

Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County ❖ Pender County

RURAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 1, 2023



Roll Call

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Agenda Review

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Public Comment
6. Vacancies and Appointments
7. Presentation: Burgaw Bypass
8. 2024 Cape Fear RPO Meeting Schedule
9. Reports/Updates
10. Open Discussion
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RTCC Meeting Minutes

Review of the September 6, 2023 minutes

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Public Comment Period

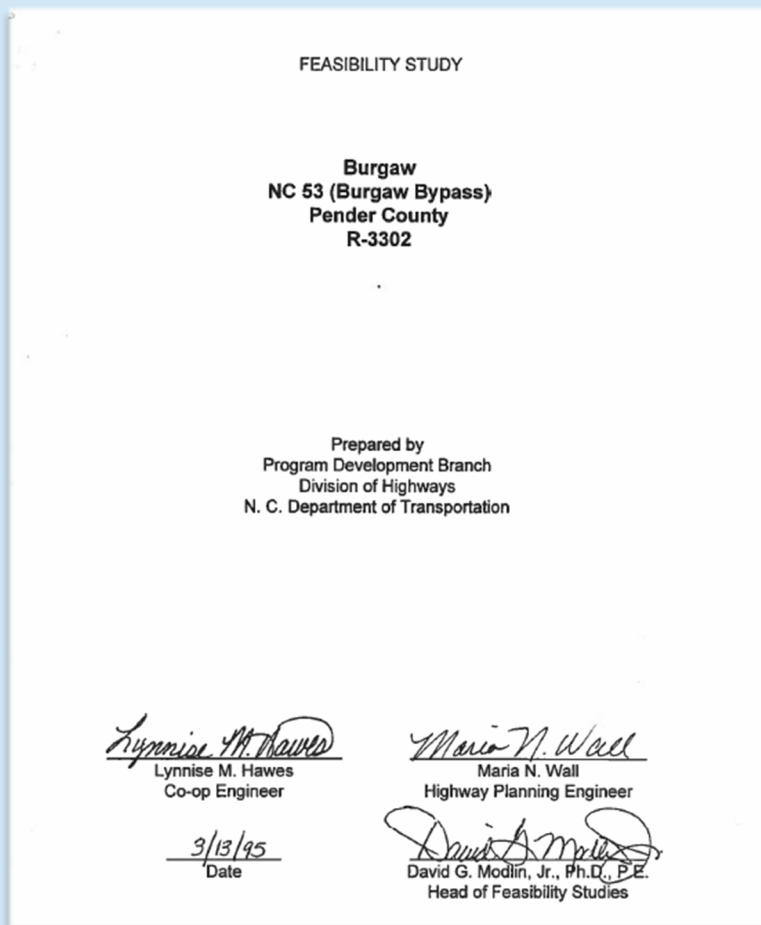
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Vacancies & Appointments

SEAT	TERM	NAME	POSITION
Brunswick Municipal 1	2023-2024	Travis Henley	Southport
Brunswick Municipal Alt.	2023-2024	Mark Bloomer	Boiling Spring Lakes
Columbus Municipal Alt.	2022-2023	Madison Ward	Whiteville Economic Dev.
Pender Municipal 2	2022-2023	Gage King	Henderson Field Airport

Vacancies and Appointments to be voted on by each county in the first meeting of 2024.

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Burgaw Bypass Feasibility Study, March 1995



Burgaw Bypass News Story, October 2023

The Importance of Long-Range Planning

Case Study: The Burgaw Bypass (R-3302)

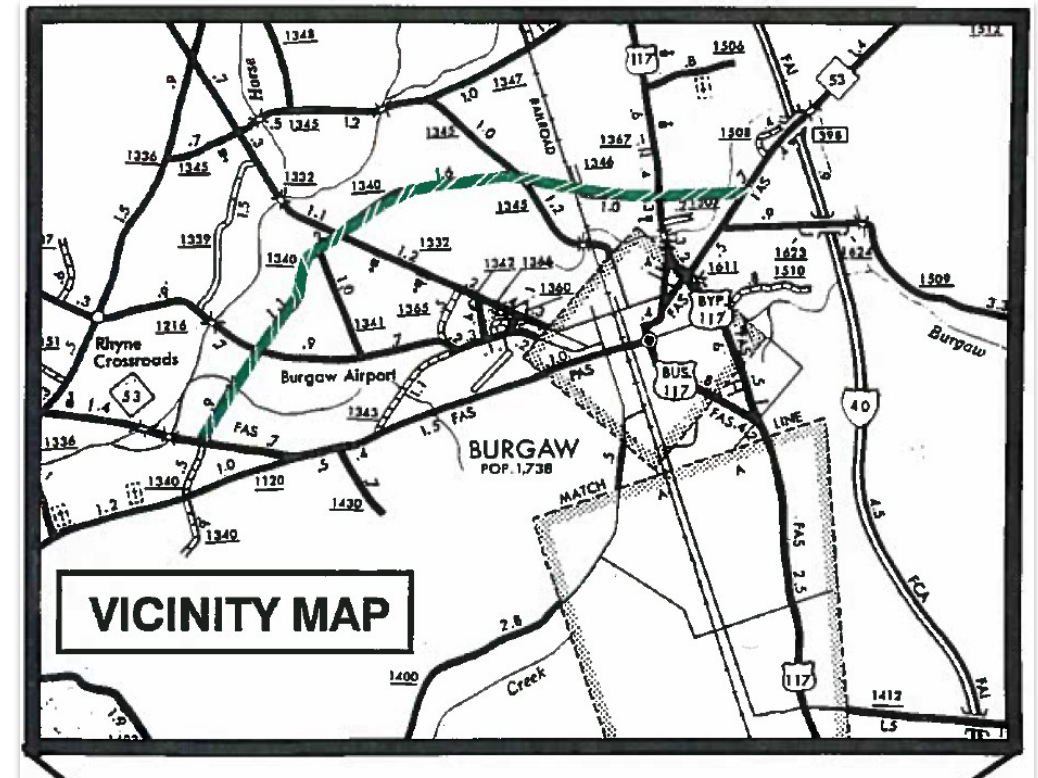
The Burgaw Bypass: What & Why

WHAT

- NC 53 Bypass around the north side of Burgaw
- Approx. 6 miles long – combination of new and existing routes

