

NORTH CAROLINA

JOHNSTON COUNTY

The Highway 70 Corridor Commission of North Carolina, Inc. met on Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at Johnston Community College in the Frank Creech Art Gallery, 245 College Road, Smithfield, North Carolina.

County members present:

Carteret County – Jesse Vinson

Craven County – Tom Mark, Jack Veit, Bobby Darden, Danny Walsh and Donald Baumgardner

Johnston County – Donald Rains, Ted Godwin and Frank Price

Jones County – None

Lenoir County – Linda Rouse Sutton, Mark Pope and John Craft

Wayne County – Chris Boyette, Joe Gurley, Wayne Aycock and Jack Best

Other persons present:

North Carolina Board of Transportation – Gus Tulloss

Highway 70 Corridor Commission Director – M. Durwood Stephenson

North Carolina Department of Transportation – Bobby Lewis, Jiles Harrell, Tim Little, and John Rouse

Down East RPO – Patrick Flanagan

Upper Coastal Plain RPO – James Salmons

Carolinas Gateway Partnership – Norris Tolson

Lenoir County – Harold Thomas

Wilson's Mills – Johnny Eason and Alicia Gregory

City of Goldsboro – Jennifer Collins

Johnston County Planning – Matthew Kirkland

Swift Creek Nursery – Lanny Thomas

Call to Order and Welcome

Highway 70 Corridor Commission Chairman Tom Mark called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Town of Princeton Mayor and Johnston County member of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission Donald Rains welcomed the members of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission to Johnston County and indicated due to technical support difficulties the meeting had to be relocated from Princeton Community Building to Johnston Community College. Mr. Rains then introduced Dr. David Johnson of Johnston Community College who welcomed the Commission and gave a brief summary about the college and the Frank Creech Art Gallery.

Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion of the Johnston County Member Ted Godwin and seconded Lenoir County Member Linda Rouse Sutton, the members of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Lenoir County Member Linda Rouse Sutton and seconded by Craven County Member Donald Baumgardner, the members of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting on January 19, 2017.

Comments/Special Presentation from Executive Director M. Durwood Stephenson

Highway 70 Corridor Commission Director M. Durwood Stephenson made a special presentation by presenting Johnston County Member Ted Godwin with a plaque showing appreciation for his service as Chairman of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission for the past two years.

North Carolina Board of Transportation Member Report

North Carolina Board of Transportation Division 4 Member Gus Tulloss indicated it was an exciting time at Department of Transportation as the Governor has appointed his new Secretary of Transportation, General Jim Trogden and 10 new Board of Transportation members. Mr. Tulloss also welcomed Bobby Lewis back to NCDOT as the Chief Operating Officer.

Update – CSX Intermodal Hub

Mr. Norris Tolson provided the Commission with an update regarding the CSX Intermodal Hub which landed in Edgecombe County. Mr. Tolson indicated all of North Carolina will share in the economic impact of the Connector with nearly 300 jobs created to operate the terminal and 1,500 statewide jobs over time. Currently the project is in permitting stage with a \$272-million-dollar project cost. Mr. Tolson indicated the project has an aggressive construction schedule with hopes to break ground in the 4th quarter of this year, target completion late 2018 and begin terminal operations in 2019.

NCDOT General Overview

Mr. Bobby Lewis, Chief Operating Officer provided the Commission with a general overview of NCDOT. He highlighted how the department plans to move forward to accelerate projects and improve project delivery. He indicated the main question facing the new Secretary at this time is how is he going to spend down the 2.1-billion-dollar cash balance. Mr. Lewis reviewed the funding processes over the years and indicated moving forward the department will find the highest and best use for spending down the cash balance. Just as Secretary General Jim Trogden had previously indicated to the Commission, Mr. Lewis stated Divisions will be more involved to lead projects to improve project delivery.

Highway U.S. 70 Integrates with CSX Intermodal Hub Presentation

Mr. Charles Edwards with NCDOT provided the Commission with a presentation regarding Highway U.S. 70 integrating with CSX Intermodal Hub – Planning for the CCX Carolina Connector. Mr. Edwards informed the Commission that we now know that CCX is North Carolina's Supply Chain and highlighted North Carolina's East evolving freight system. He touched on opportunities and challenges on the US 70 Corridor and provided the Commission with a planner's perspective regarding securing the supply chain. He stressed continuous education is essential and information is key as supply chains are changing every 9 months.

