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## **Project Team**







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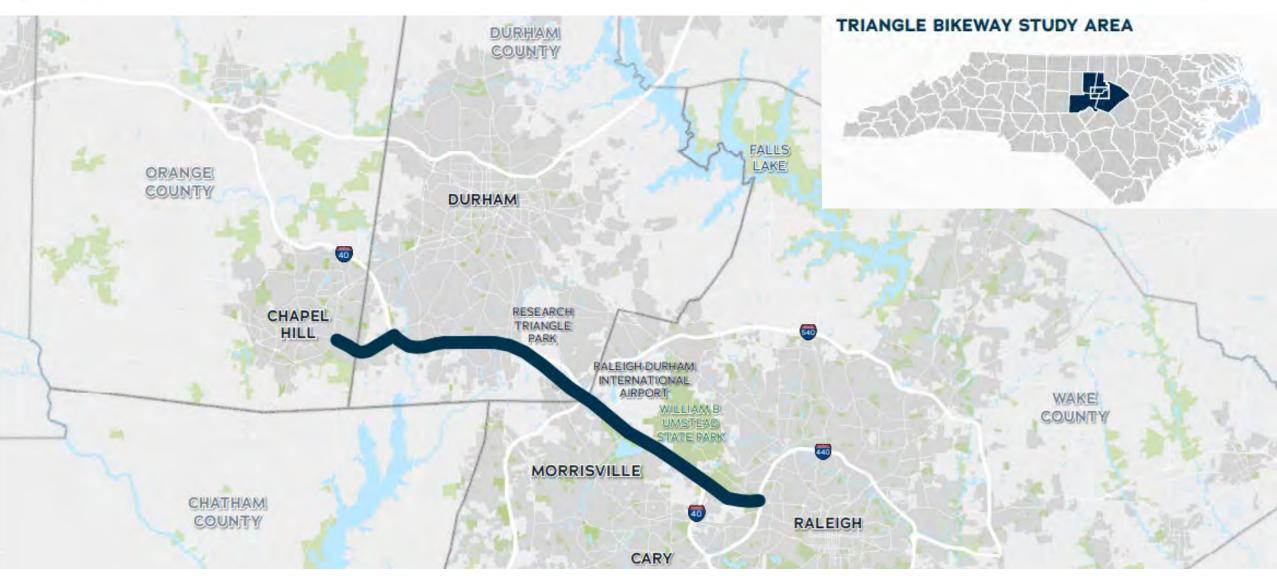
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### **Study Area**





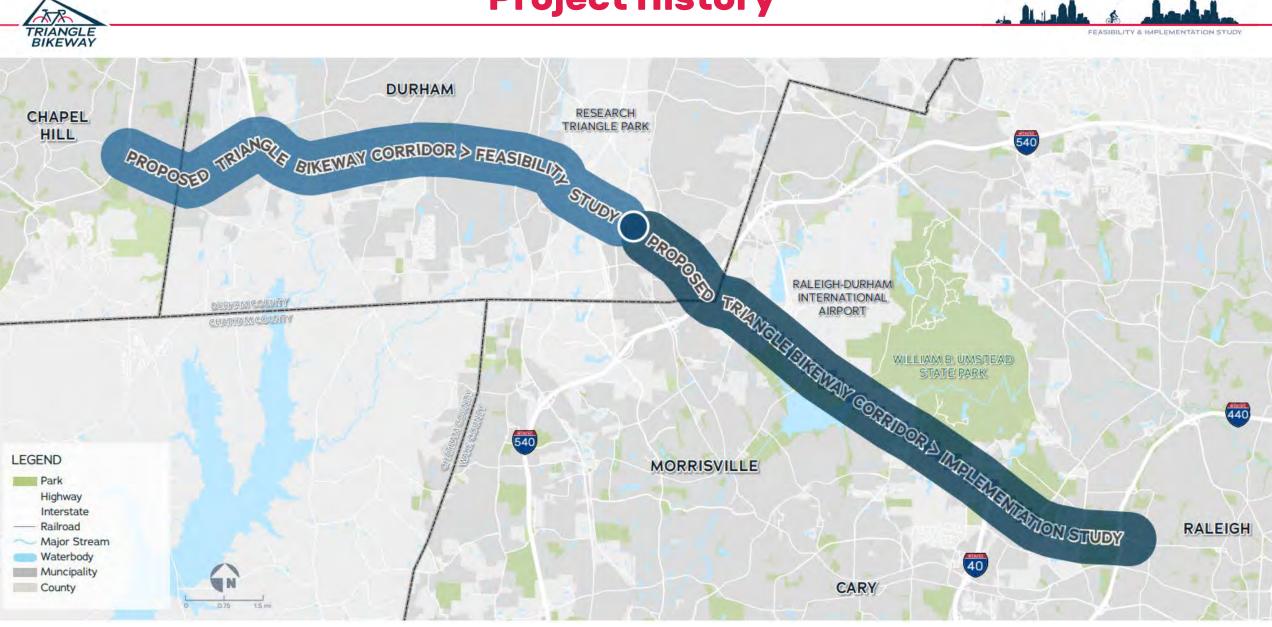


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## **Project History**

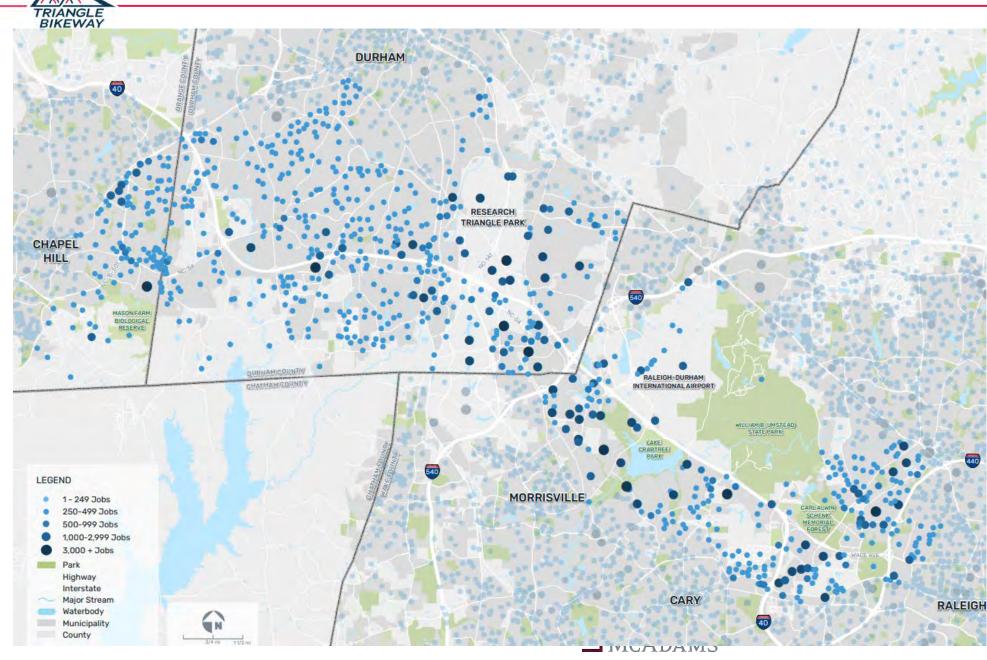






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#### **A Jobs Corridor**



"I am excited about this plan for a protected bike and pedestrian path that will tie together our region and create another transit and recreation option for Triangle residents. Many people want to get out of their vehicles and enjoy bike and pedestrian options for work or play. The vision of this Triangle Bikeway is to make this a reality,"

