



## New Projects

### U.S. 264

- Upgrading U.S. 264 to an Interstate

### NC 87 (R-2561)

- **Project Name:** R-2561
- **History:** There are some EJ issues being raised around the Reiglewood area in Columbus County (Cape Fear RPO).
- **Narrative:** Widen to Multi-lanes from US 74/76 in Columbus County to the Elizabethtown Bypass in Bladen County.

### NC 11

- **Project Name:** NC 11
- **History:** NC 903 in Martin County to US 13 bypass North of Ahoskie continues to see a growing increase in commercial traffic due to new industry and commercial growth reliant on commercial vehicles throughout the region.
- **Narrative:** Improvements are need along this corridor to accommodate the existing growth and relieve congestion due to substandard facility/roadway. Multi-Lane facilities are required to alleviate safety concerns and address increase travel demands effectively and efficiently. Improvements will create a modernized roadway to facilitate and connect strategic regionalized travel throughout this area of NC.

### U.S. 74

- **Project Name:** R-3421, I-3801, R-4462, FS-1106B
- **History:** This highway was designated as part of the Governor's plans for Interstate for SE NC in 2003. DOT has built several interchanges along the route in recent years as well as closing several at-grade intersections. There is still considerable work to be done to complete the upgrade.

#### **Narrative**

- I-74 in Robeson, Scotland, Richmond Counties and part of Columbus. It will remain US 74 in part of Columbus County and Brunswick County to Wilmington. (I-74 to turn in Whiteville and go to South Carolina through Columbus and Brunswick County.
- Unfunded TIP project (R-4462): Upgrade US 74 to Wilmington. SPOT narrative:” Upgrade roadway to interstate standards from Whiteville to I-140/US 17 Wilmington Bypass.”



- The Robeson and Columbus County section is currently a Feasibility study (FS-1106B) TIP Narrative: “Upgrade to interstate standards from NC 41 in Lumberton to SR 1585 in (Union Valley Rd) in Columbus County.
- The Scotland County section is I-3801: “Upgrade to interstate standards from Rockingham/Hamlet bypass to Laurinburg Bypass.” Unfunded.
- Richmond County Project is R-3421: “Rockingham Bypass. (from) US 74 Bypass west of Rockingham at SR 1109 to I-73/74 interchange south of Ellerbe. Four lane divided on new location.”
- Section C is on the TIP 5 year work program and Sections A and B are on the Developmental Program.

#### **Interchange at I-95 and Sunset Avenue**

- **Project Name:** U-5026
- **History:** The purchase of right-of-way for this interchange is scheduled in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the fiscal year 2019. The I-95 Corridor Planning and Finance Study proposes that this project be included in Phase I of I-95 Improvements.
- **Narrative:** None

#### **I-795 (US117)**

- **Project Name:** I-795 (US117) South extension to I-40
- **History:** A Feasibility Study was completed in January 2004 along the US 117 South Corridor From NC 581 to US 117 South of Goldsboro which investigated the extension of US 117 as a freeway-type facility from south of US 13 to NC 581 in Goldsboro. US 117 has long been a major north-south highway in eastern North Carolina. Several projects through the years have relocated and improved portions of the old US 117 to four-lane freeway type facilities. With the completion of the freeway facility between Goldsboro and Wilson, US 117 is now a four-lane freeway/expressway from Interstate 40 near Faison north to Interstate 95 at Wilson with the exception of the section of US 117 from NC 581 to US 13. The Feasibility Study completed in 2004 suggested a new location to connect the four-lane controlled access section of US 117 south of Goldsboro to the most recent completed upgrade of US 117 in Goldsboro northward to the Wilson Bypass. This project is currently in the TIP as U-3125 with a funding year of 2036. Due to cost of the project Goldsboro MPO is currently contracting with the Eastern Carolina



RPO to conduct a I-795 Corridor Study to study the US 117 corridor within the geographic scope in order to evaluate the potential for the extension of I-795 through the existing corridor, as per the Strategic Highway Plan. The Strategic Highway Plan indicates that this corridor, corridor number 50, should be improved to freeway status from Wilson to Wilmington. The study will include the US 117 corridor from the intersection with US 13 south of Goldsboro as the northern terminus of the project to the boundary of the Goldsboro MPO (between Oberry Road and Country Club Road).

- **TIP Narrative:** None

### I-95

- **Project Name:** Entire I-95 Corridor
- **History:** I-95 Corridor has studied Tolling along the Corridor and has recently begun an Economic Assessment. The study will examine what the economic impacts, both positive and negative, will be to adding lanes on I-95 and paying for them with tolling or utilizing other funding that may exist. It will also examine the economic impact of not adding the lanes or making any significant improvements outside of what can be funded with existing funding sources.
- **TIP Narrative:** Many segments

### US 17

- **Project Name:** US 17
- **History:** US Highway 17 is part of the strategic highway corridor throughout the State of North Carolina. Since the opening of the Washington – Chocowinity bypass in Beaufort County, this roadway has experienced a considerable increase in traffic and truck/transport vehicle traffic is expected to increase exponentially over the next 5 years, due to existing and proposed industry/commercial growth and development in this and surrounding areas.
- **TIP Narrative:** The location of US 17 between NC 171 to just south of the Town of Williamston in Martin County is a narrow and substandard two lane road, and has been pushed back on the STIP until 2018 for any improvement/activity. This area creates a bottleneck for traffic flow and creates many safety issues due to residential uses throughout the corridor.