Aerospace Corridor Resolution

Highway 70 Corridor Commission Director M. Durwood Stephenson reminded the Commission of a presentation they received at their meeting in January regarding the North Carolina proposed Aerospace Corridor. He indicated it is an effort to organize a Three-County Economic Development group to promote Aerospace Industries in Craven, Lenoir and Wayne Counties along the U.S. 70 Corridor. At their meeting in January the Highway 70 Corridor Commission unanimously approved providing support in the form of a resolution for the section of U.S. 70 Corridor in Craven, Lenoir and Wayne Counties be designated as the North Carolina Aerospace Corridor. Lenoir County Member Mark Pope read the resolution to the Commission and made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the Aerospace Corridor. Wayne County Member Jack Best seconded the motion and the members of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission unanimously approved the resolution.

Division 2 Update

North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 2 Division Engineer John Rouse updated the members of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission on the following projects:

- “Little Baltimore” – Grade separated interchange at US 70 and Willie Measley Road. Currently in process of assigning to a consultant to begin Environmental Document. Right-of-way is slated for 2023 with construction in 2025.
- Kinston Bypass – This is a funded project as part of the Draft 2018-2027 STIP. Right-of-way is slated for 2022 and this project will be managed by the Division.
- James City – Public meeting was held in December 2016 where 2 alternatives were presented to the public. Both options were well received by the public and Right-of-way is scheduled for 2021. Most likely the project will be a design-build project which will allow the Division to accelerate construction.
- Taberna Way – Convert at-grade intersection to interchange. Right-of-way scheduled for 2025 with a 2027 construction let date. Small project and looking to accelerate.
- Slocum Gate – Right-of-way currently in progress. The construction let date is scheduled for June 2017.
- Havelock Bypass – Record of Decision (ROD) was received December 16, 2016 from the Federal Highway Administration. SELC complaint was received shortly after receiving the ROD on December 30, 2016. Right-of-way currently in progress and construction is slated for 2019.
- Gallants Channel Bridge – 80% Complete with completion of new bridge this summer.
- Newport River Port Bridge Replacement – Right-of-way schedule for 2022 with construction scheduled for 2024. Most likely the project will be a design-build project which will allow the Division to accelerate construction.

Division 4 Update

North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 4 Division Engineer Tim Little updated the members of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission on the following projects:

- US 70 – Johnston/Wayne County line to Goldsboro Bypass – looking to accelerate project to improve existing US 70 to Freeway Standards with construction in 2024.

- Feasibility Study – US 70 Johnston/Wayne County line to Wilson Mills area – results of study will determine if breaking the project into smaller pieces would be beneficial for future prioritization.
- Wilson’s Mills – Interchanges currently under design. Right of way acquisition scheduled for 2017. Construction let date scheduled for 2019.
- Pine Level – Interchanges are under construction and are 55% complete. Project is 15% behind schedule with a 2018 completion date.
- Buffalo Road/Interchange – at 70 – Improvements.

Update/Status – SPOT Scoring

Patrick Flanagan, Planning Director for the Eastern Carolina Council, gave the Commission an update on the SPOT 5.0. Patrick indicated he is a member of the SPOT 5.0 Workgroup where their primary focus thus far has been non-highway modes scoring criteria. He stated they have not begun to discuss highway scoring criteria at this time. Mr. Flanagan highlighted some key scheduling dates and information about MPO/RPO new project submissions and existing project carryovers as follows: Projects can be switched (1-in/1-out); Alternative criteria and project modifications are due by June 16, 2017; Projects in years 1-5 stay in the STIP; Projects in years 6-10 are carryover projects and will be re-prioritized and; Sibling projects and projects with current NEPA documents stay in the system. He informed the Commission that the Down East RPO has 20 project submissions and 8 carryover projects, Eastern Carolina RPO has 21 project submissions and 14 carryovers, Goldsboro MPO has 15 new submissions and 13 carryovers, New Bern MPO has 14 project submissions and 5 carryovers, Upper Coastal Plain RPO has 23 project submissions and 11 carryovers and each Division Engineer will have 14 project submissions. Mr. Flanagan indicated members of the workgroup are willing to attend MPO/RPO meetings to explain the SPOT 5.0 prioritization process and answer any questions.