WHY

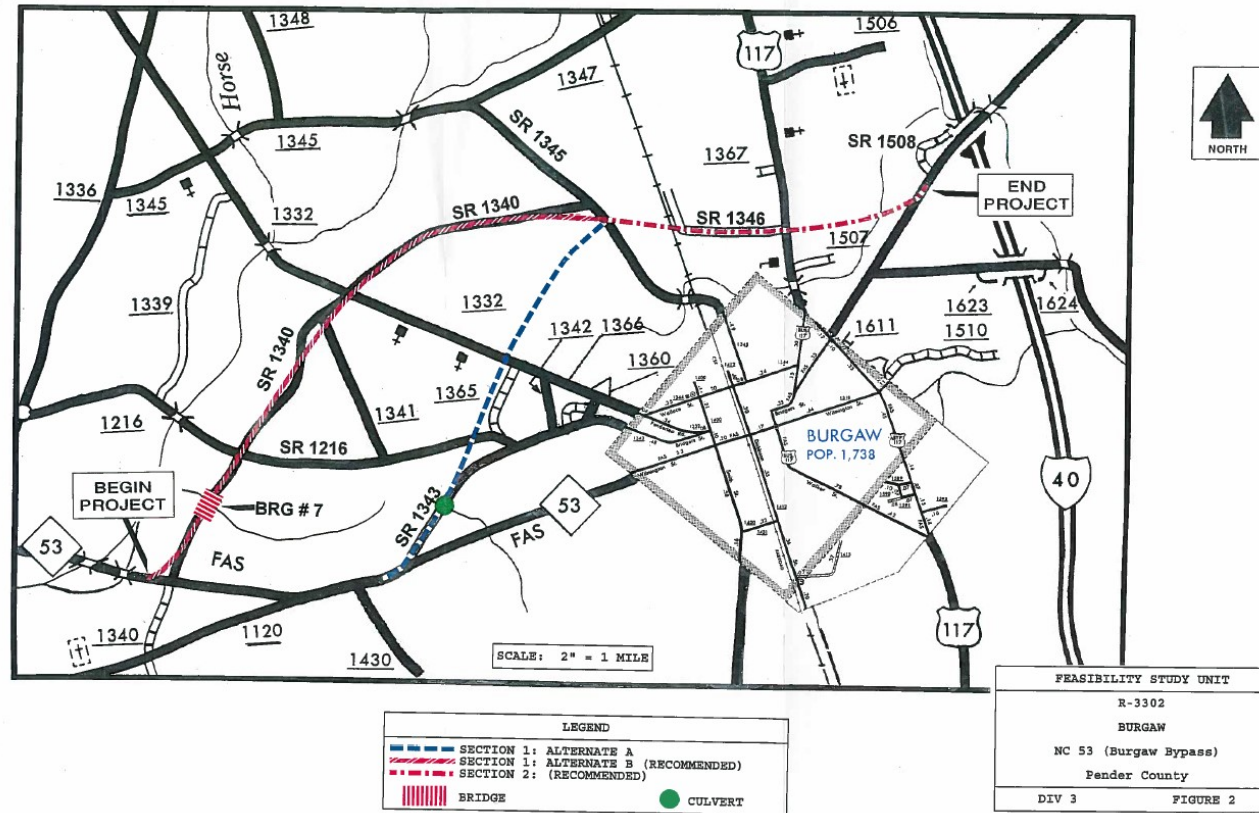
- Reduce truck traffic in Burgaw's downtown
- Improve safety for all
- Reduce congestion along existing NC 53



The Burgaw Bypass: Project History

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Burgaw Bypass Feasibility Study



A feasibility study presents **recommended** cross sections for improvements, **general corridors** of improvements, and **estimated cost** of construction and right-of-way.

This study attempts to **identify** any **potential** environmental, permitting, or other observed **issues** that deserve consideration in the planning and construction stages.

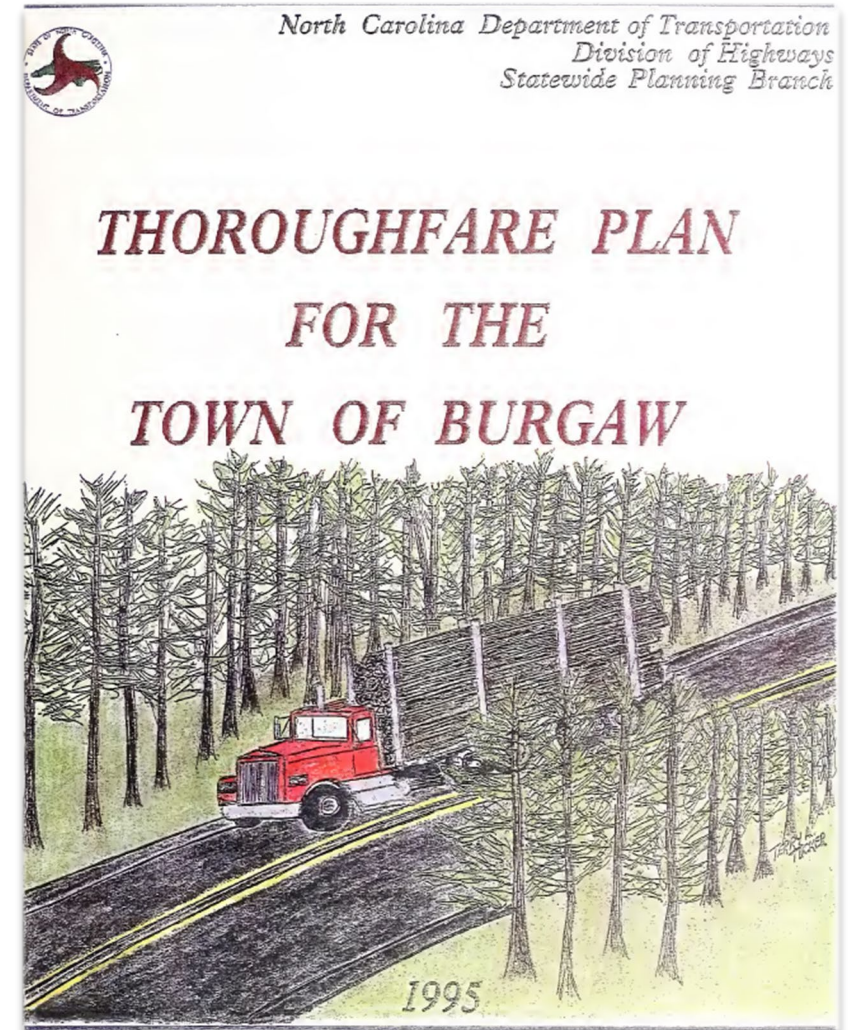
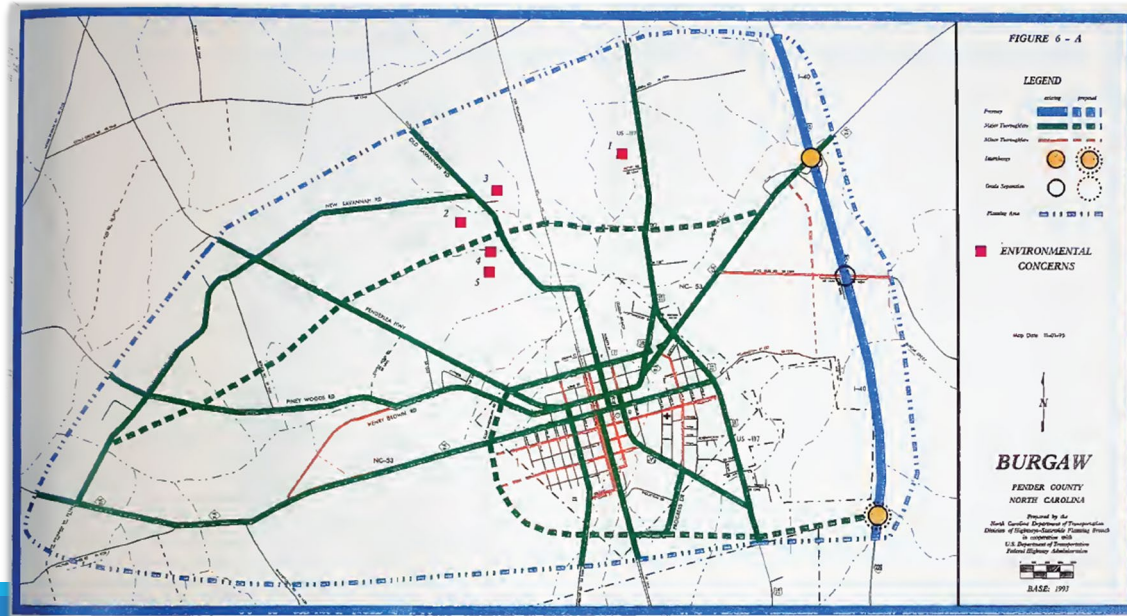
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Burgaw Thoroughfare Plan

