



**NORTH CAROLINA**  
Department of Transportation



# Strategic Transportation Corridors

## Corridor U: U.S. 74

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# Agenda

## U.S. 74

- Data Collection Review
- Corridor Analysis Review
- Preliminary Corridor Vision
- Stakeholder Involvement

# U.S. 74 - Facilities Inventory

- Highway assets inventory
  - Approximately 284 miles along highway corridor
  - Federally designated truck route along entire corridor
- Bridges inventory
  - 304 bridges along highway corridor
  - 6 structurally deficient; 91 functionally obsolete

# U.S. 74 - Transportation Plan Recommendations

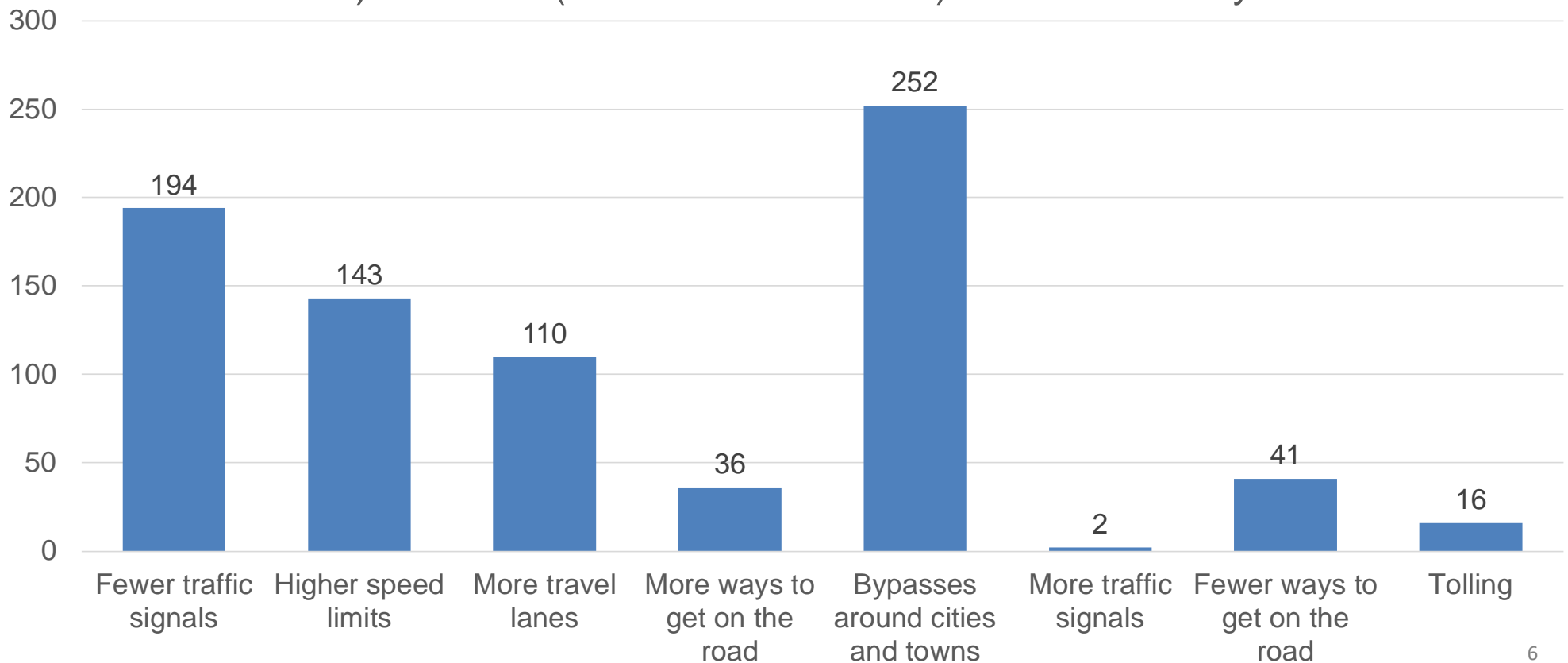
- Compiled transportation plans and recommended projects along the corridor from:
  - Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP): 70 projects
  - Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs): 11 CTPs
  - Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs): 3 MTPs
  - Feasibility Studies (FS): 6 within past 10 years
  - Traffic Forecasts (TF): 37 within past 10 years
- Most of corridor recommended to be classified as freeway
  - Some segments in developed/urban areas recommended to be classified as boulevard (with current or planned bypass)