Public Comments

No member of public spoke.

Financial Report

Highway 70 Corridor Commission Director M. Durwood Stephenson reported as of February 28, 2017 there was an account balance of \$255,722.45.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Highway 70 Corridor Commission will be held on May 18, 2017 at 1:30pm in Lenoir County. The meeting location will be determined at a later date.

Adjournment

At 3:30 p.m., Highway 70 Corridor Commission Chairman Tom Mark adjourned the meeting.


Jennifer K. Collins

Let's Get Moving

with The CCX Carolina Connector



A change to logistics:

- For America
- For North Carolina
- For Eastern North Carolina
- For Edgecombe/Nash Counties



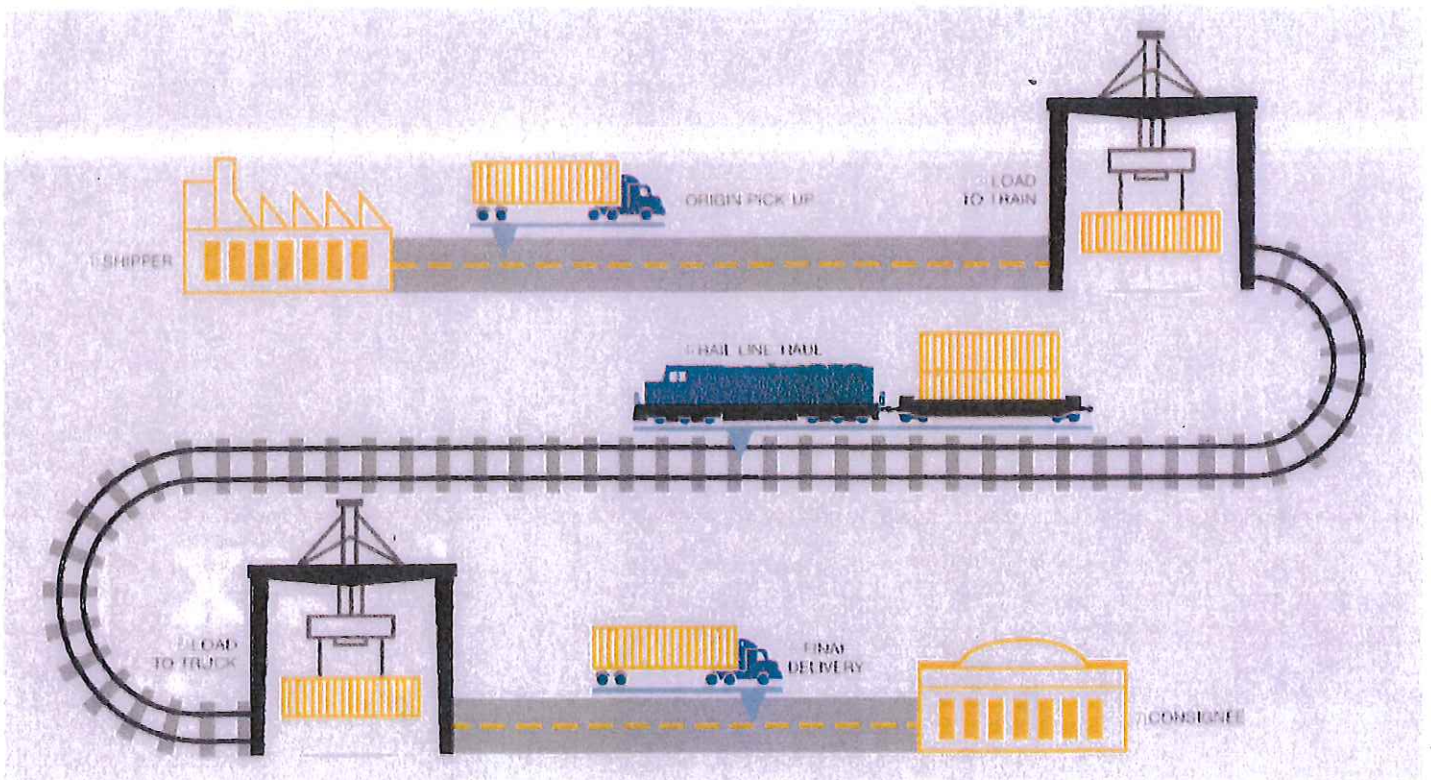
What is the CCX—Carolina Connector?