A thoroughfare plan study uncovers the **need** for new facilities, plus identifies existing **future deficiencies** in the transportation system.



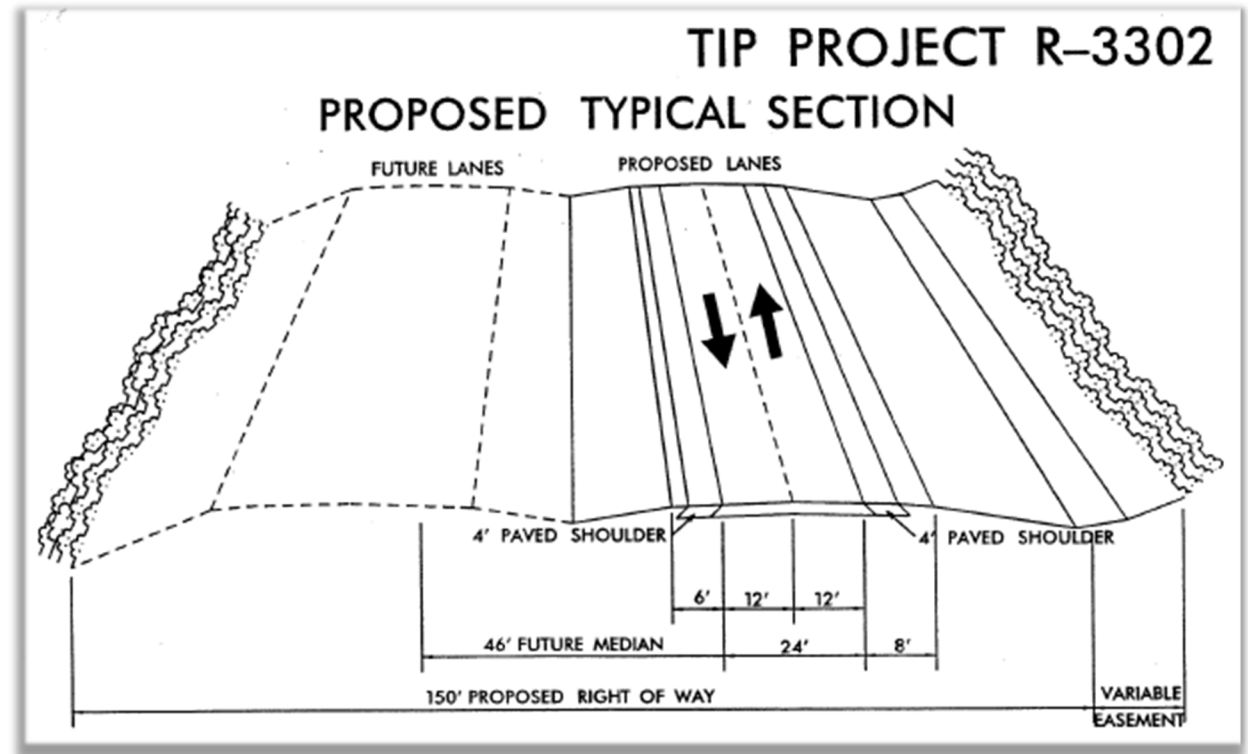
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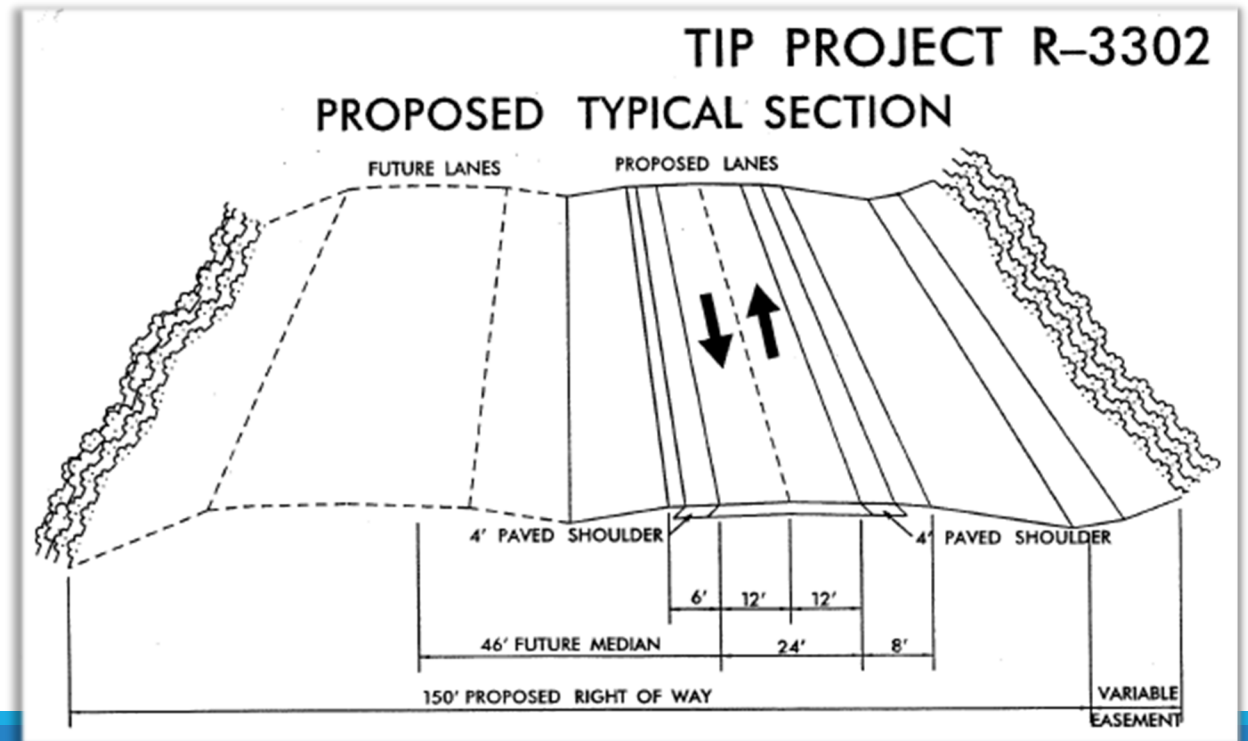
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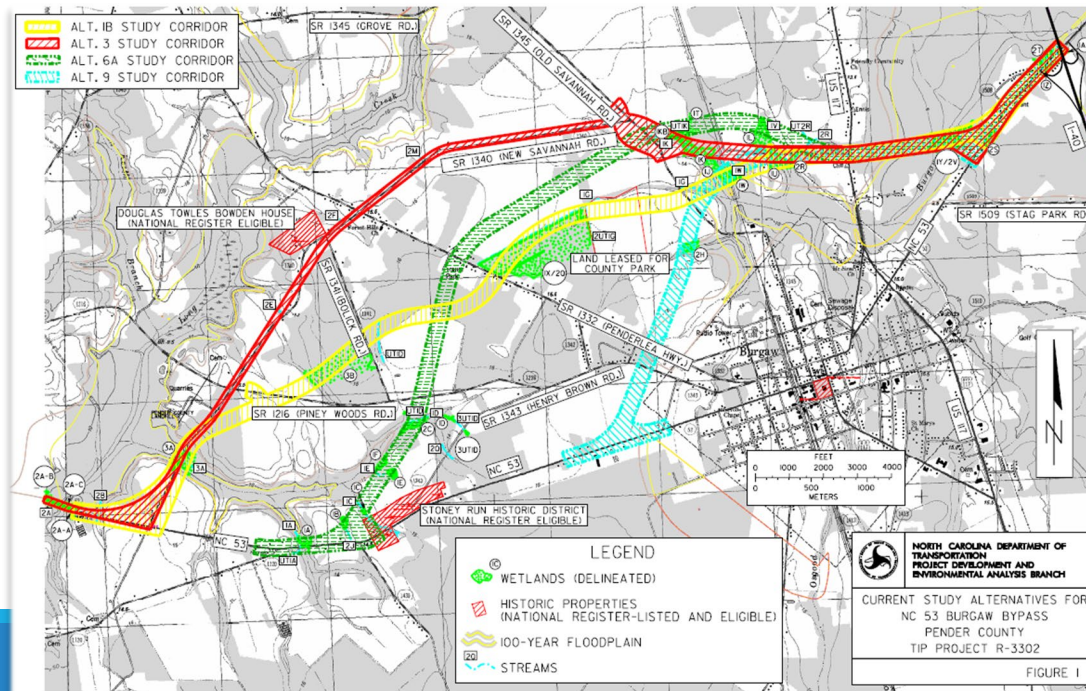
Environmental Assessment completed

Merger Process continues – LEDPA

