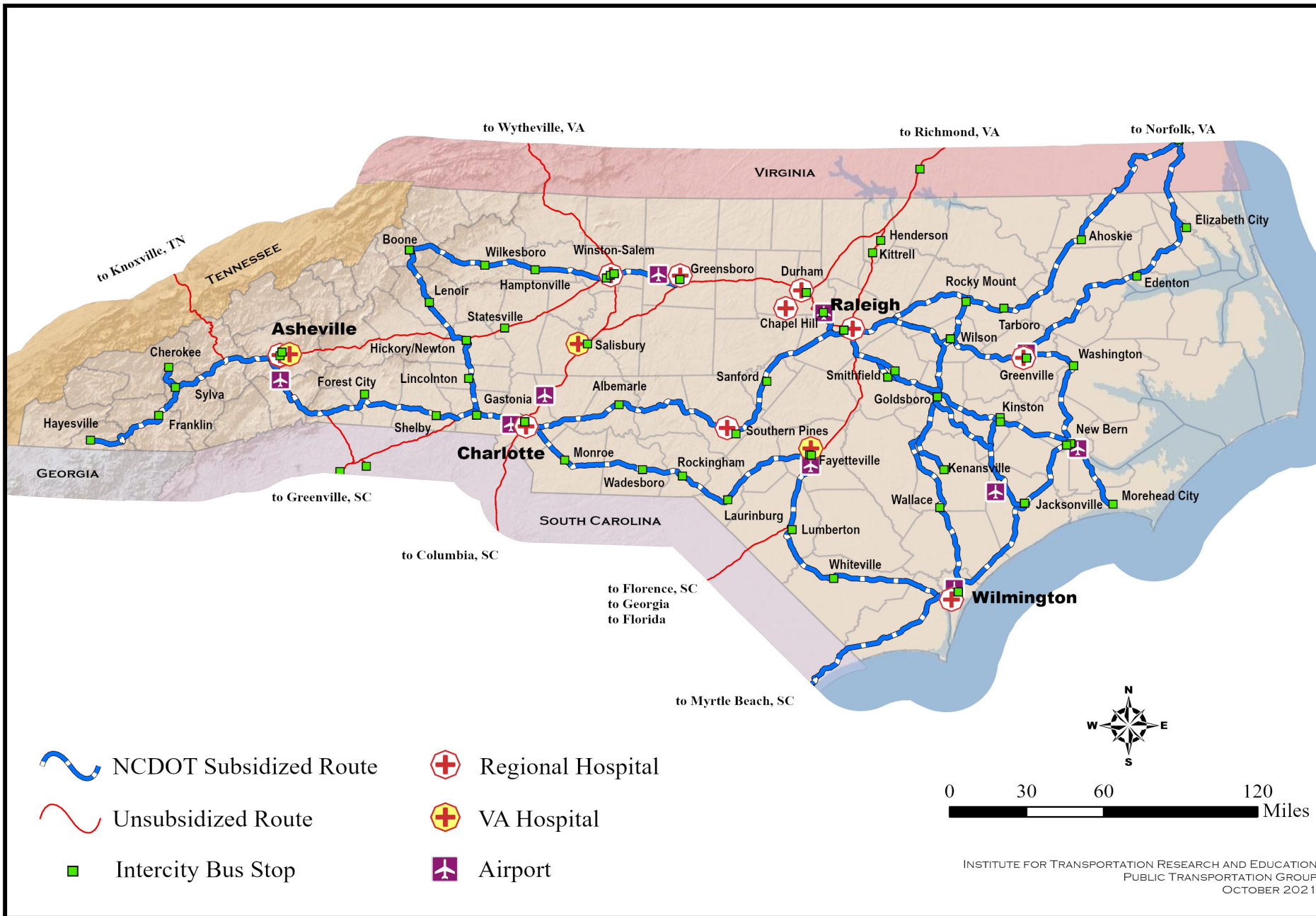


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NCDOT FY23-24 5311(f) And ARP Act Funding Consultative Process Meeting October 29, 2021