CCX is an innovative, state-of-the-art intermodal/terminal hub that will leverage the environmental benefits of rail to serve the growing Raleigh and the Eastern half of America, while lowering inland transportation costs and connecting Eastern North Carolina businesses and ports to national and global markets.

The CCX Carolina Connector serves as logistics and transfer hubs for freight transported in containers consisting mainly of consumer goods, like furniture, food, and appliances.

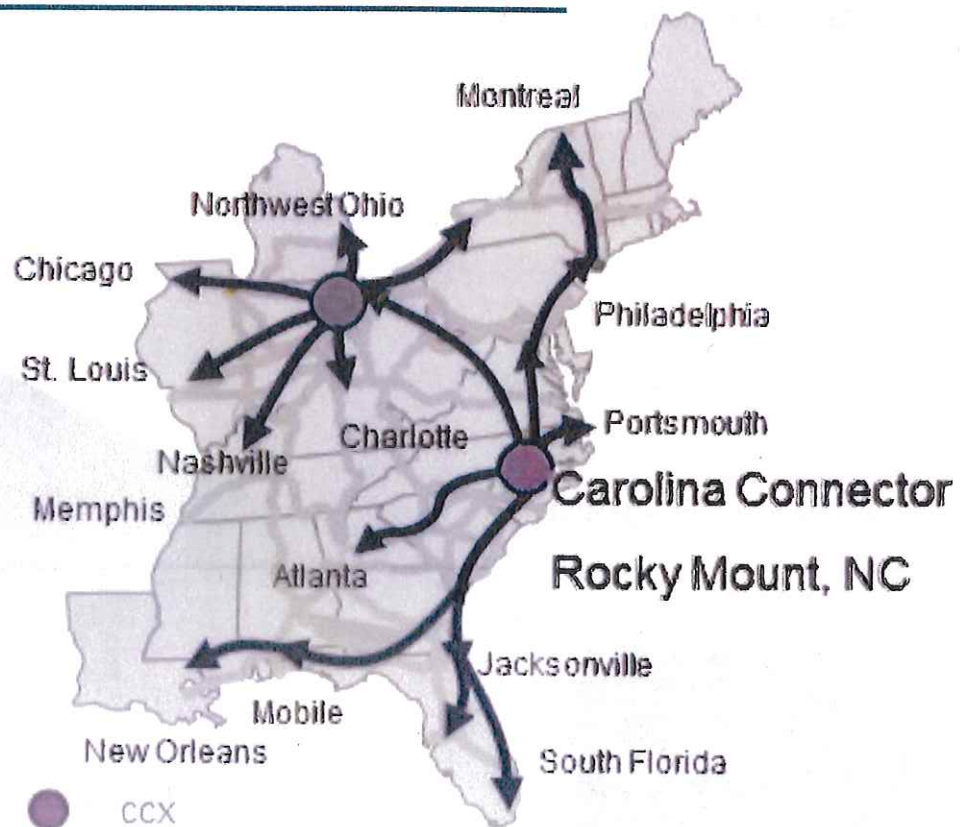
At intermodal terminals, freight containers are sorted and transferred between trucks and trains by cranes and then routed to their destinations on trucks or other trains.

CSX's intermodal terminals are designed with cutting edge, energy-efficient technologies to minimize impact on the community and the environment. Terminal operations are safe, environmentally friendly, and quiet.



The Hub and Spoke Network

- The unique Hub and Spoke concept offers significant logistics savings
- Hub and Spoke coupled with corridor lanes a key differentiator
 - Hubs create density, connecting mid-markets, driving growth
- Carolina Connector captures vibrant mid-Atlantic market
 - Provides hub connectivity to additional lanes
- Initial build targets serving 60% local, 40% connectivity volume
 - Expansion potential on proposed footprint up to 500,000 loads
 - Target completion and begin terminal operations in 2019
- Provides access to CSX's extensive intermodal network (~35 terminals)
- 400,000+ load capacity (annual)
- Truck Traffic:
 - One of the greatest advantages of this location is its proximity to I-95 (the North/South connection for the East Coast)
 - The terminal is 5 miles from I-95.