The Merger process is the part of project development where we work to select the **Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA)**.

Examples of stakeholders:

- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US EPA
- Federal Highway Admin.
- NC Division of Water Quality
- NC Wildlife Resource Commission
- Several NCDOT Units



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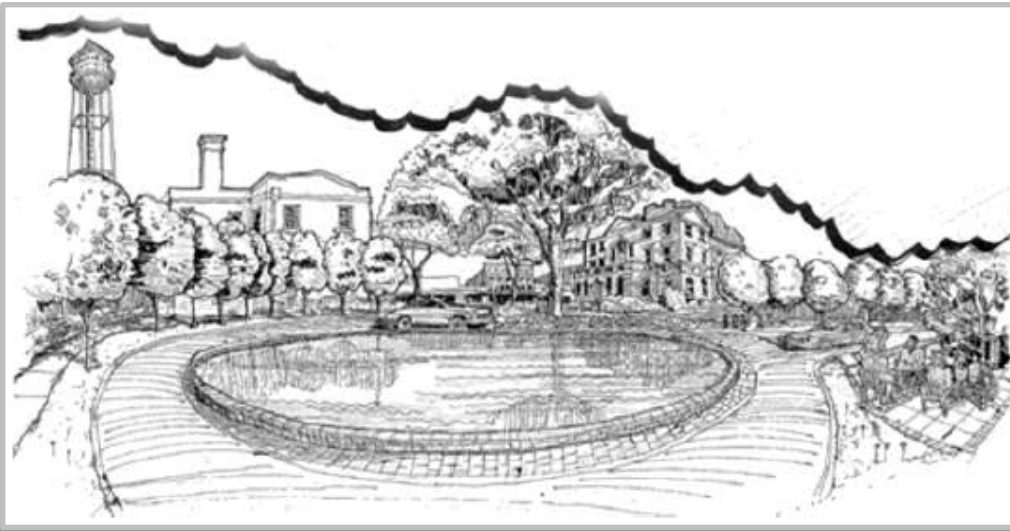
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Meanwhile, the **NC 53 Corridor Study** was completed in **2006**.