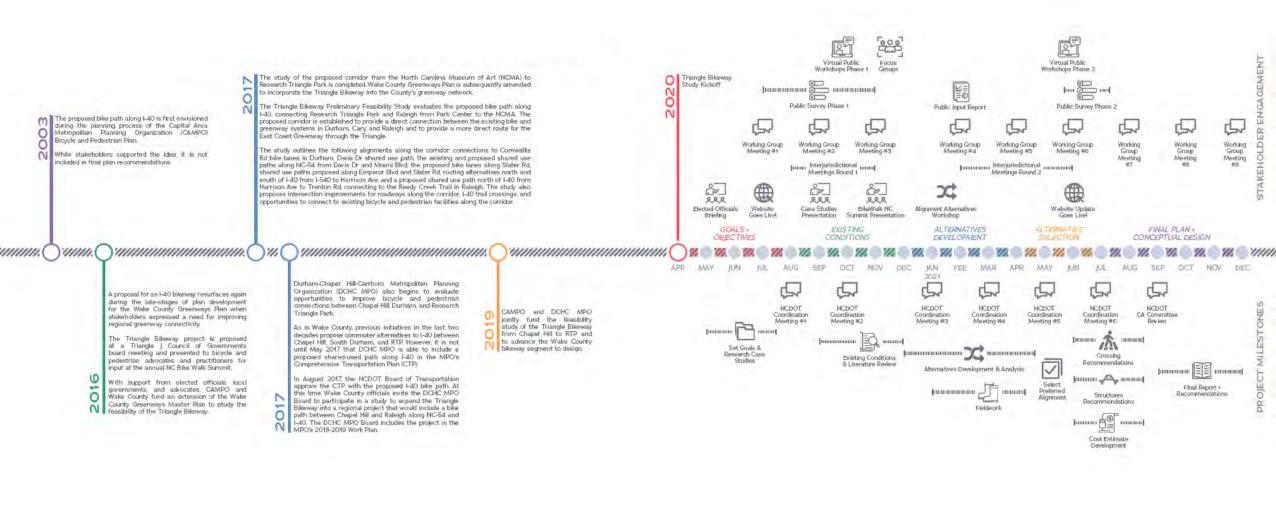
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~Wendy Jacobs Durham County Commissioner

#### **Project Evolution**

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# **CASE STUDIES**





#### **Case Studies**



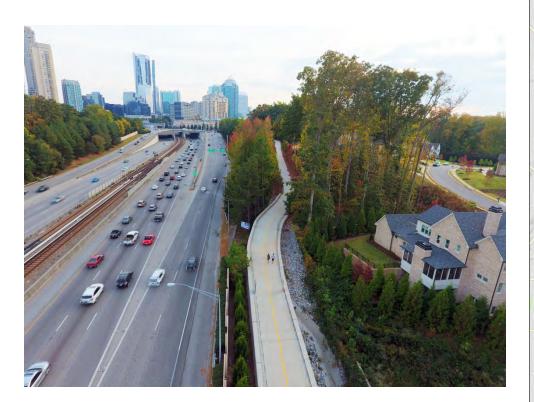


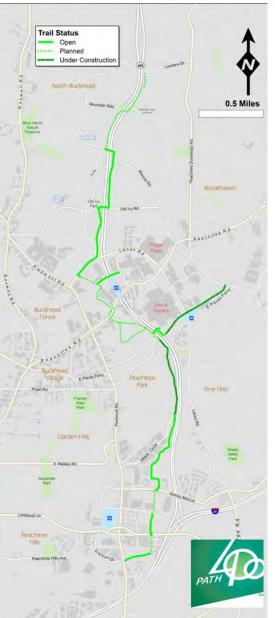


## Path 400 - Atlanta

In 2011, public engagement, land acquisition, and data collection began. Key stakeholders include: Livable Buckhead, City of Atlanta, GDOT, Marta, and the PATH Foundation. Trail funding sources have included a local sales tax (TSPLOST), state funding and federal grants. The trail will soon extend north into Sandy Springs, connect to the Atlanta Beltline to the south and the Peachtree Creek Greenway to the southwest.

- > Atlanta, Ga
- Trail length: 5.2 miles
- > Construction timeline: 2014-2020
- > Right of way: 66% in GDOT ROW
- > Total cost: \$28 million







#### Path 400 - Atlanta



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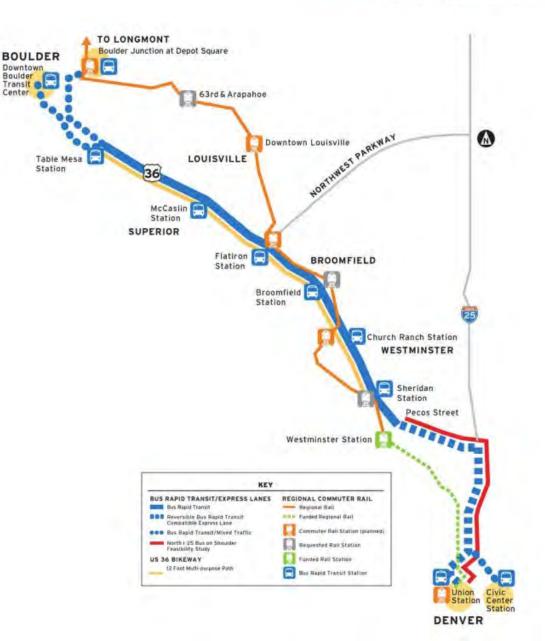
## **US 36 Bikeway - Denver to Boulder**

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US 36 Bikeway was part of a larger CDOT project to create bus rapid transit (BRT) service and tolled express lanes along the busy US 36 corridor. These investments were part of FasTracks, a multibillion-dollar public transportation expansion throughout metropolitan Denver. Additional funding sources included CDOT, FHWA, and Regional Transportation District (RTD). US 36 Bikeway is well used (an estimated 500 daily users) for commuting to work, accessing activity centers, local businesses, transit stations, and to the greater bike network in Denver metro region.

- > Metro Denver, CO
- > Trail length: 18 miles
- > Construction timeline: 2015-2016
- > Right of way: 100% in CDOT ROW
- > Total cost: \$16.6 million





## US 36 Bikeway - Denver to Boulder

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Added on to the Business 40 Improvement Project, this side path will connect several neighborhoods and key destinations (e.g. baseball stadium, hospital, and commercial areas) in Downtown Winston-Salem. Key partners include the City of Winston-Salem, NCDOT, Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, and Creative Corridors Coalition. Funding sources include several federal (CMAQ and STBG Programs), state (NCDOT's STI Prioritization), and local (bond referendums) sources. Once complete, the side path will connect to a growing network of bike facilities and 25 miles of greenways throughout the region.