# U.S. 74 – Public Survey Results

<b>Views</b> <b>1,524</b>	<b>Participants</b> <b>638</b>	<b>Responses</b> <b>8,260</b>	<b>Comments</b> <b>155</b>
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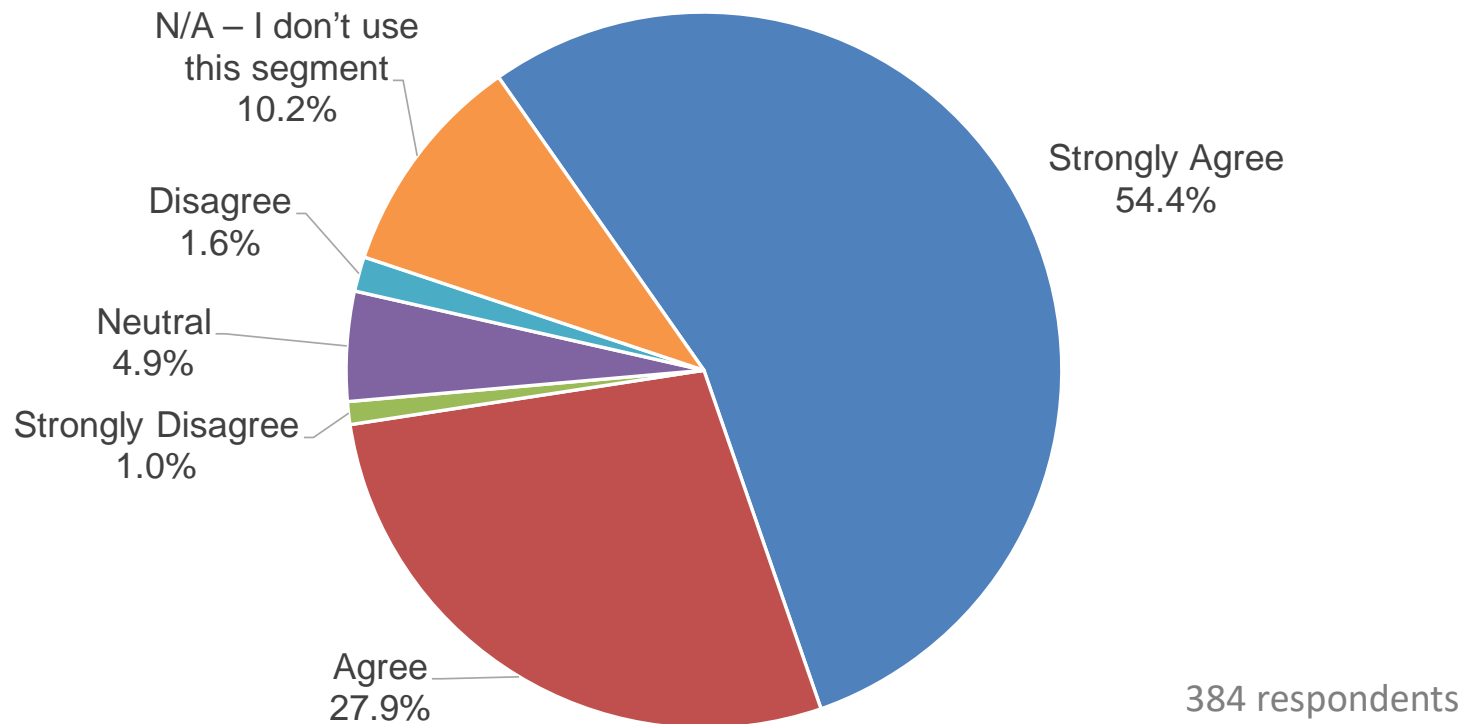
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From I-26 to Gastonia, what changes would you like to see on U.S. 74 (I-26 to I-85) and I-85 (U.S. 74 to U.S. 321) in the next 20 years?