"In collaboration with state and local officials, [this vision] will lead to a safe, efficient, aesthetically pleasing gateway through the heart of Burgaw – one worthy of a community post card."

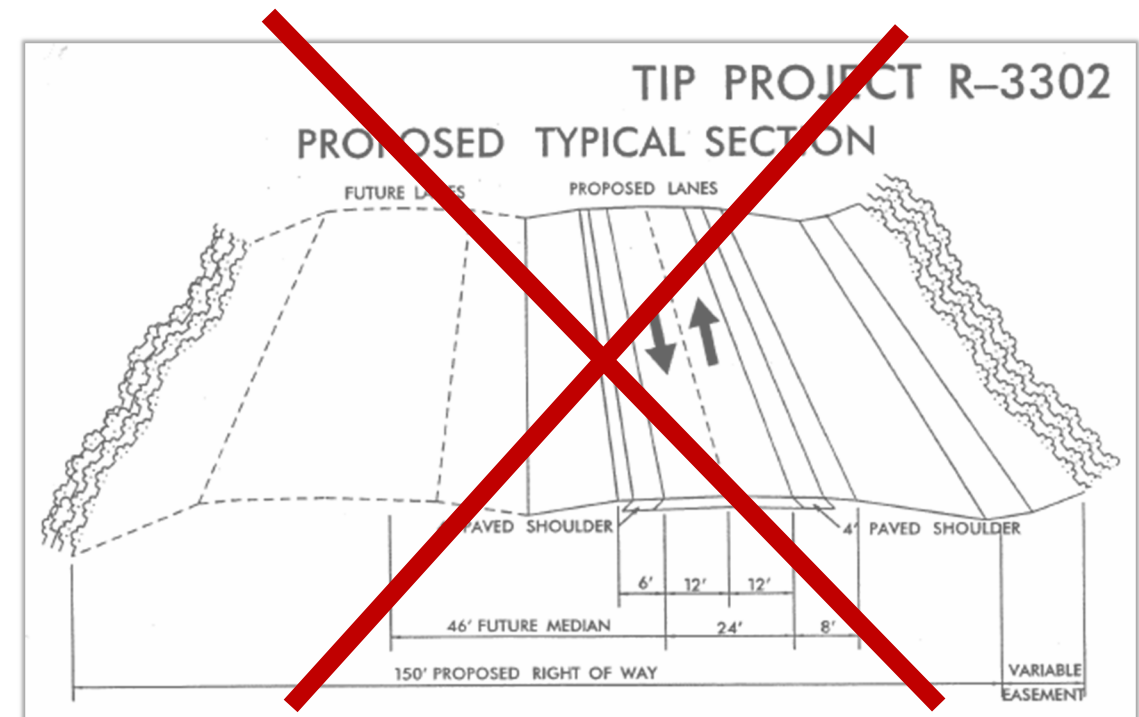
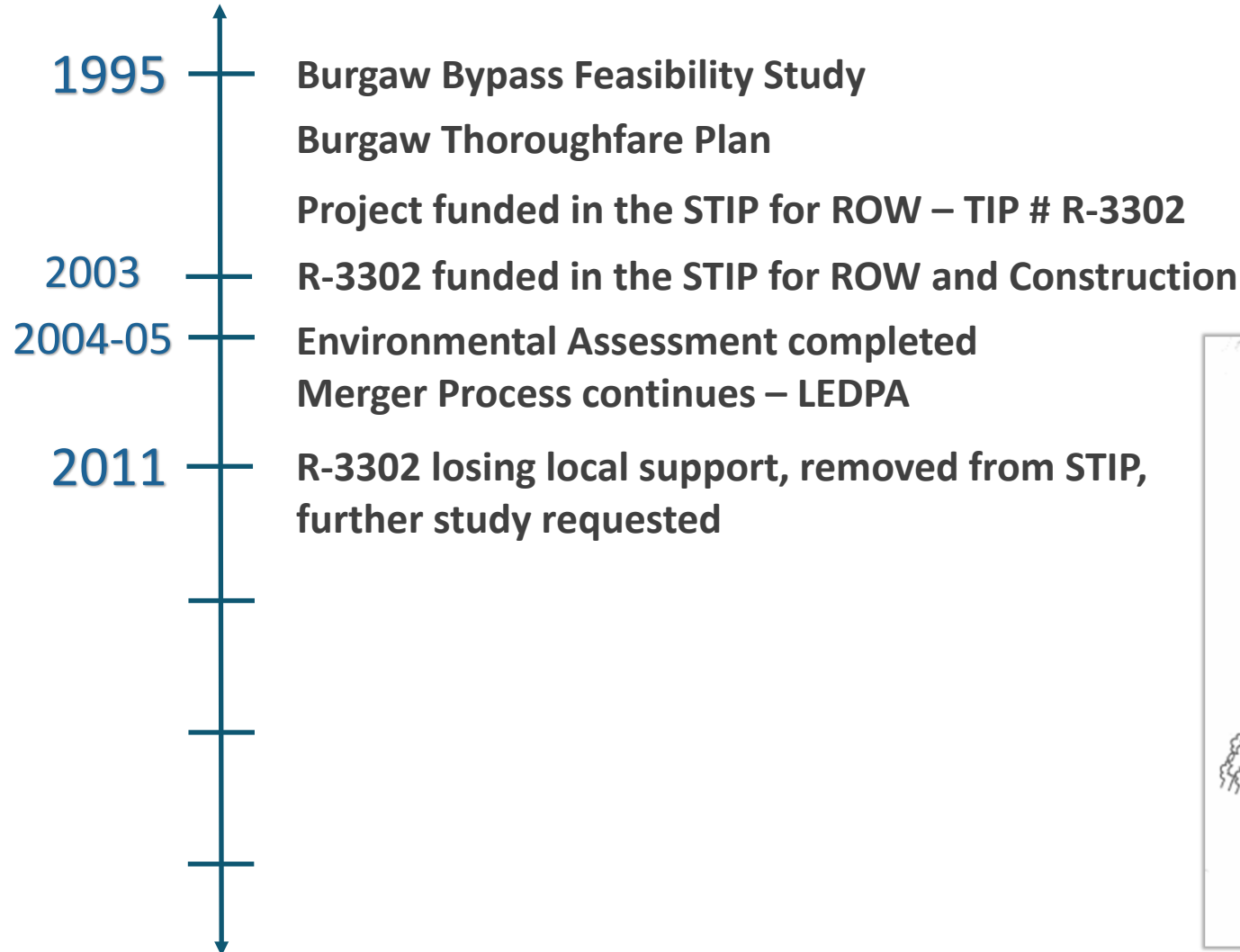


