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Special Meeting Agenda

Wilmington Urban Area MPO
Transportation Advisory Committee

TO: Transportation Advisory Committee Members
FROM: Mike Kozlosky, Executive Director
DATE: October 9, 2009
SUBJECT: October 14th Special Meeting

A special meeting of the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, October 14 at 2pm. **The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber at City Hall in downtown Wilmington.**

The following is the agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Presentation-
 - a. Cape Fear Skyway
- 3) Announcements
 - a. Cape Fear Commutes meeting- October 21st
 - b. Wilmington Bike/Pedestrian Committee meeting- December 10th
- 4) Adjournment -- Next Meeting --October 28, 2009

Cape Fear Skyway

STIP Project No. U-4738

Federal Aid Project No. STP-0017(53)

WBS No. 40114

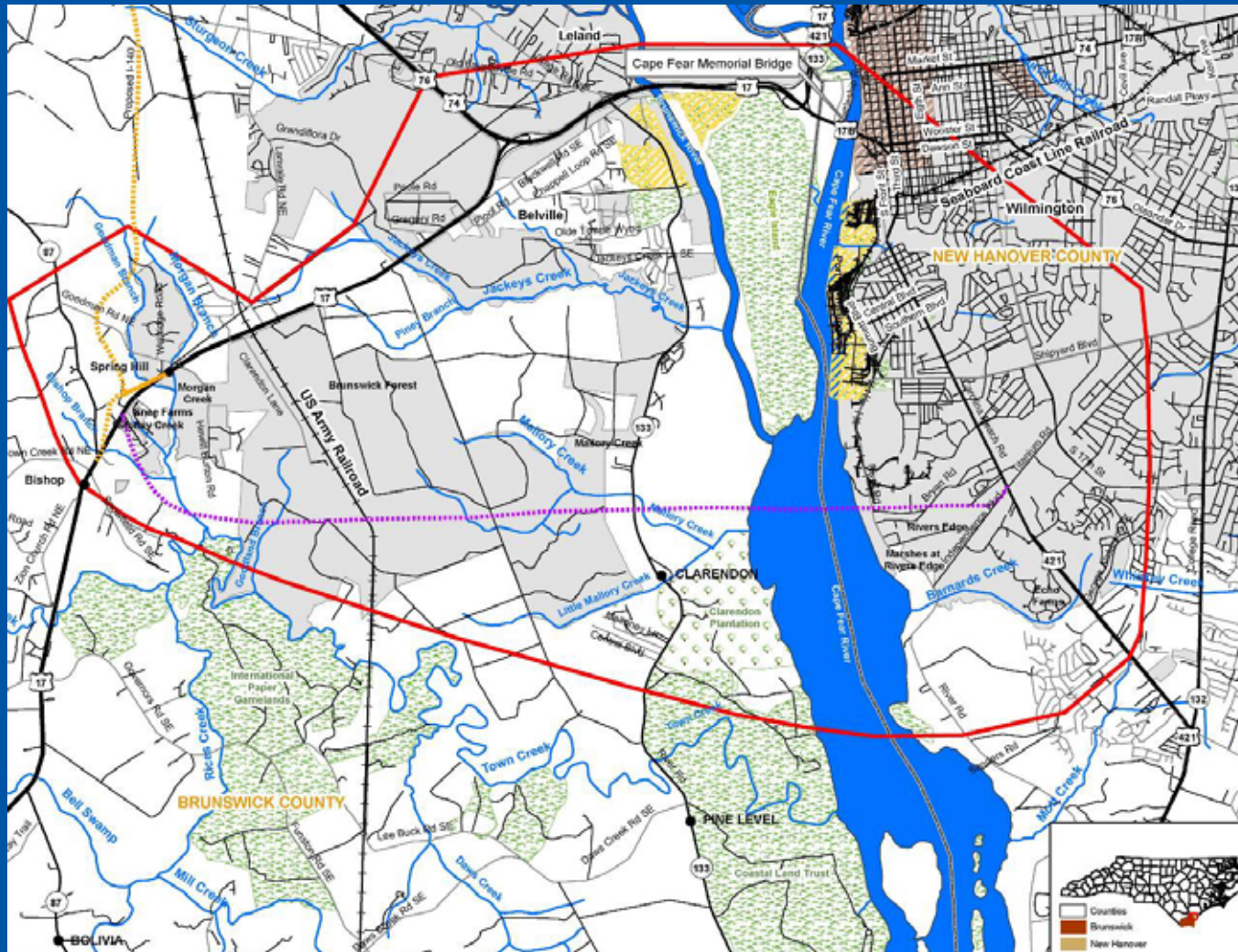
**New Hanover and Brunswick Counties,
North Carolina**