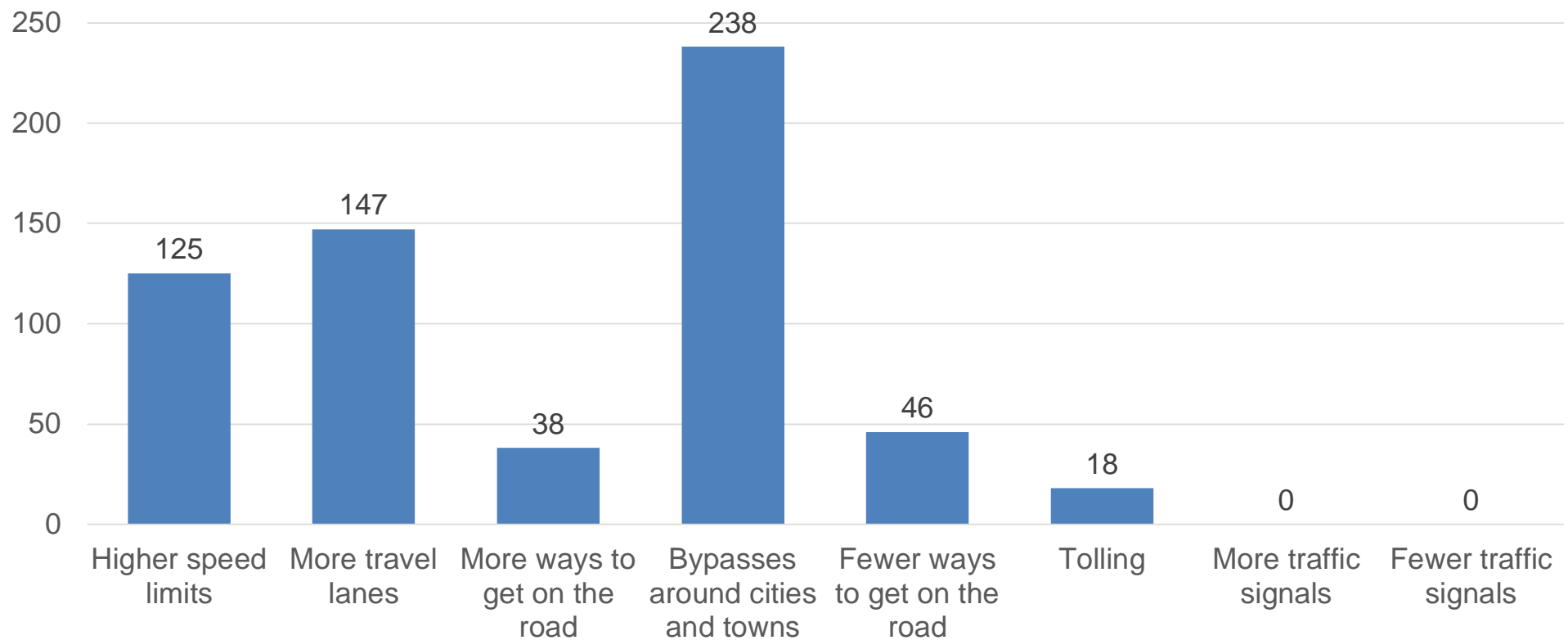
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From I-26 to Gastonia, do you support the preliminary vision of a freeway (access only at interchanges/ramps, speed limit 55 or greater, no traffic signals) on U.S. 74 (I-26 to I-85) and I-85 (U.S. 74 to U.S. 321)?