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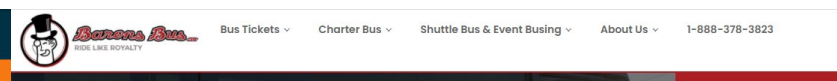
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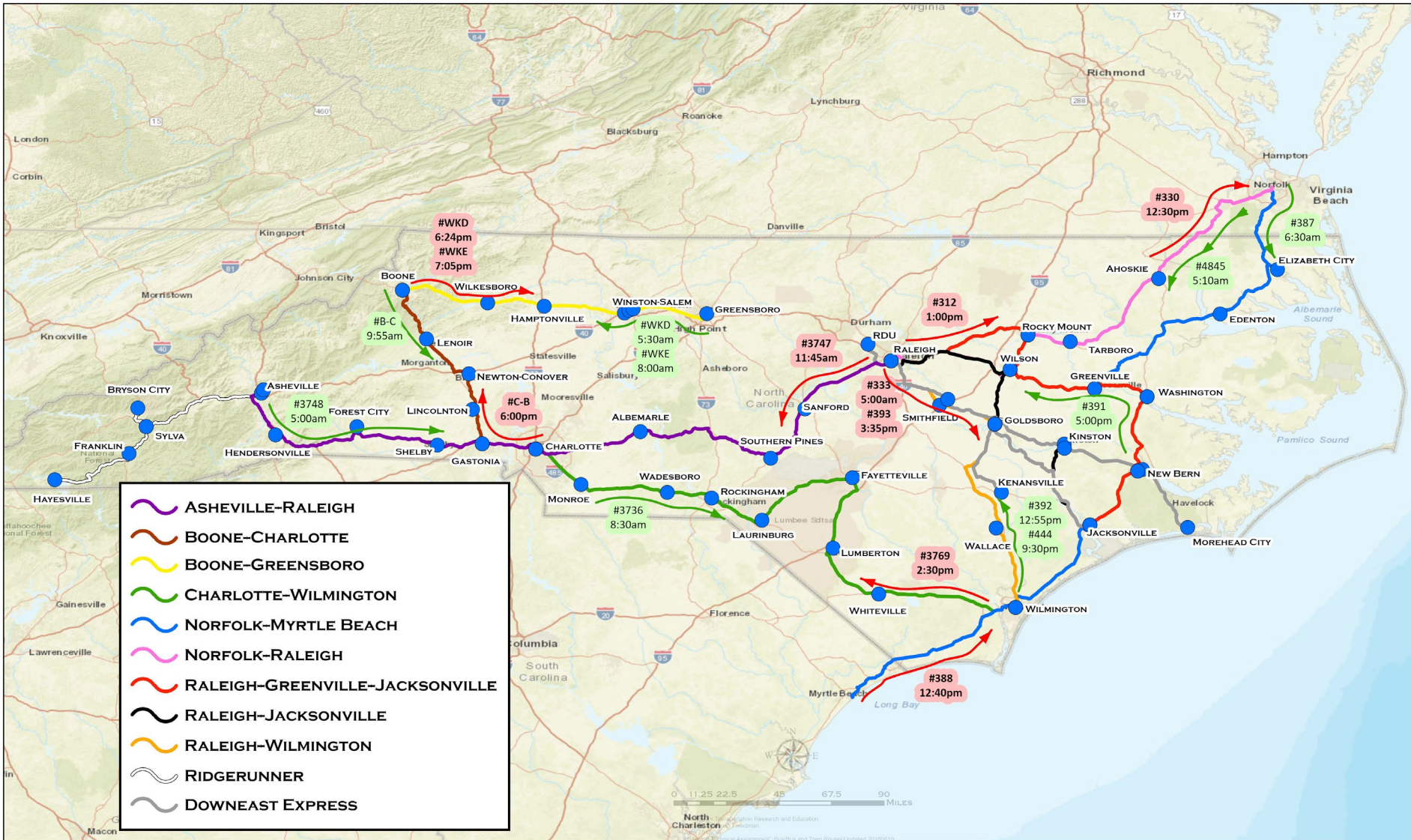
Introductions

