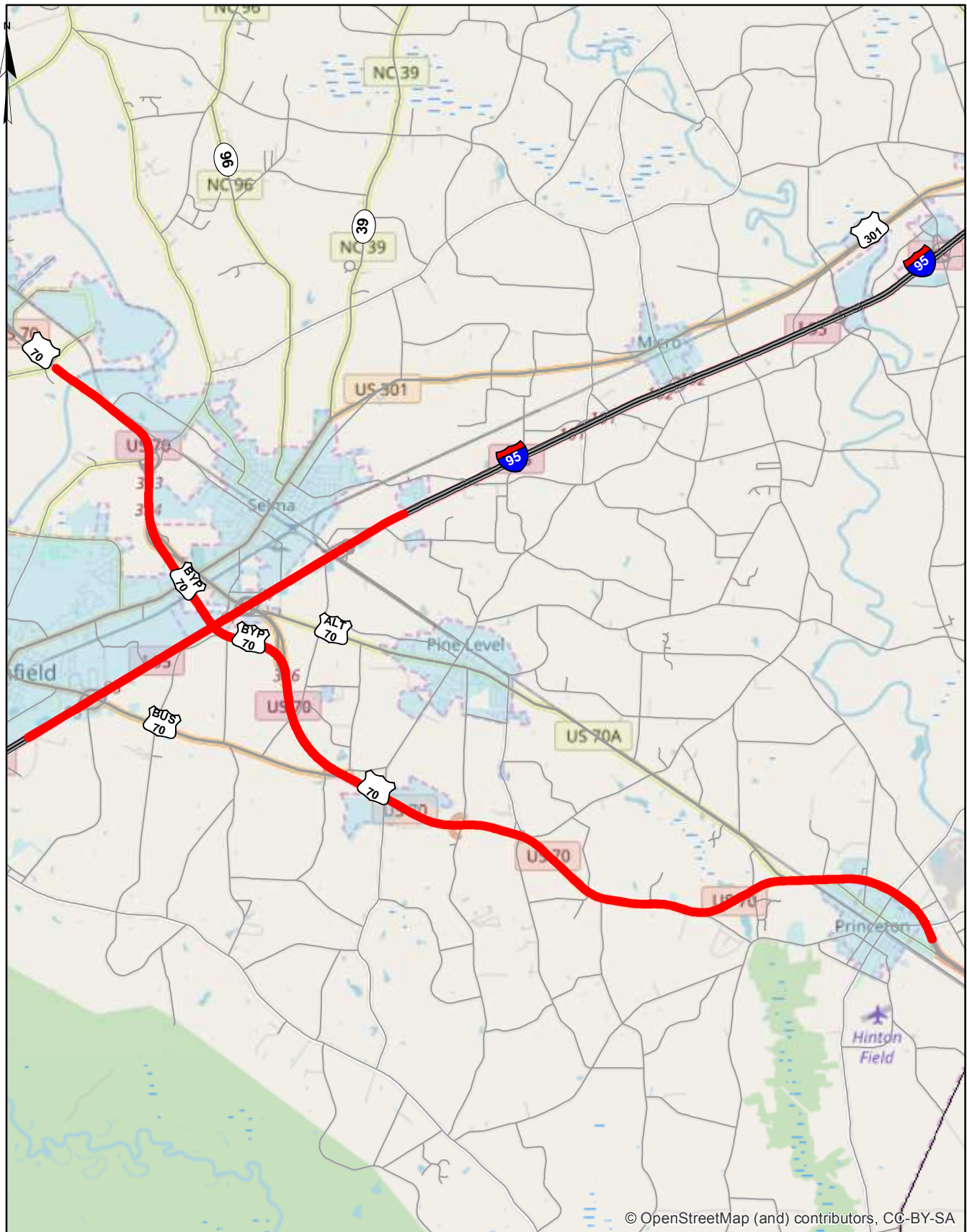
- Environmental Document (CE) - July 2019 (complete)
- Final design currently on hold.
- Right of Way Plans and Acquisition - R-5829A FY 2023
R-5829B FY 2025
- Design Bid Build Let – R-5829A FY 2027
R-5829B FY 2029

Upcoming Actions

- Begin 25% plan development
- Determine beginning date for Right of Way acquisition