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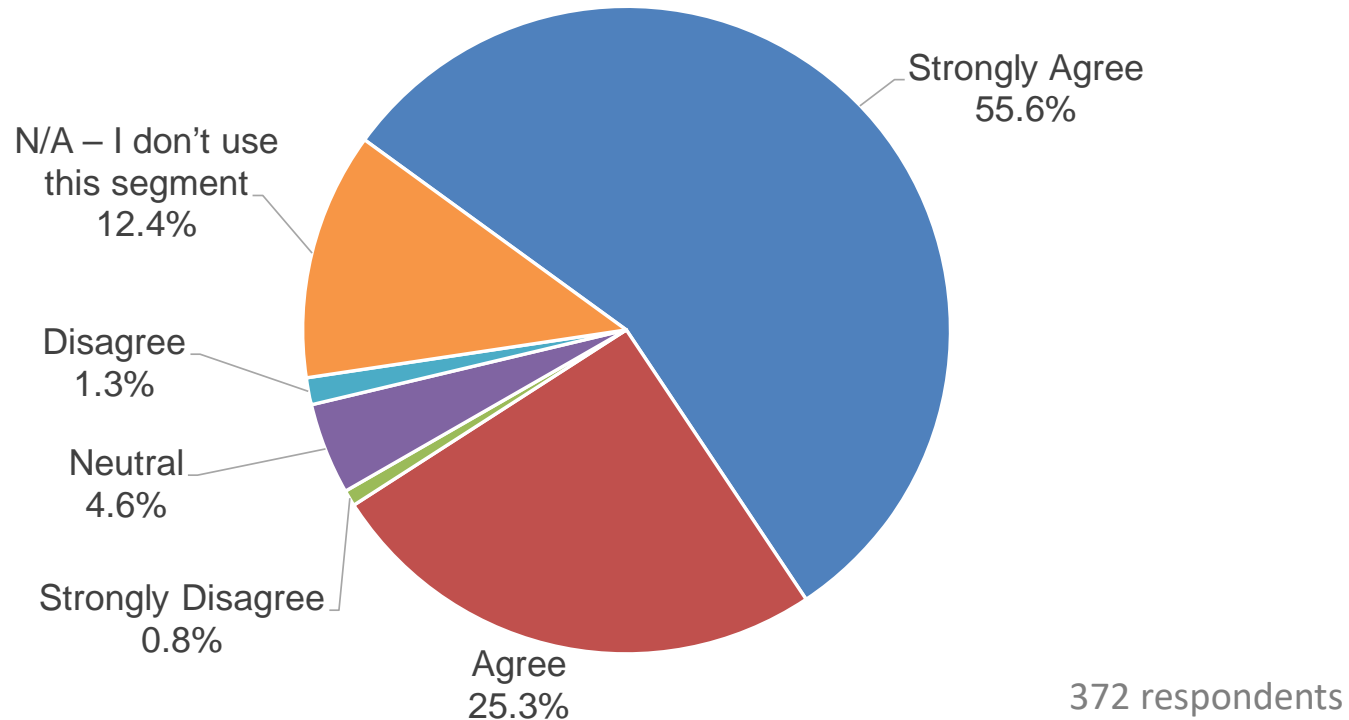
From Gastonia to Monroe, what changes would you like to see on the corridor I-85 (U.S. 321 to I-485) and I-485 (I-85 to U.S. 74) in the next 20 years?





# U.S. 74 – Public Survey Results

From Gastonia to Monroe, do you support the preliminary vision of a freeway (access only at interchanges/ramps, speed limit 55 or greater, no traffic signals) on I-85 (U.S. 321 to I-485) and I-485 (I-85 to U.S. 74)?



# U.S. 74 – Recommended Vision



- Freeway: I-26 in Polk County to US 117 in New Hanover County

# U.S. 74 - Mobility Analysis

## HIGHWAY MOBILITY BENEFITS

### STC CORRIDOR U

U.S. 74 – FROM I-26 IN POLK COUNTY TO  
I-40 IN WILMINGTON

AVERAGE  
TRAVEL SPEED

44

2018  
EXISTING

40

2040  
COMMITTED

61

2040  
VISION

VEHICLE-MILES  
TRAVELED

VMT (Millions)



210 ADDITIONAL MILES OF FREEWAY PROVIDE FASTER  
TRAVEL TIMES WITH SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TRAFFIC