- > Winston-Salem, NC
- > Trail length: 1.2 miles
- > Construction timeline: 2018-2020
- > Right of way: 100% in NCDOT ROW
- Total cost: \$8-10 million





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#### **Business 40 - Winston Salem**





# **COMMUNITY VOICES**



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## Notice To Proceed - March 2020

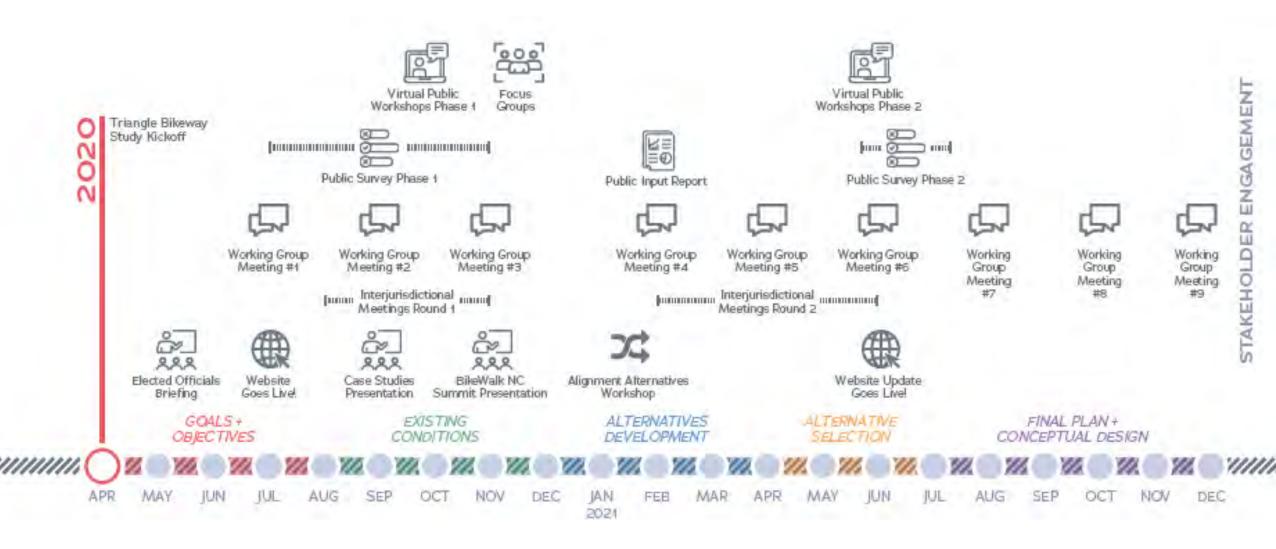






#### **Engagement Reimagined**







#### By the numbers...





40+ Bi-weekly Project Meetings 9 Working Group Meetings 7 MPO Meetings 8 Pop-Up Events **3** Focus Group Meetings

20+ Key Stakeholder Meetings **4 Virtual Public Meetings** 11 Jurisdictional Meetings 10 Elected Officials Meetings 4,025 User Surveys Completed







#### www.trianglebikeway.com





"Excited to see this project happening. I will be able to safely switch to 100% bike commuting when the bikeway is complete." - Comment on project website



## **Elected Officials**





We are pleased to present the Triangle Bikeway Study. Through the diligent and committed leadership of the Capital Area and Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro MPOs, this study has taken a back of the napkin idea and developed it into a viable, community-supported project that will change our region for the better in the following ways:

Model for Regional Transportation Projects - The Triangle has sometimes struggled to act as one region when advancing transportation projects. The evolution of the Triangle Bikeway is deeply rooted in each community that it touches. This deliberate, distributed model of planning yielded energetic consensus and clear next steps.

Bold Step to Future Proof our Region - With the advent of electric assist bikes, bicycling for transportation is no longer limited to experienced cyclists. People of all ages and abilities are finding the freedom and satisfaction that comes with making trips under our own power. The study also maximizes locations where the Triangle Bikeway route connects to existing and future transit to further expand commuting options.

Low Cost / No Emissions Connections to Job-Rich Corridor - The I-40 corridor is the gateway for thousands of jobs in both professional and service industries. The Triangle Bikeway will provide low-cost access to employment opportunities without increasing traffic congestion on our highways.

Powerful Partnership Model with NCDOT - NCDOT has been engaged and supportive throughout the entire study process. The agency's growing commitment to multi-modal transportation is an essential element to the success of this and other projects seeking to leverage state resources to create safe and vibrant transportation corridors.

The Triangle Bikeway vision is the result of the collective work of citizens, elected officials, staff and advocates across two counties and five municipalities. Over roughly 18 months, nine working group meetings, two extensive public engagement campaigns, over 30 meetings with individual stakeholders and countless work hours have resulted in a vibrant common vision.

As County Commissioners, our charge is to position our communities to thrive, adapt and evolve to maintain our position as one of the best places in the country to live and work. Our challenge to you is to join us in the hard work ahead to make the Bikeway part of our everyday lives in the Triangle. Funding design and construction will require creativity, perseverance, and teamwork across jurisdictions. We look forward to standing with you on Triangle Bikeway ribbon cutting day!







Chair Wake County Board of Commissioners Chair, CAMPO Executive Board



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## **Working Group**

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US Army Corps of Engineers.





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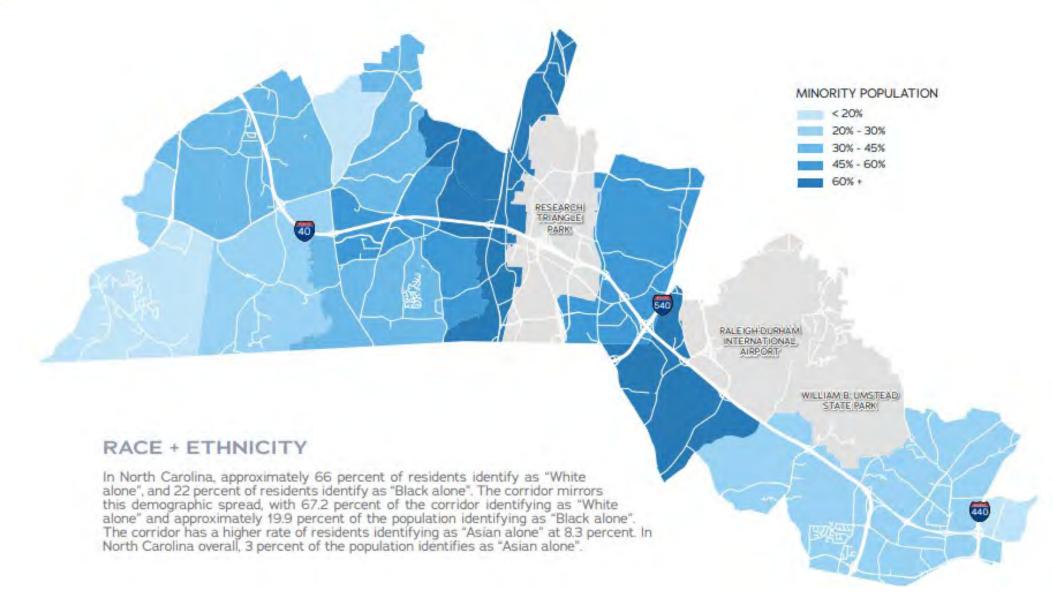