October 14, 2009





About Cape Fear Skyway



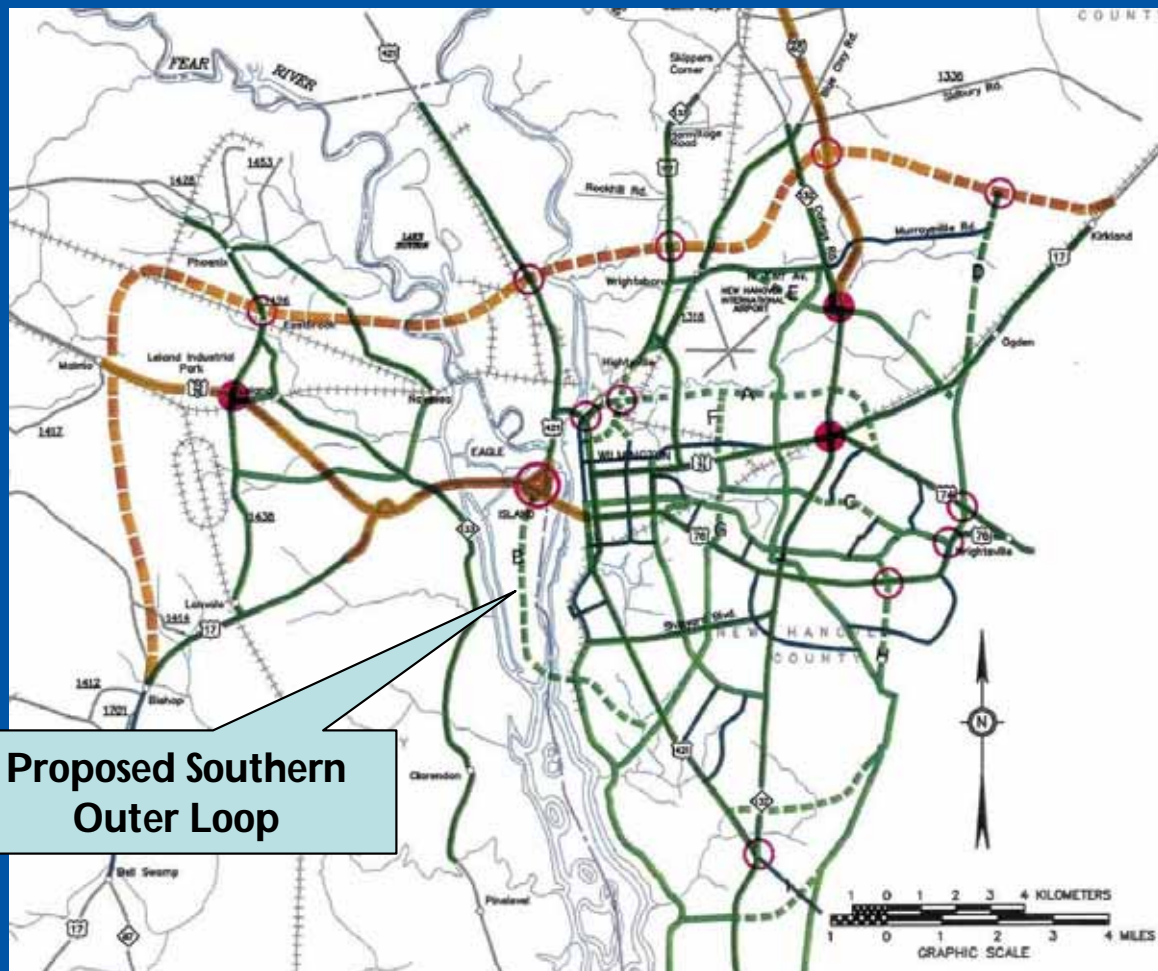


Project History

- **“Southern Outer Loop”**
 - **Project from 1993 Thoroughfare Plan**
 - **Described part of this loop as the “Southern Bridge” – an extension from Independence Blvd. northward to Eagle Island to interchange with US 74/76**