"[NC 53] is a signature east-west corridor within the Town of Burgaw, which serves a dual role as 1) a state highway satisfying the needs of **regional mobility** and 2) a **gateway connection** to downtown for visitors from points north and south via Interstate 40 and US 117..."

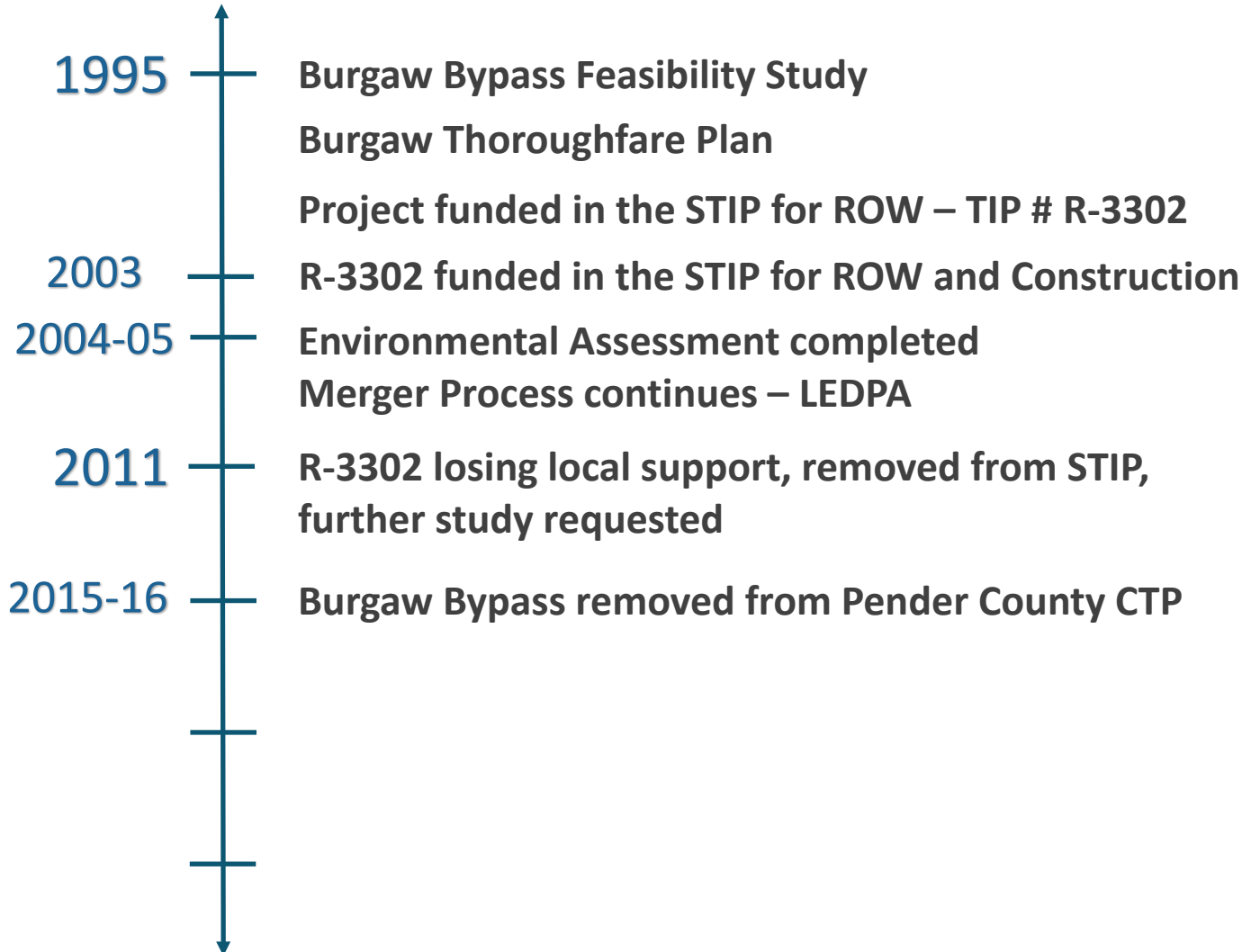
"One of the guiding principles for this study is that the heavy volume of tractor trailers **must be reduced** before most of the streetscape improvements proposed in the corridor can be implemented.

"The high volume of truck traffic can be limited by identifying an existing alternative truck route or a **bypass** of the community."