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#### TRIANGLE BIKEWAY

## **Corridor Demographics**



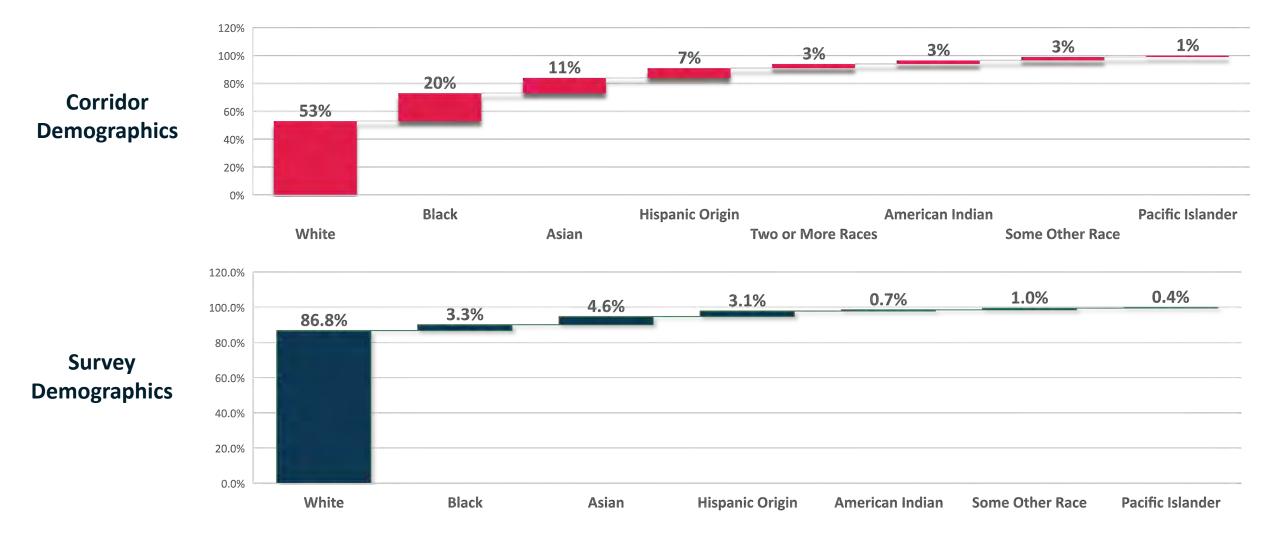


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#### **Gaps in the Survey**

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## **Focus Groups**



#### > Under-represented groups

- > Black
- Hispanic
- > Asian
- > Transit Users
- Modest and Low Income
- > Strong Support for Project
- > Desired Equitable Access
- > Should Integrate with Transit
- Designed for Users of all Ages and Abilities



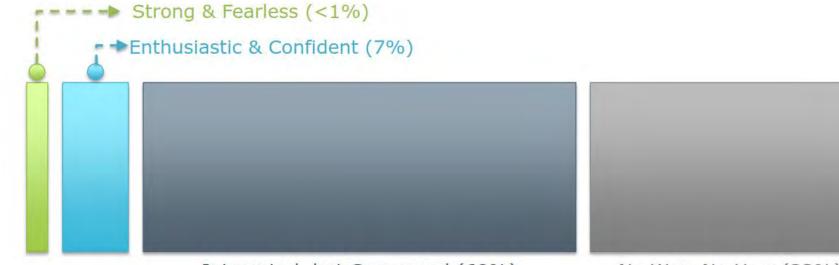






## **Calibrating Respondents**





Interested, but Concerned (60%)

No Way, No How (33%)



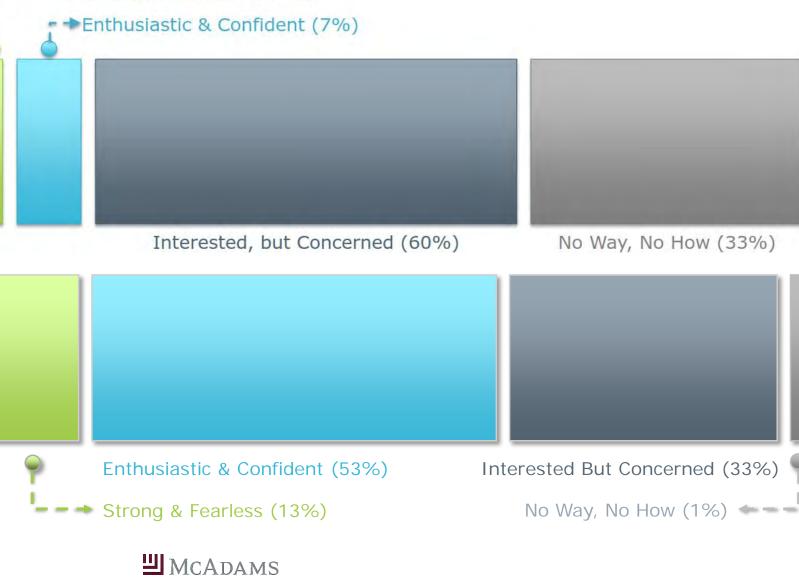


## **Skew Towards Enthusiasts**

Strong & Fearless (<1%)</p>



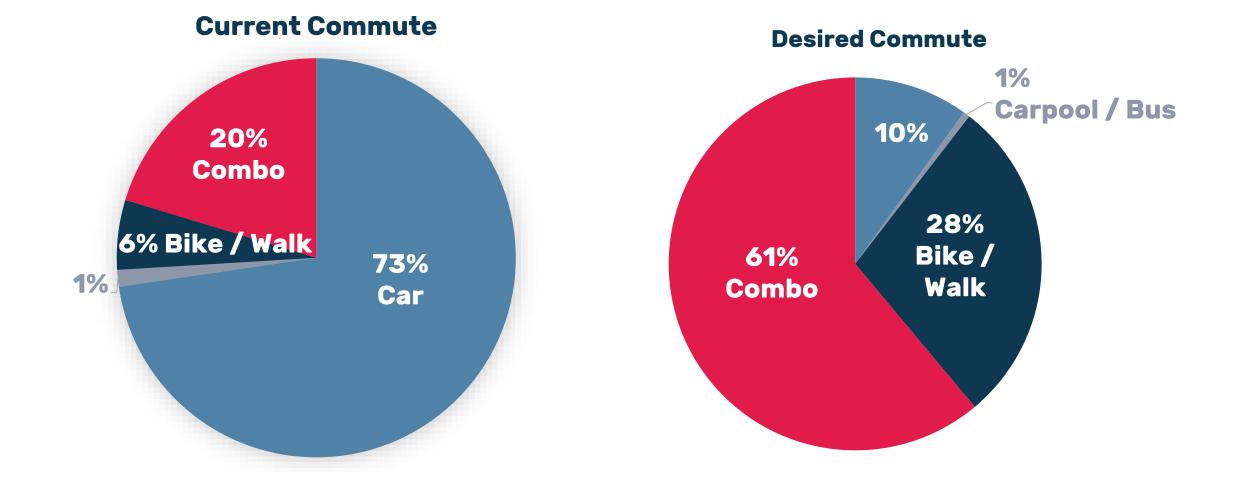
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#### **Current vs. Desired Commute Pattern**

