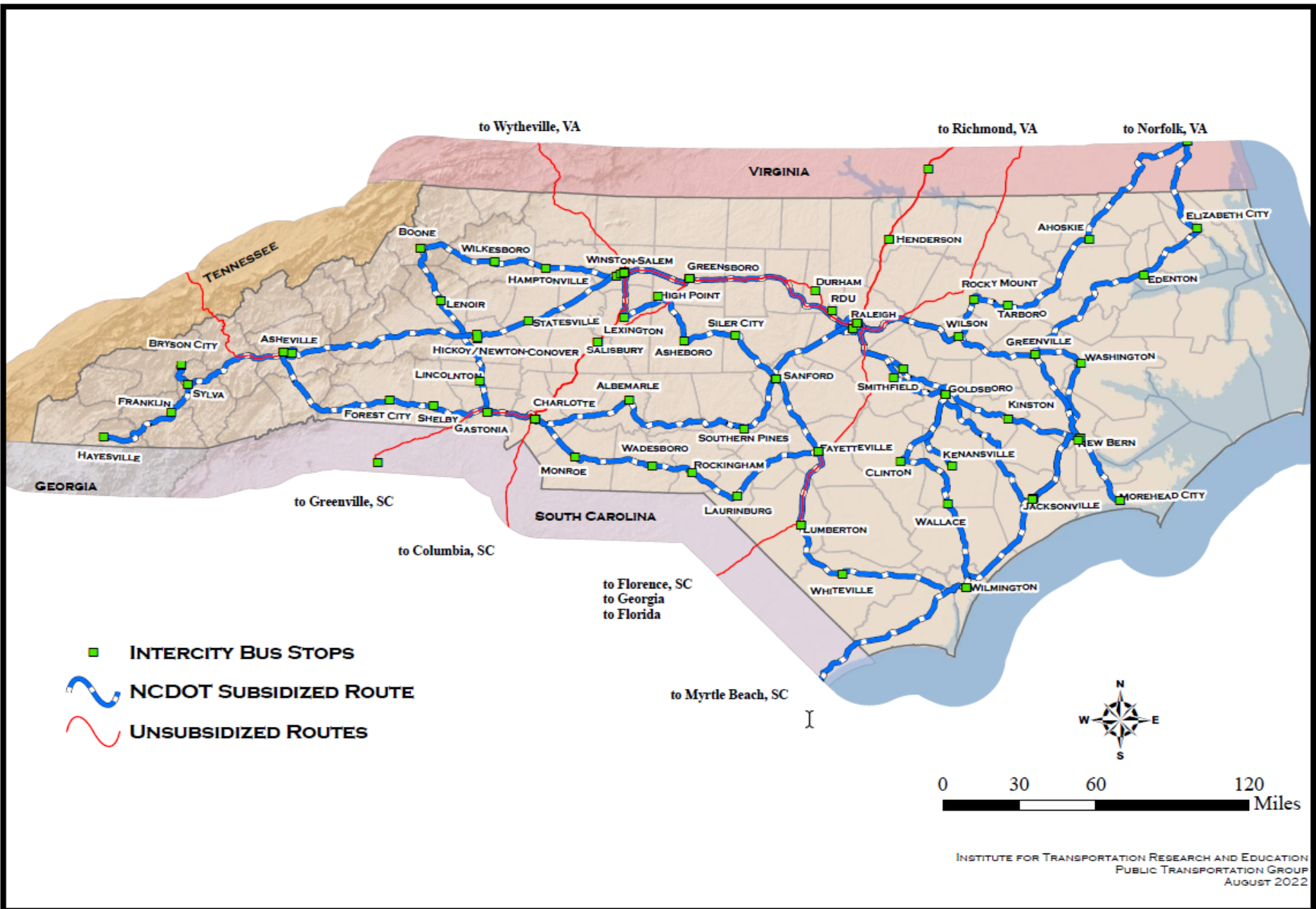


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Introductions

NCDOT FY25-26 Intercity Bus 5311(f) Consultative Process Meeting

November 2nd, 2023

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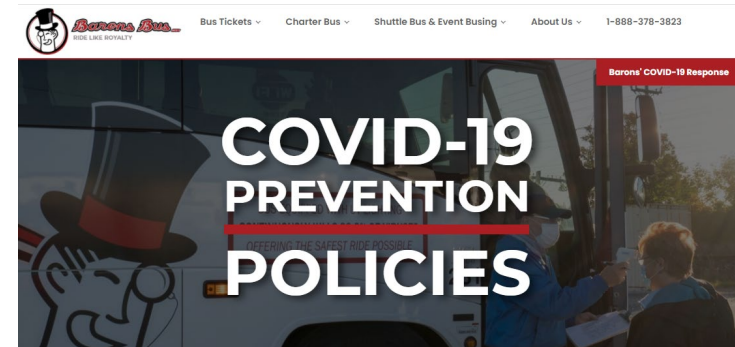