Economic Benefits

All of North Carolina shares in the economic impact of the CCX Carolina Connector:

- \$125 million in increased state economic output
- \$60,000 average salary of permanent CSX jobs
- Nearly 300 jobs created to operate the terminal
- 1,500 statewide jobs over time
- New logistics savings for all types of companies throughout NC

The economic benefits are supplemental by public benefits for all NC communities:

- \$310 million in NC public benefits, such as emissions reductions, safer roadways, less highway maintenance
- 655,000-ton reduction of CO₂ emissions (equivalent to removing 138,000 passenger vehicles from the highways for one year)
- 16 million fewer truck miles on North Carolina roads each year (equivalent to 270,000 trucks off the road each year)
- The intermodal terminal/hub helps get goods to consumers faster and cheaper

Partners in Progress:



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NORTH CAROLINA
Department of Transportation



Planning for the CCX

Charles HW Edwards, Director – Logistics Strategy

March 16, 2017

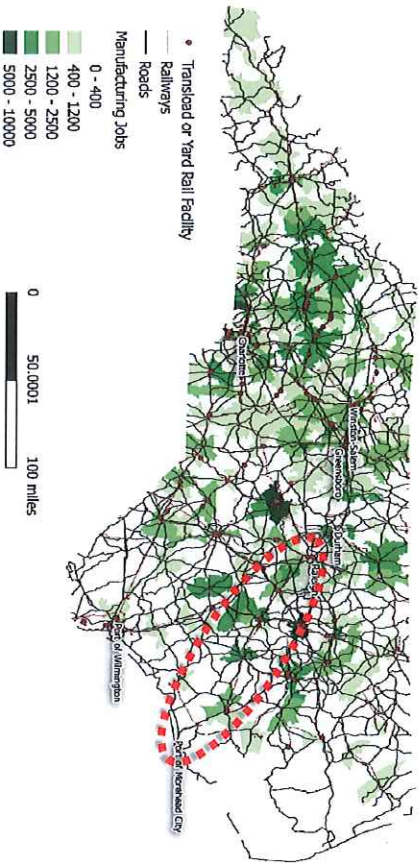
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Planning for the CCX

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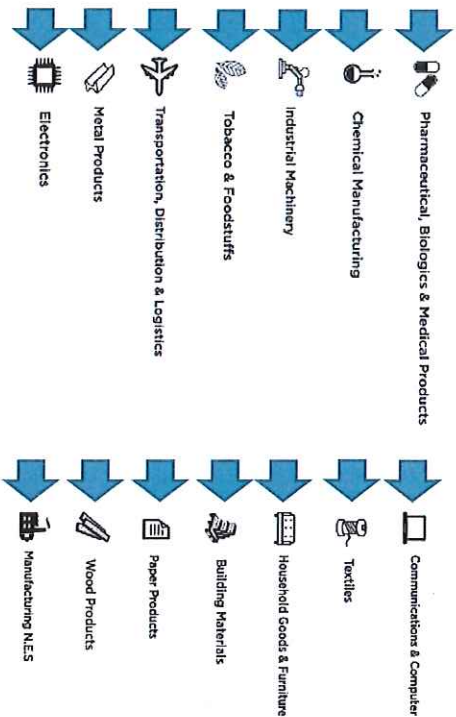
- We Now Know Who We Are – North Carolina's Supply Chain
- NC's East Evolving Freight System
- The CCX Galaxy
- Opportunities and Challenges
- Modal Choice and Changes
- A Planner's Perspective