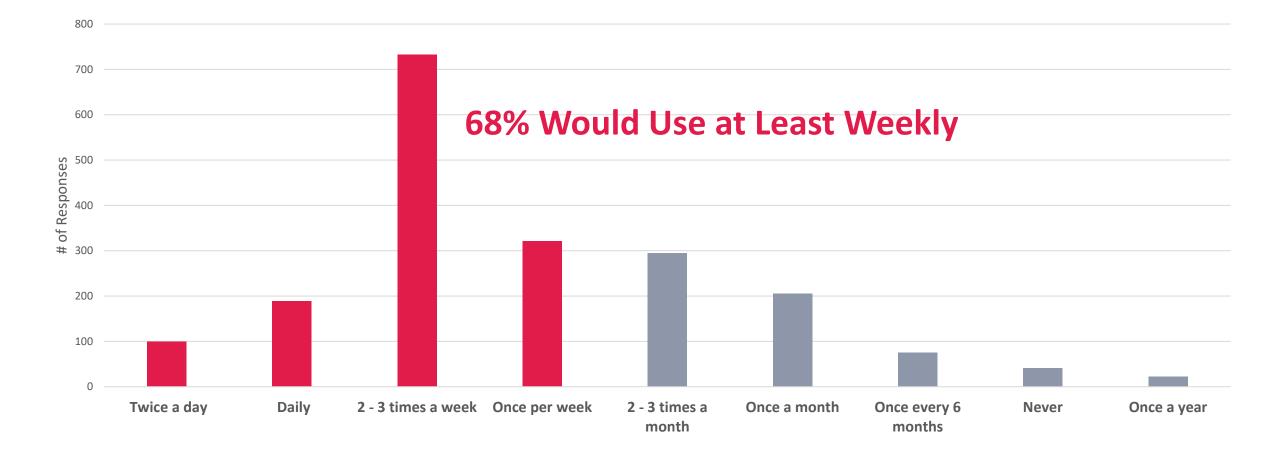






## Frequency of Use by Cyclist Type





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## **Community Values**





EQUITY Prioritize equal access to the Triangle Bikeway for all, through public engagement, project delivery and investment



#### CONNECT TO JOBS

Provide seamless connections between the Triangle Bikeway, the regional transportation network, employment centers and local neiahborhoods.

#### SAFETY Address the safety needs of users

of all ages and abilities in the design and development of the Triangle Bikeway.



#### REGIONAL COLLABORATION

Collaborate with government entities and other regional stakeholders to understand priorities and concerns. Build support of jurisdictional partners for future funding, design, construction and maintenance.



#### TRANSPORTATION CHOICE

Provide a direct and accessible route separated from traffic as a bicycling and walking option for commuters and recreational users. Make meaningful connections to transit and active transportation networks.



#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT +** SUPPORT

Listen to the community to help identify opportunities and challenges. Recommend an alignment that will generate public support and build momentum for future funding efforts.



#### FEASIBILITY

Utilize locations for the bikeway alignment that are permittable and reduce the time required for implementation. Minimize the impact of the bikeway on environmental features and the natural habitat.



#### **IDENTITY**

Create a unique identity for the bikeway that will be instantly recognizable and highlight the regional commitment to both recreational and commuter bicycling to residents and visitors alike



#### RESILIENCY

Support mode shift goals and reduce emissions / other transportation-related environmental impacts while expanding access to active living and positively impacting community health.

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- Avoid outreach during Presidential Election and/or pandemic surge
- Partner with Paid Community Rooted Outreach Professionals
- > Create events that draw people, then ask questions
- > Hybrid In-Person and Virtual is a breakthrough in outreach
  - > Much higher participation
  - > All meetings were more highly attended
  - > Public meetings during lunch hours were a big hit
  - > Dynamic website is essential
- > Trust must be built and earned it will take time

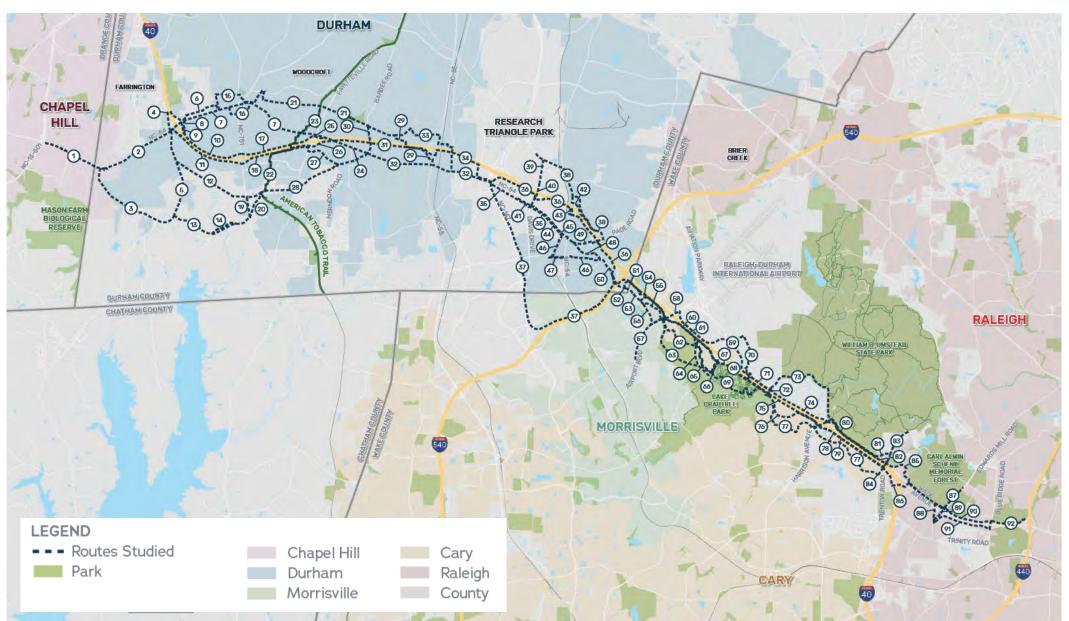
# **ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**