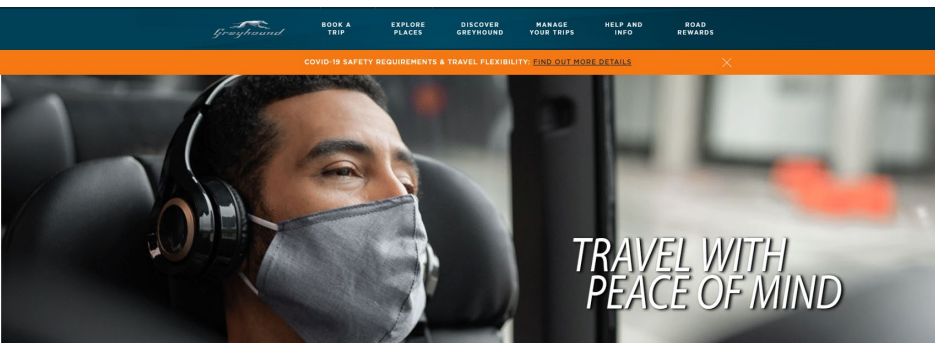
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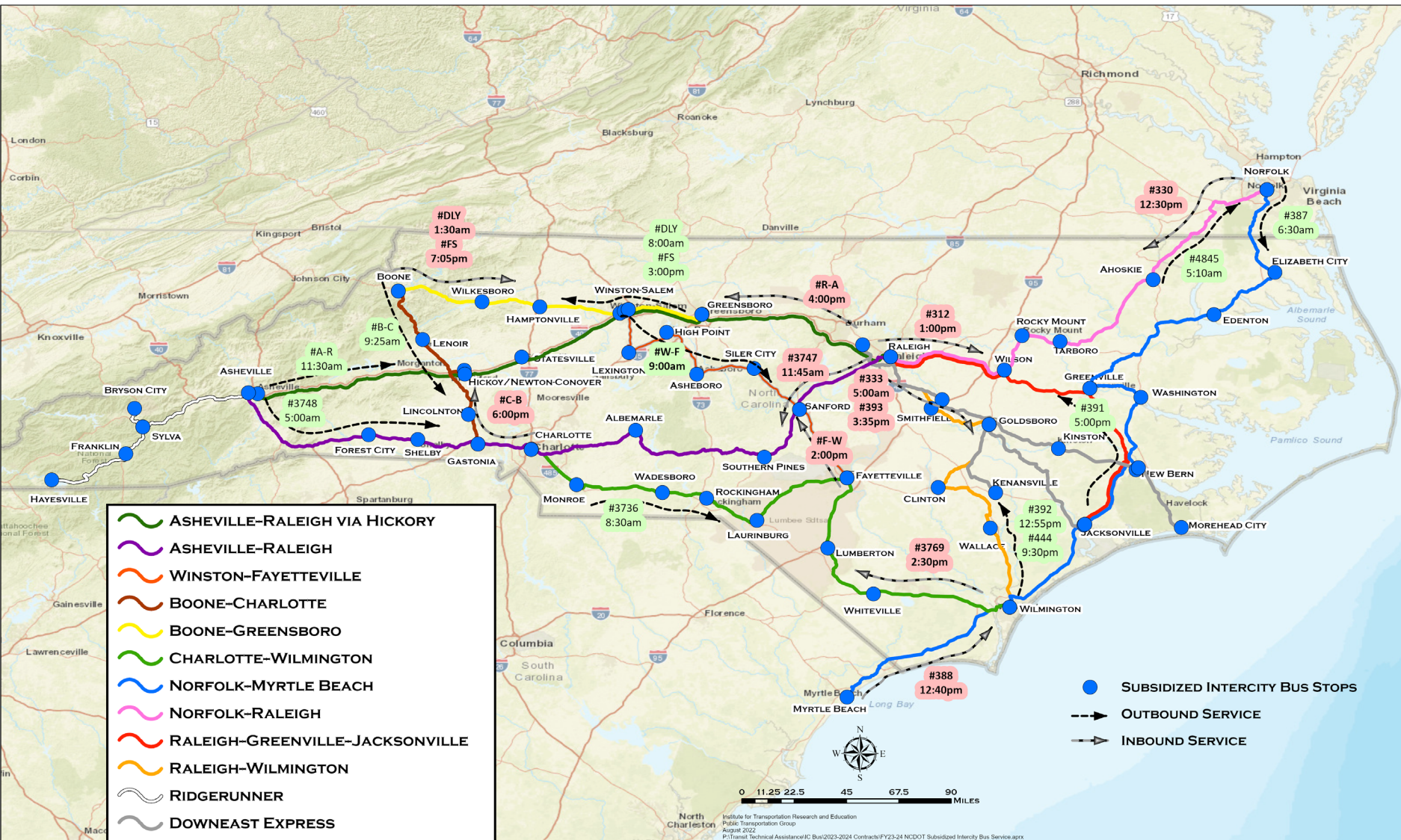
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Impacts of COVID-19 and the Current Status of NC Intercity Bus Service