NC Manufacturing Jobs, 2015



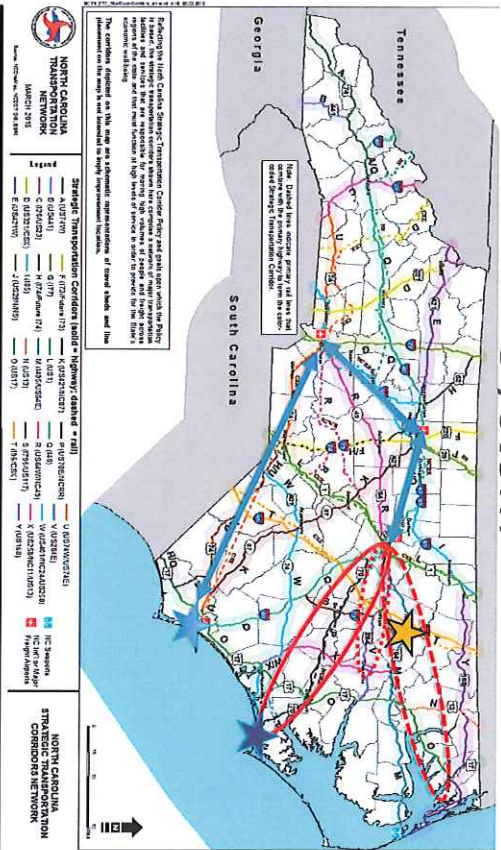
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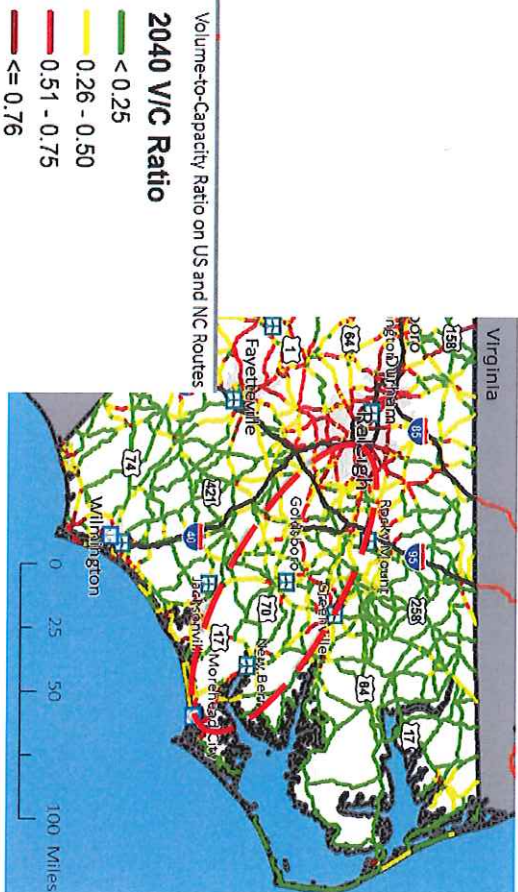


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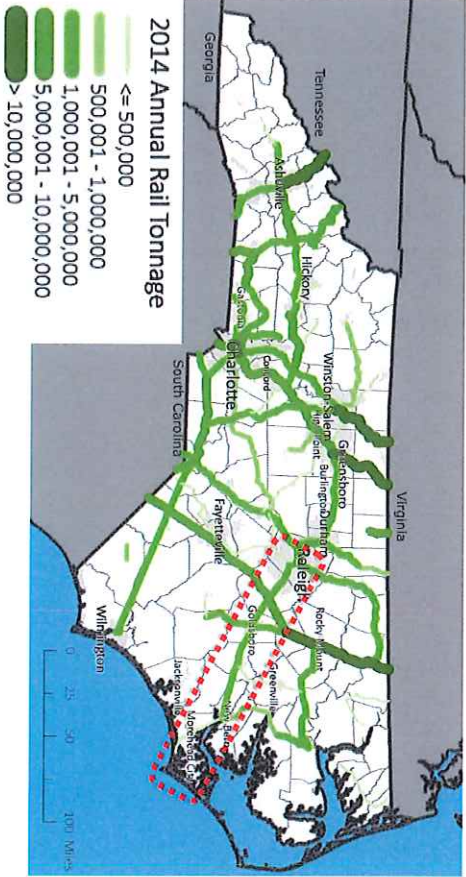
NC's East Evolving Freight System