Impacts of COVID-19 on NC Intercity Bus Service

- The intercity bus industry as a whole experienced destabilizing reductions in revenue and as a result, emergency CARES Act funding and service reductions were necessary to retain primary “trunk” routes in North Carolina.
- CARES Act funds were distributed to Intercity Bus Providers to maintain these routes and support providers in implementing new safety precautions.
- Service reductions are in flux and impact subsidized as well as un-subsidized routes.

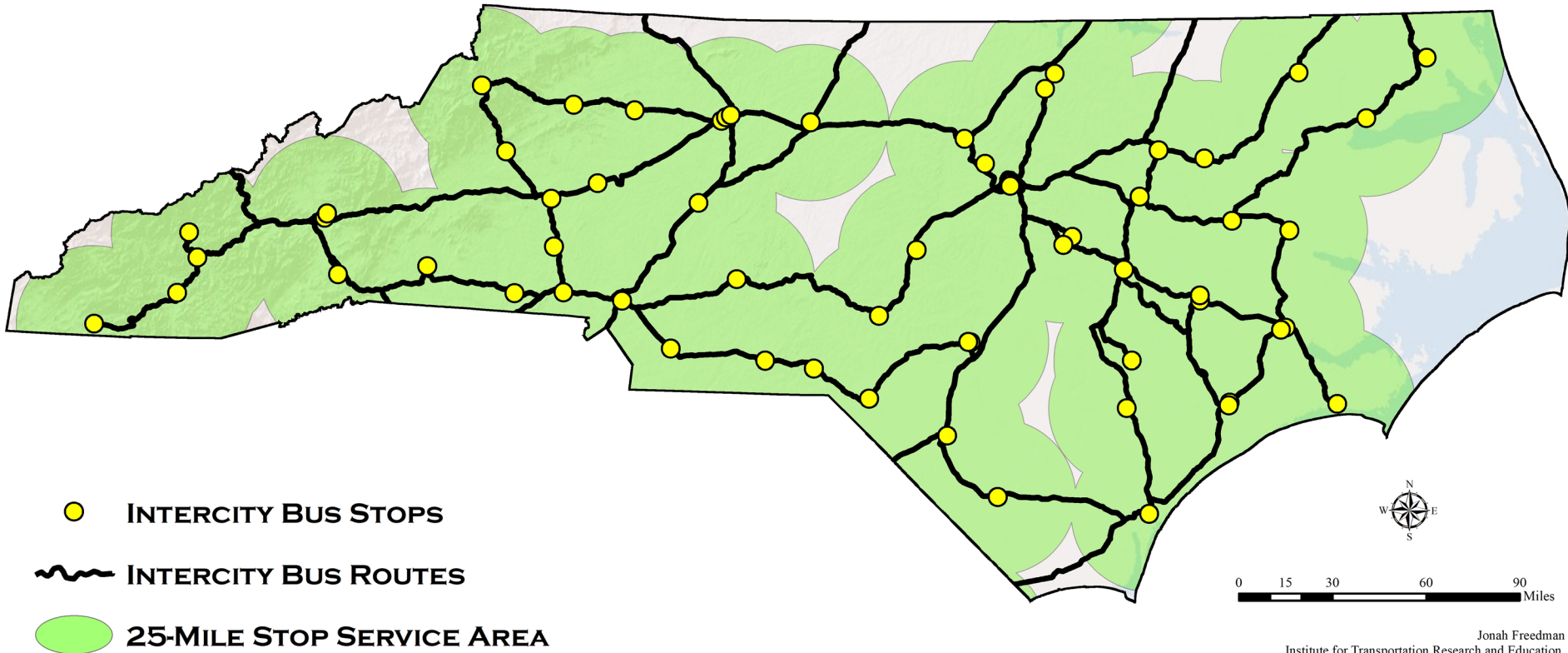


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North Carolina ICB Service Coverage