- The intercity bus industry as a whole experienced destabilizing reductions in revenue and as a result, emergency funding and service reductions were necessary to retain primary “trunk” routes in North Carolina.
- CARES Act and ARP Act funds were distributed to Intercity Bus Providers to maintain these routes and support providers in implementing new safety precautions.
- **Service has stabilized at this point with routes requiring some additional subsidy. North Carolina disbursed all 15% of 5311 funds in FY23-24 to expand the state’s access to intercity service.**

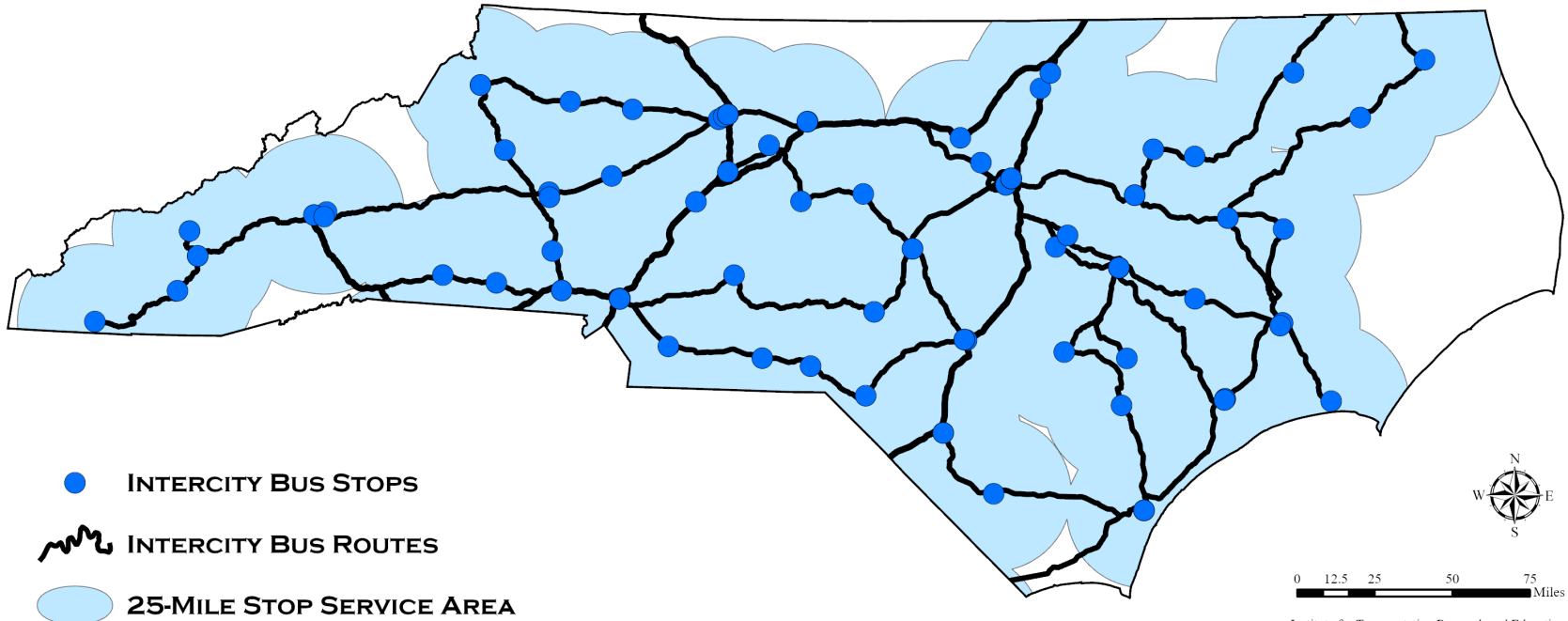


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North Carolina ICB Service Coverage

-Map of NC Intercity Bus Service Coverage starting July 1st, 2022



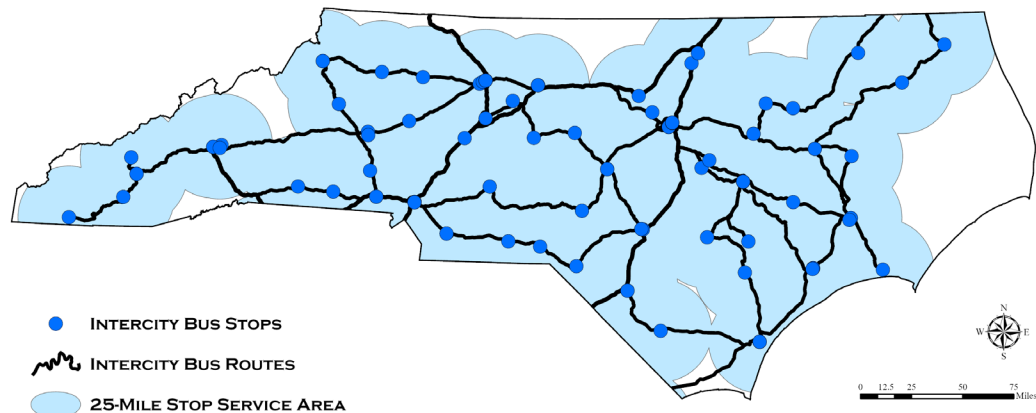
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FY23 Intercity Bus Needs Assessment

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



FY23 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
 - No 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.
- Feeder services are eligible for funding and encouraged
- Application will be submitted through NCDOT's Grants Management software, EBS (Enterprise Business Services)
- Potential for facilities funding (under discussion)

Table 1: Schedule of Contacting Process and Deadlines

Target Dates	Task/Event
November 2nd, 2023	Provider/Stakeholder Consultative Process Meeting
November 12th, 2023	Application Instructions and Forms Posted
December 17th, 2023	Applications Due
January 6th – January 31st, 2024	Application Review Process
March 2024	Grant Review/Approval by Board of Transportation
March 2024	Contract Approval/Selected Applicant(s) Notified
July 1, 2024	Service Begins

Application Adjustments

- Facility Inventory
 - Point of Contact Information (name, organization, email, phone)
 - Route(s) Served
 - Address/Coordinates
 - Associated Business Operating Hours or Security Staff Hours
 - Nearby Local Transit Connection(s)
- Change in reimbursement system to Operating Miles from Operating Loss (under discussion)
- **Application Timeline:**
 - **§ Comments Received by Nov. 9th**
 - **§ Applications Distributed: Nov. 12th**
 - **§ Application Due Date: Dec. 17th**
 - **§ Service Start Date: July 1, 2024**

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Questions?



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