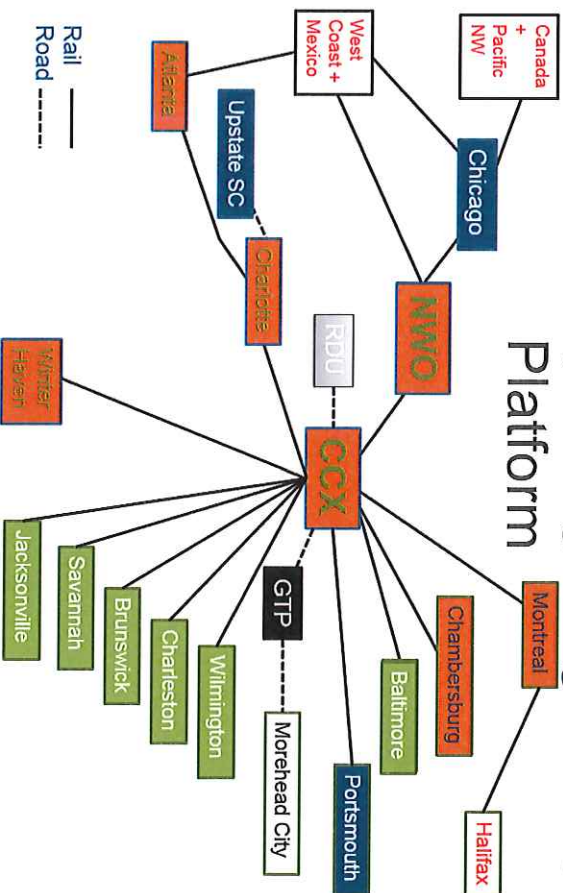
2040 Volume to Capacity Ratio



NC Rail Tonnage



CCX Galaxy – Mega Logistics Platform



Opportunities and Challenges on the US70 Corridor

- A multimodal corridor
- Economically diverse
- Internationally connected
- Cooperative approach
- Experienced and realistic
- Direct links to CCX
- Access to Morehead City
- Freight vs. passenger

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A Planner's Perspective

- Supply chains are changing every 9 months
- Employment shifts – robotics are everywhere
- Continuous education is essential
- Uncertainty is expected, but not accepted!
- Resources are limited
- Information is key
- Transportation requires innovative funding
- Yesterday was easy

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We plan for freight flows that never stop





US 70 Corridor Commission

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR DESIGNATING U.S. 70 CORRIDOR IN WAYNE, LENOIR & CRAVEN COUNTIES AS AN AEROSPACE CORRIDOR

WHEREAS, U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of North Carolina, Inc. was established as a non-profit entity representing Eastern North Carolina by partnering with member Counties Johnston, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven and Carteret and local, regional and State government agencies to support initiatives enhancing safety, mobility and economic utility along the Highway 70 Corridor through land use planning, transportation improvements and economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the central focus and basic premise of the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission membership is to promote U.S. 70 as a freeway corridor with potential for Interstate Designation from I-40 in Wake County to the port at Morehead primarily for the purpose of promoting and improving economic opportunities for North Carolina's Eastern Region; and

WHEREAS, the Counties of Wayne, Lenoir and Craven Counties have a long history of involvement in aerospace and aviation. With assets like the North Carolina Global Transpark, the military installations and many companies that support public and private operations, this region of N.C. can provide a high level of aerospace activity; and

WHEREAS, designating U.S. 70 Corridor in Wayne, Lenoir and Craven Counties as an Aerospace Corridor will increase visibility from companies and site selection firms seeking locations for aerospace and aerospace – related activities; and

WHEREAS, the designation as an Aerospace Corridor will support economic development and enhance opportunities for high paying jobs in the region; and

WHEREAS, the designation as an Aerospace Corridor will provide unique marketing opportunities for the region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of N.C. Inc., a long-time proponent of economic benefits to revitalize Eastern N.C. endorses the designating of U.S. 70 through Wayne, Lenoir and Craven Counties as an Aerospace Corridor to support and enhance the long-term prosperity of the Eastern Region and The State of NC.

ADOPTED this the 16TH day of March, 2017.

Honorable Tom Mark, Chairman
U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of N.C., Inc.

M. Durwood Stephenson, Director
U.S. 70 Corridor Commission of N.C., Inc.

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U.S. 70 CORRIDOR COMMISSION OF N.C. INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
As of February 28, 2017

Account Balance – Last Report December 31, 2016	\$ 264,053.32
Interest Earned – January & February, 2017.....	<u>\$ 21.03</u>
Cash In Bank	\$ 264,074.35
Less Expenses	<u>(\$ 8351.90)</u>
Bank Balance February 28, 2017	<u>\$ 255,722.45</u>