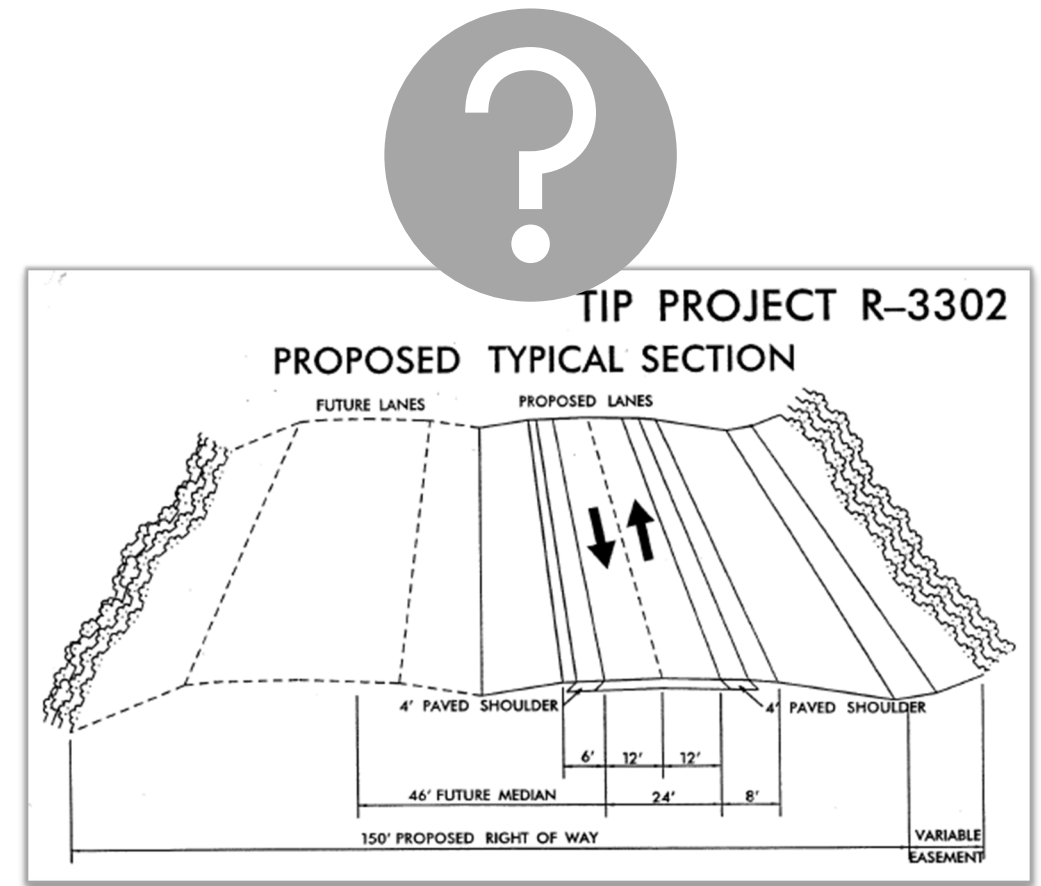
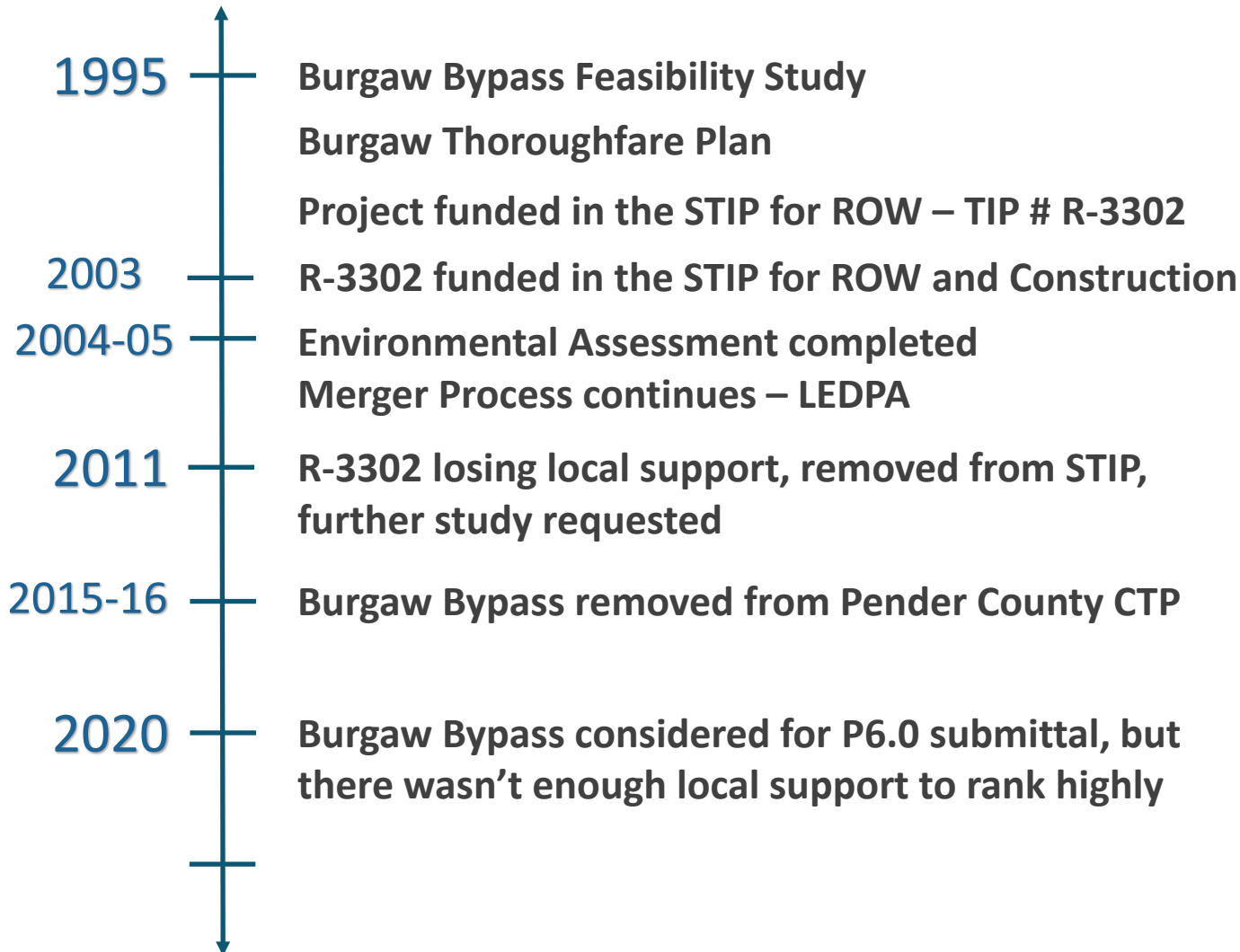
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2004-05	Environmental Assessment completed Merger Process continues – LEDPA
2011	R-3302 losing local support, removed from STIP, further study requested
2015-16	Burgaw Bypass removed from Pender County CTP
2020	Burgaw Bypass considered for P6.0 submittal, but there wasn't enough local support to rank highly
2023	Local newspaper suggested renewed interest in Burgaw Bypass Pender County CTP update begins



The Burgaw Bypass: Why This Matters

NEED

- The problem isn't solved
- Truck traffic increases
- Congestion and safety issues persist

OPPORTUNITY

- There seems to be lingering public interest
- Planning offers a chance to be proactive instead of reactionary
- The process can take time
- Pender County CTP Update

"A bypass would definitely help alleviate some of the truck traffic going through Burgaw.

These large trucks are not providing business to the downtown area.

