



Project Budget – Grant Funds, Sources, and Use of All Project Funding

NCDOT seeks \$49,454,000 million in BIP Bridge Project funding for the I-95 Bridges Project. The funding will allow NCDOT to move forward with 2026 – 2035 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project B-6044. The project has completed environmental documentation and right of way (ROW) acquisition. However, due to funding concerns, the project has been delayed until 2029 for construction. BIP funding will expedite this much-needed project.

The Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the project was signed on October 18, 2022. NCDOT has completed right of way (ROW) acquisition. To date, NCDOT has spent over \$436,600 in planning and ROW costs. Including federal expenditures, the total previously incurred costs are \$2,043,990.

NCDOT developed cost estimates based on ROW plans on March 25, 2026. The total costs of construction were estimated to be \$62,300,000. The project also includes \$250,000 for the installation of a Dynamic Messaging Sign (DMS) to alert drivers of accidents or other hazards and \$50,000 for the installation of a stream gauge that will monitor potential backwater flooding of Black Creek while also monitoring for potential dam failures of the dam at Holtz Lake. The total project costs are \$62,600,000. The estimate includes \$6,939,303 in contingency funds. The cost estimate is included in the supplemental materials. NCDOT has developed a website that includes references and other supplemental information: [I-95 Bridges](#).

North Carolina’s Strategic Transportation Investments Act (STI) of 2013 requires that capital projects compete through a data-driven project prioritization process that considers, but is not limited to, cost and mobility improvements for each proposed project.

The process has three major competition categories, Statewide Mobility, Regional Impact, and Division Needs. These categories are based on the proposed project’s type of transportation asset class. STIP Project B-6044 was selected for funding through the Statewide Mobility category in the current (2026-2035) STIP. Due to the limited nature of state funds, construction was scheduled for FY 2029. If BIP Funding is provided, State Highway Fund Bridge Replacement Program moneys are available to provide the NCDOT Match (\$13,146,000). Table 1 provides a breakdown of project costs.

B-6044 Remaining Costs (\$2026):

- Dynamic Messaging System (DMS): \$250,000
- Stream Gauge: \$50,000
- Construction: \$62,300,000

Source of Funds

Table 1. Project Budget

Item	BIP funds	State Funds	Total Cost
B-6044	\$49,279,000	\$13,146,000	\$62,300,000
DMS	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$250,000
Stream Gauge	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000

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Total	\$49,454,000	\$13,146,000	\$62,600,000
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As NCDOT has proceeded through ROW for the project, risks are limited to the permitting and construction phases. As noted previously, NCDOT has already had substantial coordination with resource agencies, minimizing that risk. To account for risks related to construction, NCDOT includes contingency fees in all construction cost estimates. For B-6044, the overall construction contingency is 11.1% (\$6,939,303).

Project Schedule

The I-95 Bridges project has passed through the following milestones:

- Programming in the STIP – 2018
- Start of NEPA – August 2021
- Completion of NEPA (Signed CE) – October 2022
- Permit Drawing Package Submitted – April 2023
- Start of ROW Acquisition – August 2023 (completed November 2023)

The I-95 Bridges Project after BIP funding is secured:

- Finalize Permit – February 2027
- Submit Final Design – FY 2027
- Begin Construction – FY 2027
- Complete Construction – FY 2031

ROW acquisition was finalized in November 2023. All real property and ROW acquisition necessary for the project was completed in a timely manner in accordance with 49 CFR 24, 23 CFR 710, and other applicable legal requirements.