## US 17

- **Project Name:** US 17
- **History:** It is a SHC, it is our major highway in the east going from Virginia to South Carolina.
- **Narrative:** Even though most our road has been widened, we feel that it is important that we recognize its future. We also do have two projects along US 17 that will improve intersections in Winfall and Hertford (R-4458, 4459). US 17 is also a major roadway for our tourism traffic. It is also our major route for traffic to and from Hampton Roads.

## US 158

- **Project Name:** R-2584
- **History:** The Least Environmentally Damaging and Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) has been selected. The selected alternative will utilize the existing highway in some sections, while other sections will be constructed on a new location.
- **TIP Narrative:** This project proposes to widen US 158 from the I-95 / NC 46 interchange to the Murfreesboro Bypass. The widening of US 158 will convert the existing two lane highway to a four-lane, median divided highway that will include some service roads. The proposed highway will have 12-foot lanes, paved shoulders, and a 46-foot wide grassy median.

## US 158

- **Project Name:** R-2574, R – 2578, R- 2579. CURR0002-H, R-3419, CURR001-H. R-2574,2578, 2579 are projects in the design phase.
- **History:** US 158 is a SHC and is our major Eastern and Western Highway In my northern counties. CURR002-H and CURR001-H were added during the Currituck CTP.
- **Narrative:** All of 158 in Currituck and Dare County are above capacity by 2040. R-3419 is also an important project because it is currently being redefined in the Dare CTP. But the reality is that this project will be very important in the next 10-15 because of the lack of capacity the way the road is built. This project did not get any points because we wanted to redefine it in the CTP first. But is still a high priority. Most our tourism traffic flows from Virginia down to the Outer Banks. On a summer day, it is typically backed up several miles in Virginia due to the poor design and capacity of 158 in NC.



### U.S. 13

- **Project Name:** R-5311
- **History:** The accident rate along N.C. 11 and U.S. 13 are higher than the statewide average.
- **TIP Narrative:** This project involves improving a 7.8-mile stretch of N.C. 11 and U.S. 13 from just south of the intersection of N.C. 11 with N.C. 561 near Ahoskie to the intersection of U.S. 13 with U.S. 158 and N.C. 45 near Winton. The purpose of the project is to improve the safety of the N.C. 11/U.S. 13 corridor between the N.C. 11/N.C. 561 intersection and the U.S. 13-158/N.C. 45 intersection.

### NC 903

- **Project Name:** NC 903
- **History:** N/A.
- **TIP Narrative:** Martin County to US 13 bypass North of Ahoskie continues to see a growing increase in commercial traffic due to new industry and commercial growth reliant on commercial vehicles throughout the region. Improvements are needed along this corridor to accommodate the existing growth and relieve congestion due to substandard facility/roadway. Multi-Lane facilities are required to alleviate safety concerns and address increased travel demands effectively and efficiently. Improvements will create a modernized roadway to facilitate and connect strategic regionalized travel throughout this area of NC.

### US 64

- **Project Name:**
- **History:** US 64 is our region's main western and eastern highway to get to the Outer Banks from the west. We have several projects that are already funded which include R-2545 AA, AB, B. We also have R-2544 A, B, C which don't fit into the 7 year scope. US 64 is also a SHC.
- **Narrative:** These projects are also very important because US 64 and 158 are our only ways out for hurricane evacuation. They are also major economic routes for our region. Another project that is connected to us 64 is U-3815 which is an intersection improvement.



## Mid Currituck Bridge

- **Project Name:** R-2576
- **History:** The Bridges funding is basically on the chopping block. It is one of the state's tolled projects and there has been much discussion on getting rid of this project.
- **Narrative:** This project is very important because it would relieve the traffic issues on US 158 for the Outer Banks. Without this project, our roads will be well above the already existing capacity issues by 2040.

## Harvey Parkway Part C

- **Project Name:** FS-1102A
- **History:** Harvey Parkway is a Strategic Highway Corridor and completing this project will provide connectivity from US 70 at the Industrial Park in Kinston to NC 11 and north to Greenville and US 264. This project provides connectivity from GTP to Greenville and is the top priority for GTP. The project is the #2 priority for the ECRPO (behind the Kinston Bypass) and one of the top 3 projects for Division 2.
- The project has been modified from its original scope to include rail expansion from GTP to the CSX rail line running north and parallel to NC 11. The rail line would provide GTP with rail connectivity to Norfolk and introduce rail competition with the Norfolk Southern line funning east to the port at Morehead City.
- The feasibility study is currently under way.
- **TIP Narrative:** provides connectivity to GTP and a connection route between US 70 and Greenville.

## NC 12

- **Project Name:** NC 12
- **History:** N/A
- **Narrative:** is a very integral road to our region because it goes through all of our Outer Banks towns.