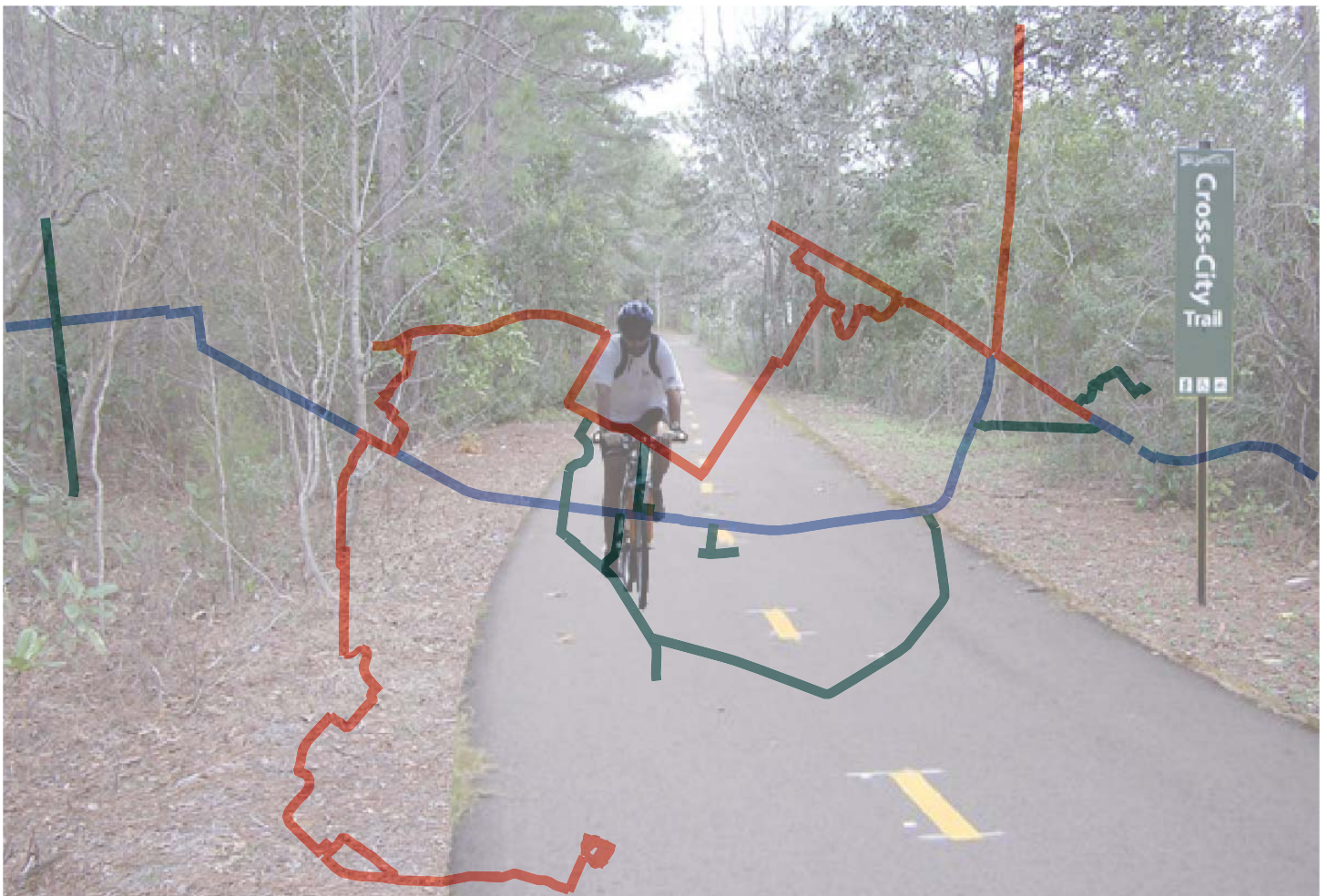


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Rationale

The proposed non-motorized vehicular transportation network project is vital and critical to the health, welfare and sustainability of the Cape Fear Region. A safe, functional, comprehensive and inter-connected bike and pedestrian trail/path system is currently non-existent in the area. This fact alone presents the Cape Fear Region with numerous challenges and problems that adversely impact the economically distressed, economic competitiveness of the region, the health and well-being of area residents, the integrity and sustainability of natural resources and the ability of residents and visitors to enjoy a safe and secure non-motorized means of moving from one location to another.

The comprehensive network outlined in this proposal will provide a significant means of stimulating economic competitiveness as it ensures the connectivity of the bicycle and pedestrian trails in the region. As connections to transit and existing trails improve and the network is expanded, safety and utilization will increase. The alternative transportation network will enhance the health and well-being of area residents and visitors by connecting residential areas to employment opportunities and jobs, commercial businesses and other community services and resources. In turn, this provides avenues for recreation and physical activity. This project will build off an existing infrastructure to speed construction and job creation, while reducing costs. This regional solution will upgrade livability, in particular to the economically distressed, will ensure the sustainability of regional natural resources and, will be a model for cooperation and coordination by crossing local government boundaries, including several college campuses, via a non-motorized vehicular transportation network.

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C. Project Description

The joint application to the United States Department of Transportation by the [City of Wilmington](#), [University of North Carolina Wilmington](#), [Town of Wrightsville Beach](#) and [New Hanover County](#) seeks funding to complete the