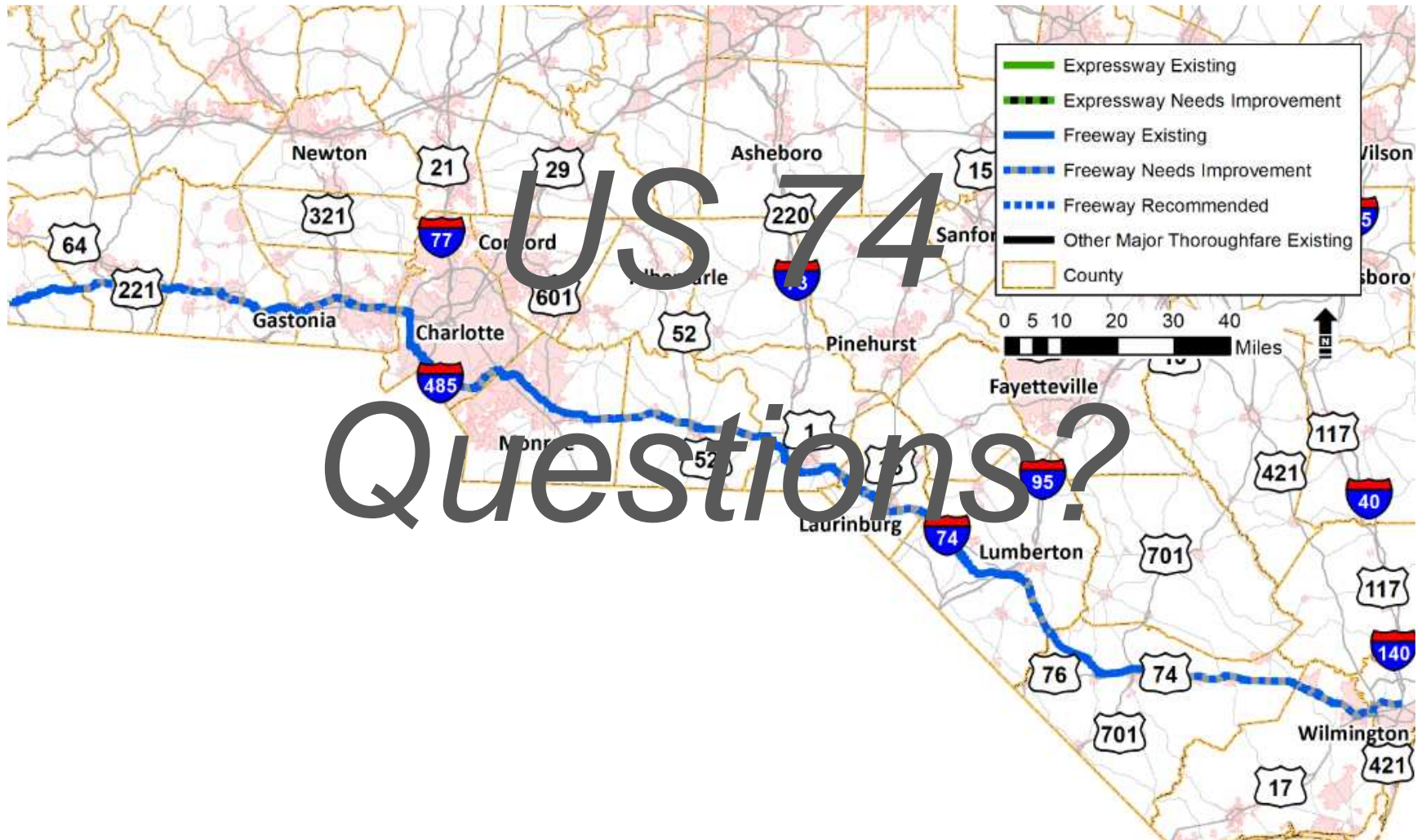
AVERAGE CORRIDOR TRAVEL TIME (HOURS)



Increases the average corridor travel speed by 21mph

# U.S. 74 – Identified for Further Study

- Marshville Bypass
- Wadesboro Bypass
- Military Connections
- Delco area in Columbus County
- Multimodal connections
- Resiliency Assessment



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Questions?

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