-Map of NC Intercity Bus Service Coverage starting July 1st, 2020



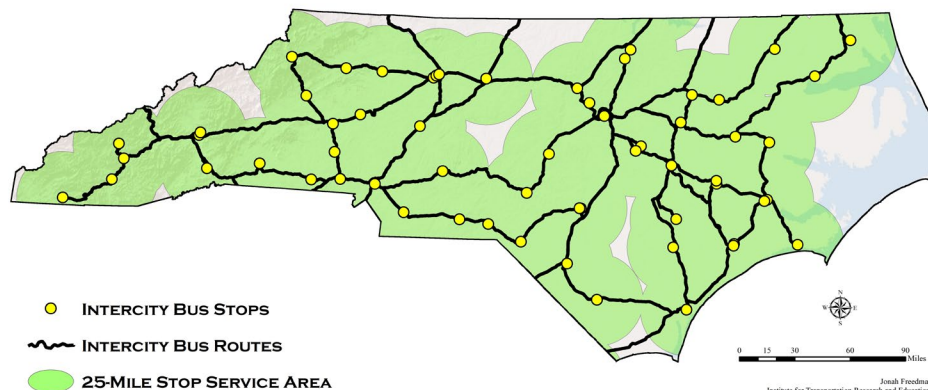
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FY21 Intercity Bus Needs Assessment

Purpose

1. To gather input from stakeholders on the current service and propose potential new routes
2. Assess the current statewide service as a whole and determine areas for improvement
3. Satisfy FTA Requirement

INTERCITY BUS STOP COVERAGE



FY21 NCDOT Intercity Bus Stakeholder Survey

- Stakeholder opportunity to address gaps in NC Intercity Bus service and propose new routes
- 9 Questions
- Please review the guide for service/route eligibility and description of current services
- Upload Supporting Documentation
 - Routes and Stops maps
- Important considerations for new route proposals:
 - Cannot fund commuter service
 - Competing routes with existing service
 - Must include rural service

NCDOT 5311(f) Intercity Bus Application

- Applications for funding should be submitted by route.
- GTFS feed must be created for all routes and published to Google Maps before the 1st claim reimbursement.
- At least 30% of marketing funds expended by the end of the first fiscal year of the contract.
- Application will be available in NCDOT's Grants Management software, EBS (Enterprise Business Services)
 - **New Applicants must initiate the Pre-audit Approval Process by November 5th**
- **Application Timeline:**
 - **§ Comments Received by Nov. 5**
 - **§ New Applicant Approval Initiation by Nov. 5**
 - **§ Applications Distributed: Nov. 10**
 - **§ Application Due Date: Dec. 17**
 - **§ Service Start Date: July 1, 2022**

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Questions?



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Funding

- NC ARP Act Appropriations Available to Providers:**

15% of 5311 Rural Area Program	\$1,867,507
5311(f) Intercity Bus Program	\$3,764,732
TOTAL	\$5,632,240

ARP Act Funding Eligibility Requirements

- Same as CARES Act funding
- **Applicants must be operating qualified intercity bus service with routes and stops in North Carolina as of March 25th, 2020**
- Payroll and Operations reimbursements only
- Eligible expenses must be incurred on or after January 20, 2020 (the date on which the public health emergency was declared)
- ARP funding must be fully disbursed from the grant agreement by September 30, 2029
- **NCDOT will not approve ARP Act funding for providers that have not requested reimbursement of all approved CARES Act funding**

NCDOT ARP Act Funding Application

- Separate applications for the 2 portions of the ARP funding
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