#### **Alternatives Evaluation**



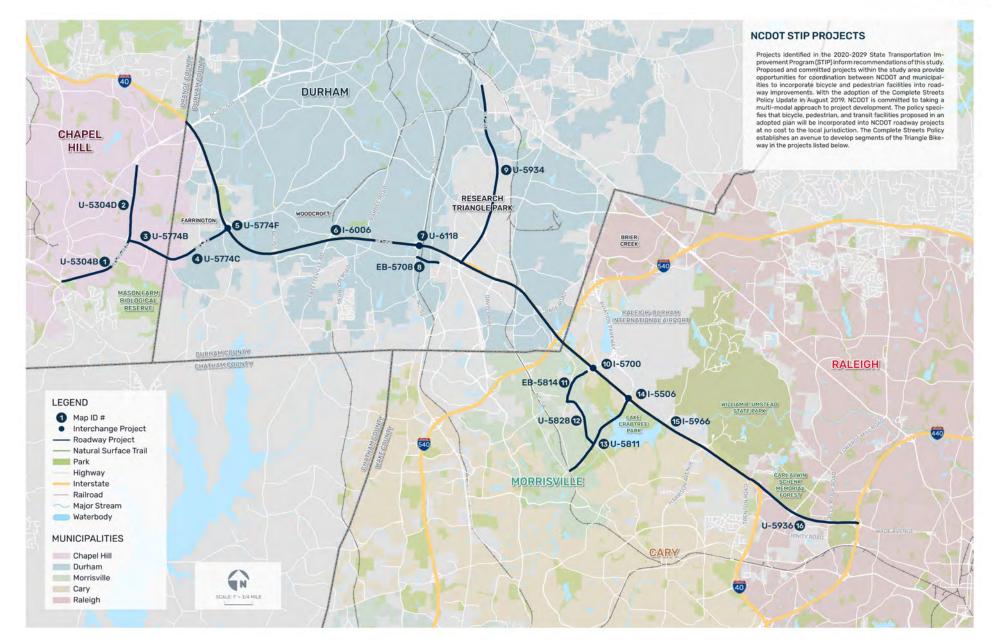


# STIP projects - Planned /Under Construction

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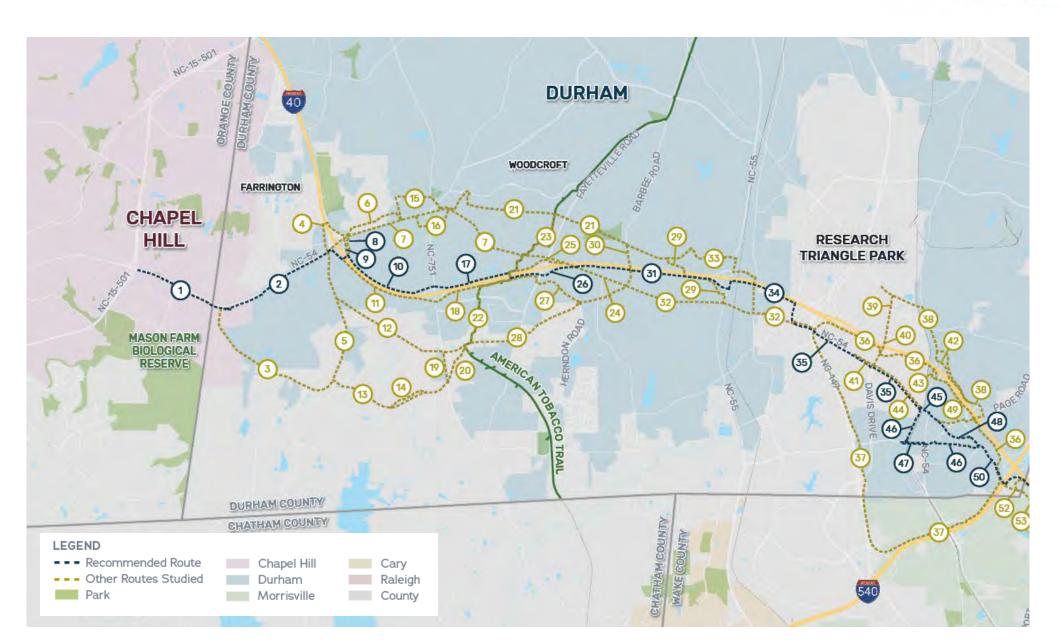
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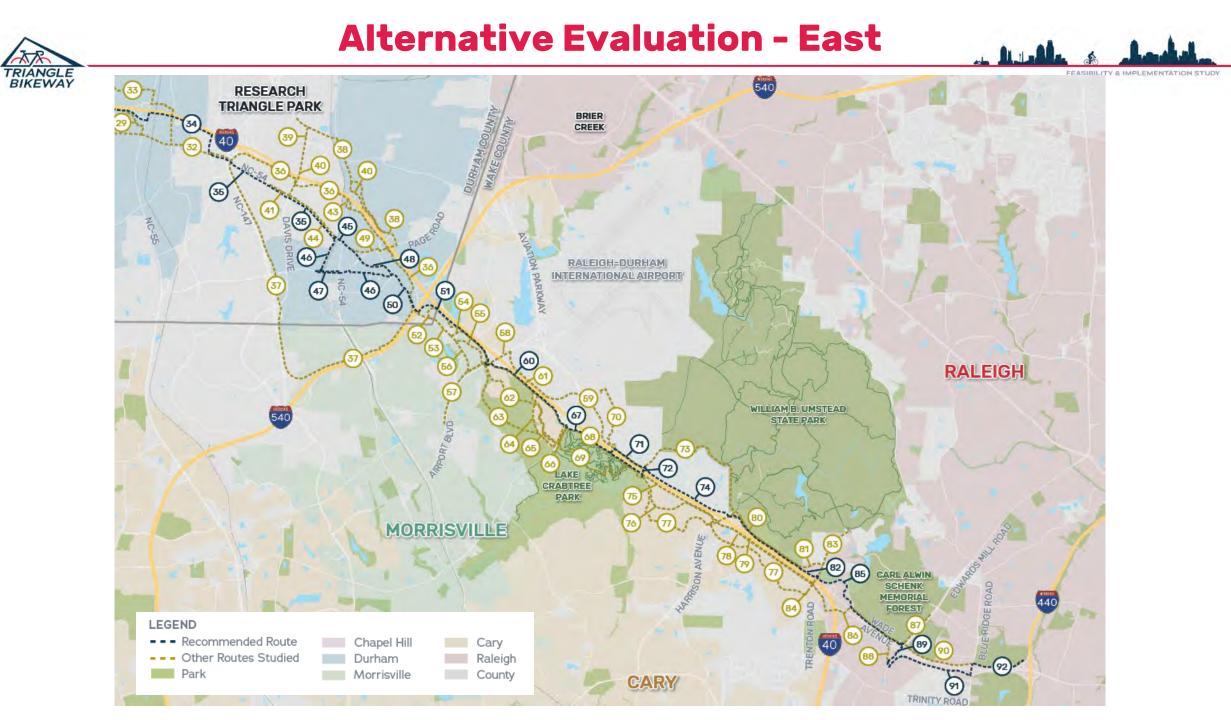