Rerouting trucks away from downtown would also make our roadways much safer for pedestrians and other motorists."

- Local business owner -

Questions & Discussion

2024 Cape Fear RPO Meeting Schedule

RTCC	RTAC	Deadlines/Important Dates
Wed 2/7/24	Fri 2/16/24	Draft FY 24-25 PWP 2/28. New Appointments/Elections. Title VI Policy Update
Wed 4/3/24	Fri 4/12/24	Final FY 24-25 PWP 5/31. RTAC Ethics Paperwork due 4/15.
Wed 6/5/24	Fri 6/14/24	P7.0 Regional Impact Local Input Point Assignment (1 of 2). Final FY 23-24 PWP amendment 6/30.
Wed 7/3/24	Fri 7/12/24	P7.0 Regional Impact Local Input Point Assignment (2 of 2).
Wed 9/4/24	Fri 9/13/24	P7.0 Division Needs Local Input Point Assignment (1 of 2).
Wed 11/6/24	Fri 11/15/24	P7.0 Division Needs Local Input Point Assignment (2 of 2). Expiring Positions/New Appointments. Draft FY 25-26 PWP 2/28.

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CFRPO Staff Report

REVISIONS TO THE 2024-2033 STIP HIGHWAY PROGRAM

CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

STIP MODIFICATIONS

* HS-2003AL PENDER PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 117, AT NC 53 IN BURGAW. UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNAL. <u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2024 - <u>\$12,000</u> (HSIP) \$12,000
* HS-2003AR BRUNSWICK PROJ.CATEGORY REGIONAL	- CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	US 17 BUSINESS, AT NC 906 (MIDWAY ROAD). INSTALL TRAFFIC SIGNAL <u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2024 - <u>\$257,000</u> (HSIP) \$257,000
* HS-2006AB COLUMBUS CUMBERLAND HARNETT ROBESON PROJ.CATEGORY STATEWIDE	- FAYETTEVILLE URBANIZED AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION - CAPE FEAR RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - MID-CAROLINA RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION - LUMBER RIVER RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION	VARIOUS, I-95, US 74, US 301, NC 87, AND SR 1007. INSTALL PAVEMENT MARKING ARROWS AND RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS ON FREEWAY/EXPRESSWAY RAMPS. <u>ADD PROJECT BREAK AT THE REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION MOBILITY AND SAFETY DIVISION.</u>	CONSTRUCTION	FY 2024 - <u>\$171,000</u> (HSIP) \$171,000

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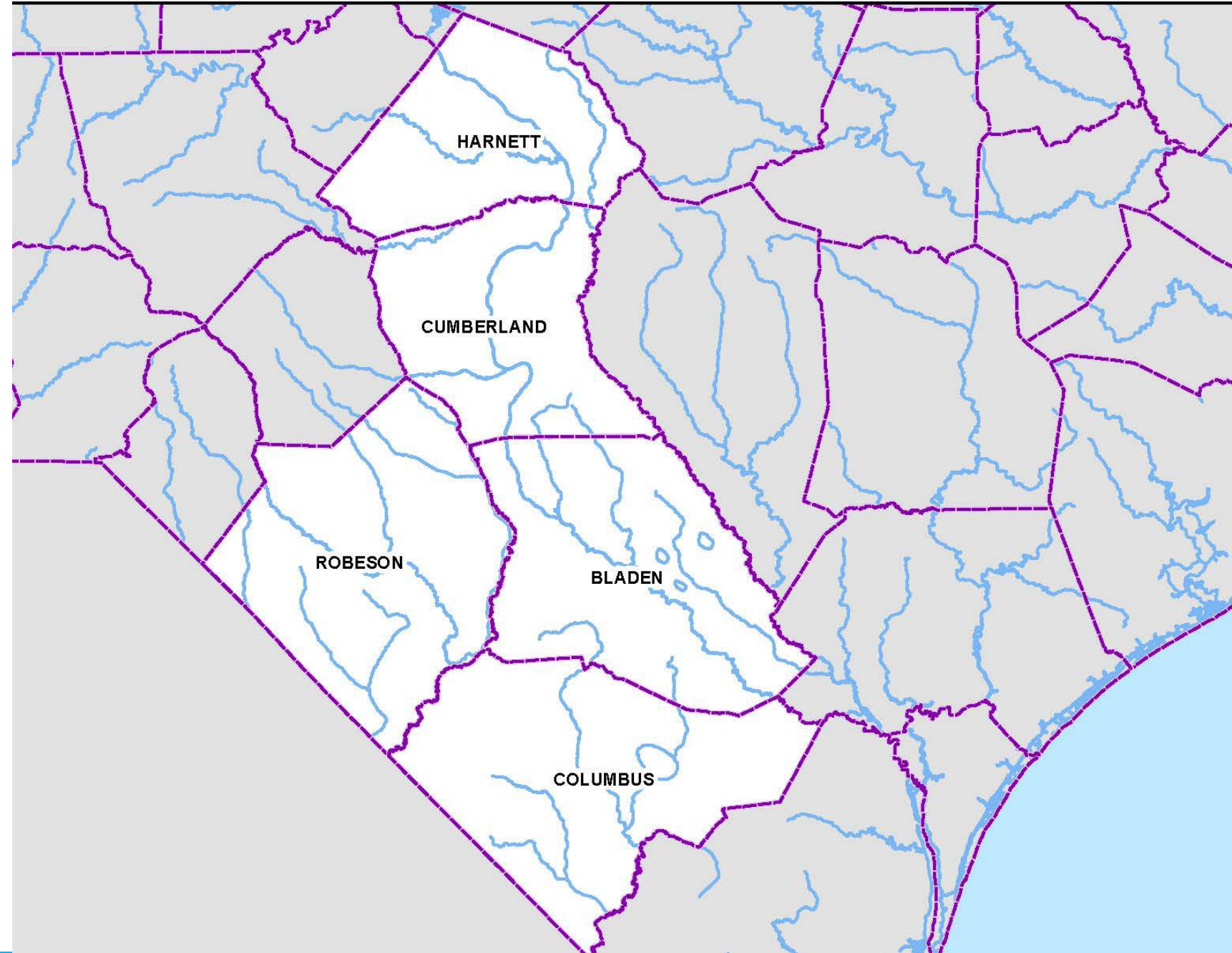


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Open Discussion

General questions, comments, and other discussions

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Next meeting will be in 2024!

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