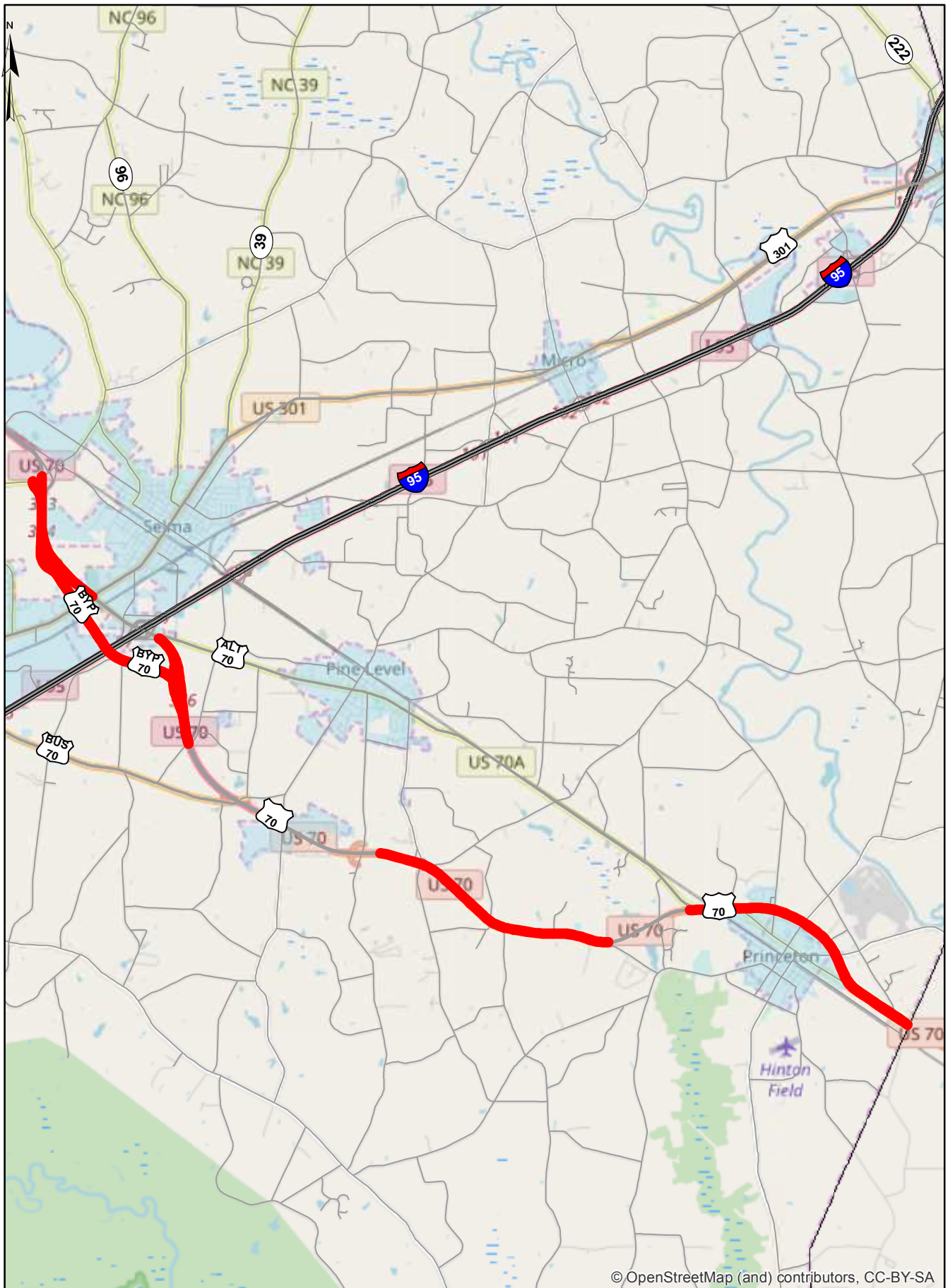
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FS-1604A - US 70 Johnston County



Feasibility Study for US 70 from SR 1003 (Buffalo Road) near Selma to SR 2372 (Edwards Road) in Princeton Completed Date: August 2018
Link: https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/FeasibilityStudiesDocuments/Feasibility-Study_1604A_Report_2018.pdf

I-6044 - Interstate Maintenance US 70 Johnston County



Awarded to ST Wooten Corp. for \$4.76 M.
Project is 98% complete; Anticipated project completion in July 2020



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COVID-19 Made a Difficult Financial Situation Worse



- Hurricane and MAP Act settlements from 2019 created a delta approaching \$1 Billion.
- COVID-related revenue losses beginning in March forced many other tough spending decisions.
 - Layoffs and furloughs.
 - Further delays in maintenance and construction.

North Carolina Travel Bottomed out in April



- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) hit its low point against estimates the week of March 30.
- Every week between March 16 and May 4 VMT was down over 30%.
- Consequently, both state and federal gas tax collections are substantially lower than predicted.

Revised Revenue Forecasts as of May 26



- Decline in the Highway Fund.
 - \$156.5 million in FY 20 (-6.8%).
 - \$275.5 million in FY 21 (-11.5%).

- Decline in the Highway Trust Fund.
 - \$104.3 million in FY 20 (-6.5%).
 - \$237.8 million in FY 21 (-14.4%).

HB 77: A New Budget and Rules for NCDOT



- In late June, the General Assembly passed HB 77. It is now Session Law 2020 – 91.
- The bill accomplished four primary things:
 - It cut NCDOT’s budget in line with reduced revenues;
 - It put a floor on the state’s gasoline tax;
 - It gave NCDOT more cash flow flexibility;
 - It changed governance to give the General Assembly more information and authority.

HB 77 and NCDOT Cash Flow



- HB 77 increases the share of gas tax revenues to the Highway Fund and decreases the share to the Highway Trust Fund.
- HB 77 allows NCDOT to account for funds held as debt service reserves for federal GARVEE bonds as cash, for purposes of meeting its minimum statutory requirements.

HB 77 and NCDOT Governance



- The General Assembly will now appoint six members to the State Board of Transportation.
- NCDOT will assign an employee to the OSBM to oversee the Department's spending and make sure it is compliant with the state budget.
- HB 77 requires NCDOT to develop a comprehensive spending plan and mandates an annual performance audit by the State Treasurer.
- HB 77 requires NCDOT to post spending data online and to report more often to the Legislature.

Maybe a Little Good News



- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and gasoline tax receipts are improving.
- Congress may take further action in support of Departments of Transportation.
- The NC First Commission is still at work trying to determine long-term, sustainable funding that would replace the gas tax.

Questions