#### **Alternative Evaluation - West**









#### **Alternative Evaluation**



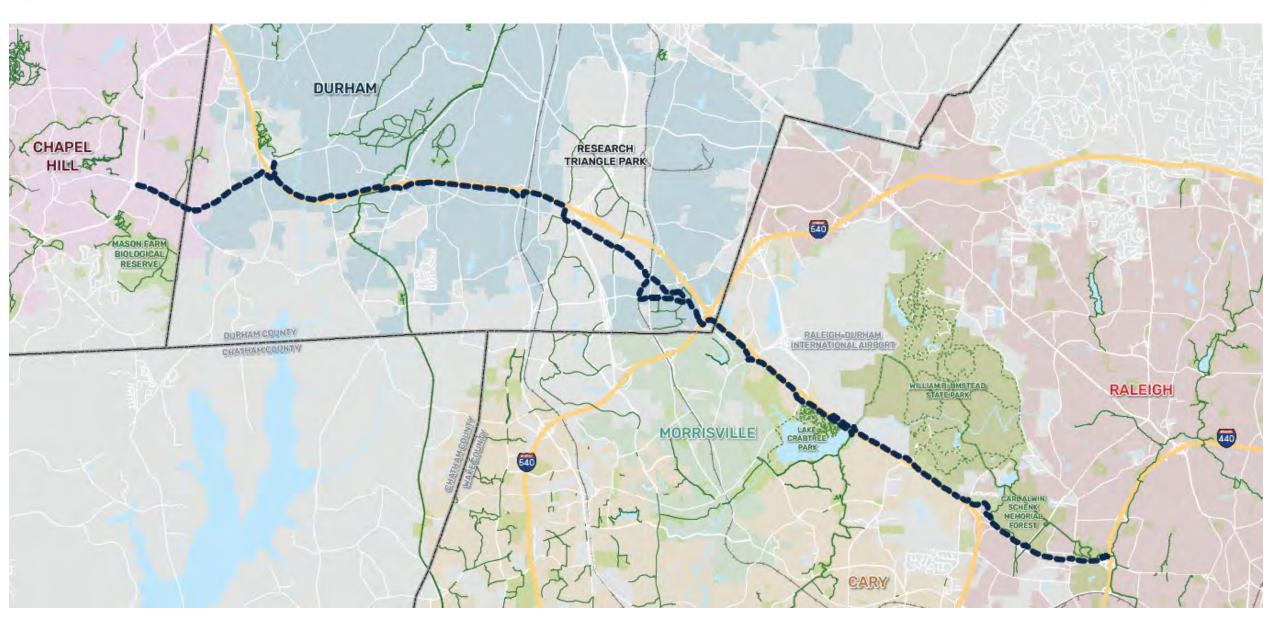
#### Segments Removed from Further Consideration

| ID | Jurisdiction           | Category                            | Notes   | Key Stakeholders                     |
|----|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 3  | Chapel Hill/<br>Durham | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Barbee Chapel Road in this area includes a large tract preserve under the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust, which creates a narrow right-of-way.   | USACE; Chapel Hill;<br>Durham; NCDOT |
| 4  | Durham                 | Safety Concerns                     | Pedestrian bridge over I-40 west of the exit would require several high ADT crossings with free flow turning movements of I-40/NC54 interchange.  | USACE; Durham; NCDOT                 |
| 5  | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segment #13 has been removed from consideration and therefore makes this segment void.  | USACE; Durham; NCDO                  |
| 6  | Durham                 | Environmental Constraints           | Under the conditions for the creation of Jordan Lake the Army Corps of Engineers is obligated to keep these lands open to hunting and deem trails an<br>incompatible use. Any trails need to be located in existing NCDOT right-of-way. In addition to USACE mitigation commitments all options through Waterfowl<br>Impoundment would require extensive boardwalk and would likely be prohibitively expensive. | USACE; Durham                        |
| 7  | Durham                 | Included in Another Project         | Shared use paths are recommended on both sides of NC54 as part of the U-5774 project.   | USACE; Durham; NCDOT                 |
| 11 | Durham                 | Environmental Constraints           | Under the conditions for the creation of Jordan Lake the Army Corps of Engineers is obligated to keep these lands open to hunting and deem trails an<br>incompatible use. Any trails need to be located in existing NCDOT right-of-way. This south side of I-40 through USACE property would also require building<br>structure over a spillway.  | USACE; Durham; NCDOT                 |
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| 13 | Durham                 | Environmental Constraints           | Under the conditions for the creation of Jordan Lake the Army Corps of Engineers is obligated to keep these lands open to hunting and deem trails an incom-<br>patible use. Any trails need to be located in existing NCDOT right-of-way, which not wide enough on Stagecoach Rd to accommodate the facility.   | USACE; Durham; NCDO                  |
| 14 | Durham                 | Environmental Constraints           | Under the conditions for the creation of Jordan Lake the Army Corps of Engineers is obligated to keep these lands open to hunting and deem trails an<br>incompatible use. Any trails need to be located in existing NCDOT right-of-way. This segment through USACE property would also require building structure<br>over a spillway.   | USACE; Durham; NCDOT                 |
| 15 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segment #6 has been removed from consideration and therefore makes this segment void.   | USACE; Durham Schools<br>NCDOT       |
| 16 | Durham                 | Indirect/Lacks Connections          | Route conflicts with development plans and would be redundant to shared use paths planned for NC54 in U-5774  | USACE; Durham                        |
| 18 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segment #11 has been removed from consideration and therefore makes this segment void. Alignment north of I-40 is recommended due to fewer environ-<br>mental conflicts and better crossing geometry with NC751.  | USACE; Durham                        |
| 19 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segments #12-14 have been removed from consideration and therefore make this segment void.  | USACE; Durham; NCDO                  |
| 20 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segments #12-14 have been removed from consideration and therefore make this segment void.  | USACE; Durham                        |
| 21 | Durham                 | Indirect/Lacks Connections          | While this alignment does connect to existing bicycle facilities in South Durham, it deviates away from employment and commercial centers. Would also require extensive property/easement acquisition.  | Durham; Duke Energy                  |
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| 22 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segments #12-14; #19-20; and #28 have been removed from consideration and therefore make this segment void.   | Durham                               |
| 23 | Durham                 | Indirect/Lacks Connections          | While this alignment utilizes the existing American Tobacco Trail in South Durham, it deviates away from employment and commercial centers. In addition,<br>segment #21 has been removed from consideration, which would also make this segment void.   | Durham                               |
| 24 | Durham                 | Included in Another Project         | Shared use paths are recommended on both sides of NC54 as part of the U-5774 project.   | Durham                               |
| 25 | Durham                 | Safety Concerns                     | NC54 west under I-40 bridge does not have adequate space for a protected bike facility. Recommended alignment uses American Tobacco Trail Bridge over I-40 to cross to southern alignment to avoid pinch point.   | Durham; NCDOT                        |
| 27 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segment #28 has been removed from consideration and therefore makes this segment void.  | Durham; NCDOT                        |
| 28 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | All alternatives connecting to this route from the west have been removed from further consideration and therefore make this segment void.  | Durham; NCDOT                        |
| 29 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segment #21 has been removed from consideration and therefore makes this segment void. In addition, this route would require an underpass under I-40 and traversing across a power line easement.   | Durham; NCDOT                        |
| 30 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | All alternatives connecting to this route from the south and north have been removed from further consideration and therefore make this segment void.   | Durham                               |
| 32 | Durham                 | Included in Another Project         | Shared use paths are recommended on both sides of NC54 as part of the U-5774 project.   | Durham; RTP; NCDOT                   |
| 33 | Durham                 | Dependent Upon Infeasible Alignment | Segment #21 has been removed from consideration and therefore makes this segment void. This route would also require an at-grade crossing on the railroad.  | Durham                               |
| 36 | RTP                    | Indirect/Lacks Connections          | Preferred alternative utilizes NC54 to provide greater connections to jobs. This route also conflicts with NCDOT future plans for I-40.   | Durham; RTP; NCDOT                   |
| 37 | RTP/Morrisville        | Indirect/Lacks Connections          | Routing the bikeway south along NC147 to continue north on I-540 would require extensive pedestrian bridges and tunnels. There is no feasible option for<br>crossing of railroad and Church Street.   | NCDOT                                |
| 38 | RTP/Durham             | Conflicts with NCDOT Project        | Preferred alternative utilizes NC54 to provide greater connections to jobs. This route also conflicts with NCDOT future plans for I-40.   | Durham; RTP; NCDOT                   |
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#### **Recommended Alignment**

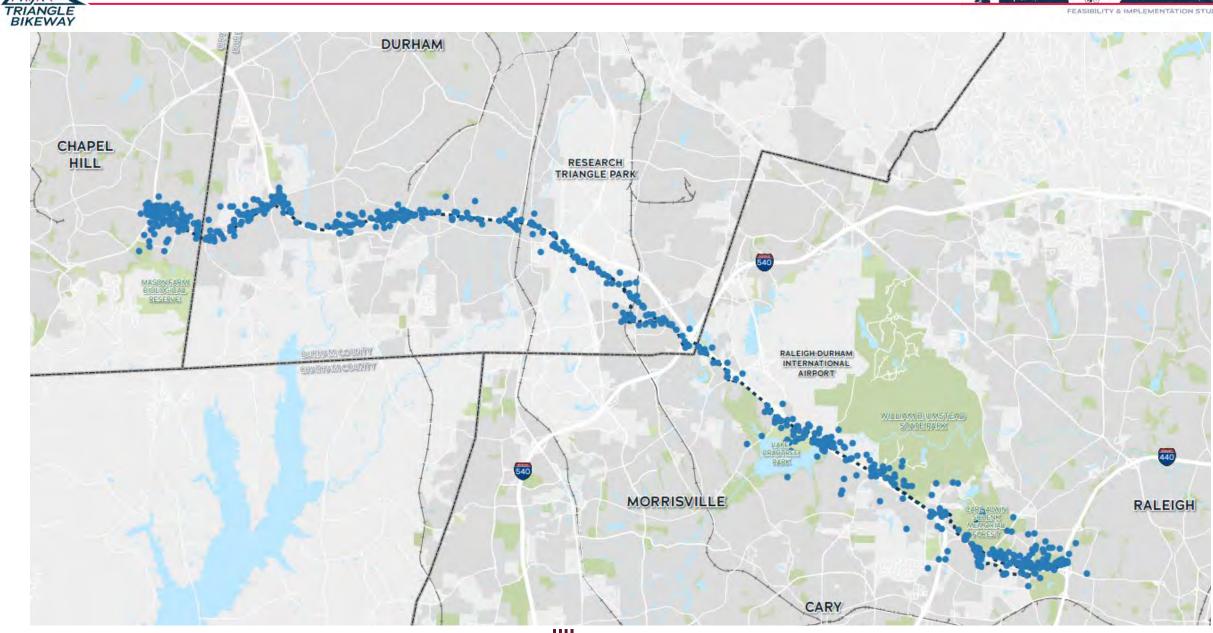




#### **Desired Walk Locations**

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#### **TYPICAL SECTION**



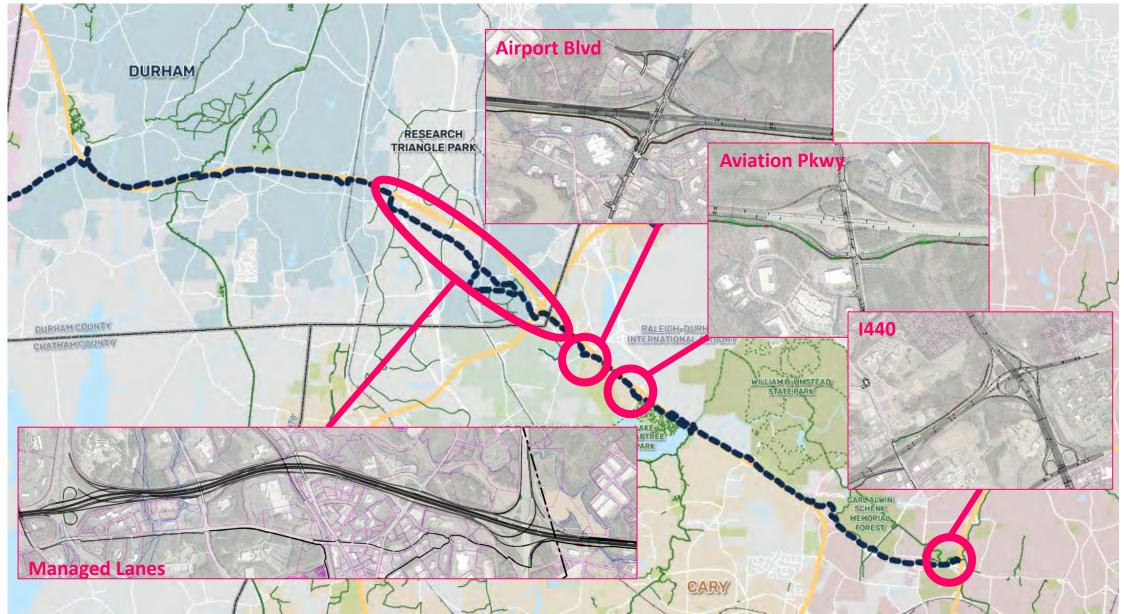




#### **NCDOT Coordination**

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# **IMPLEMENTATION**







## **Implementation Scenarios**



Scenario 1 Accelerated



Scenario 2 Incremental



Scenario 3.1 Gradual



Scenario 3.2 Gradual





#### **Thank You & Questions**





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