1993 Thoroughfare Plan





Project History

- Project described as “Southern Bridge” in *Greater Wilmington Urban Area Transportation Plan 1999-2025*
 - Revised description to have western terminus at existing US 17 and proposed Wilmington Bypass (I-140) interchange
 - 2025 Plan removed “Southern Outer Loop” project completely

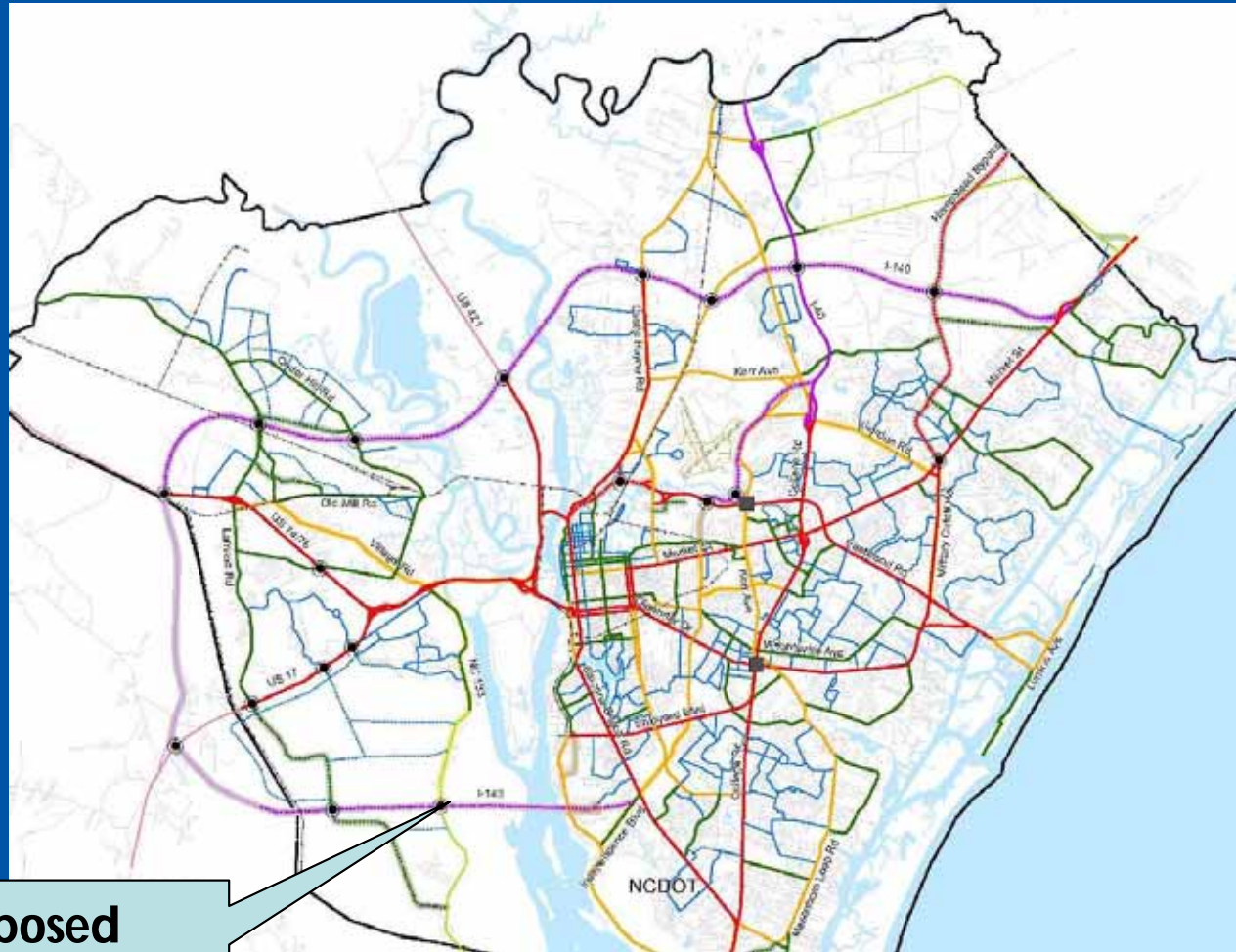


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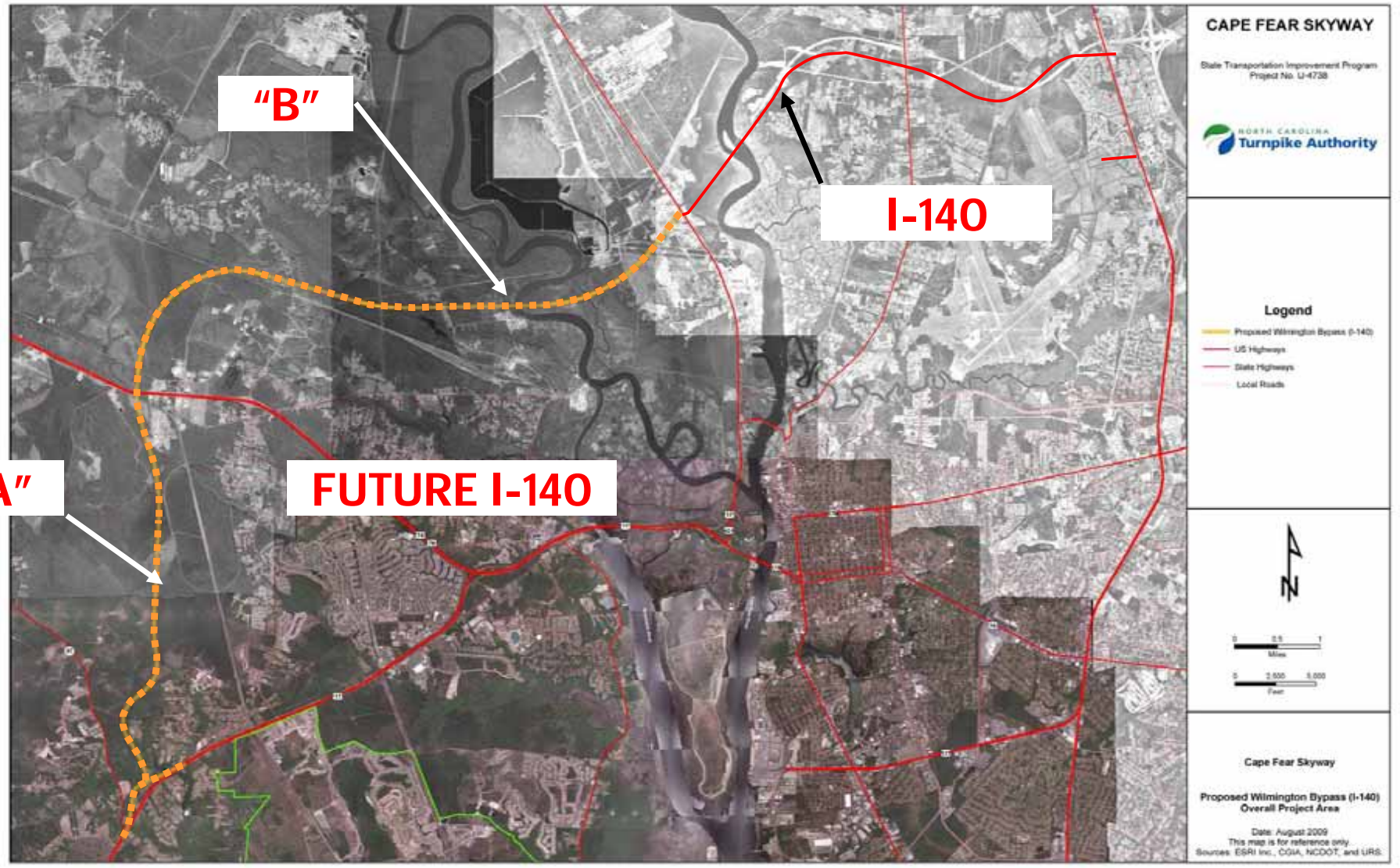
- Included in current WMPO Long Range Transportation Plan (2030) as “Cape Fear Skyway”
 - Described as a project that extends east from US 17 at the proposed I-140 (Wilmington Bypass) interchange, across the Cape Fear River, to Independence Boulevard at US 421.
 - Listed as one of six priority projects in the 2030 Plan.
- Included in the Strategic Highway Corridor Initiative and the NC Intrastate System



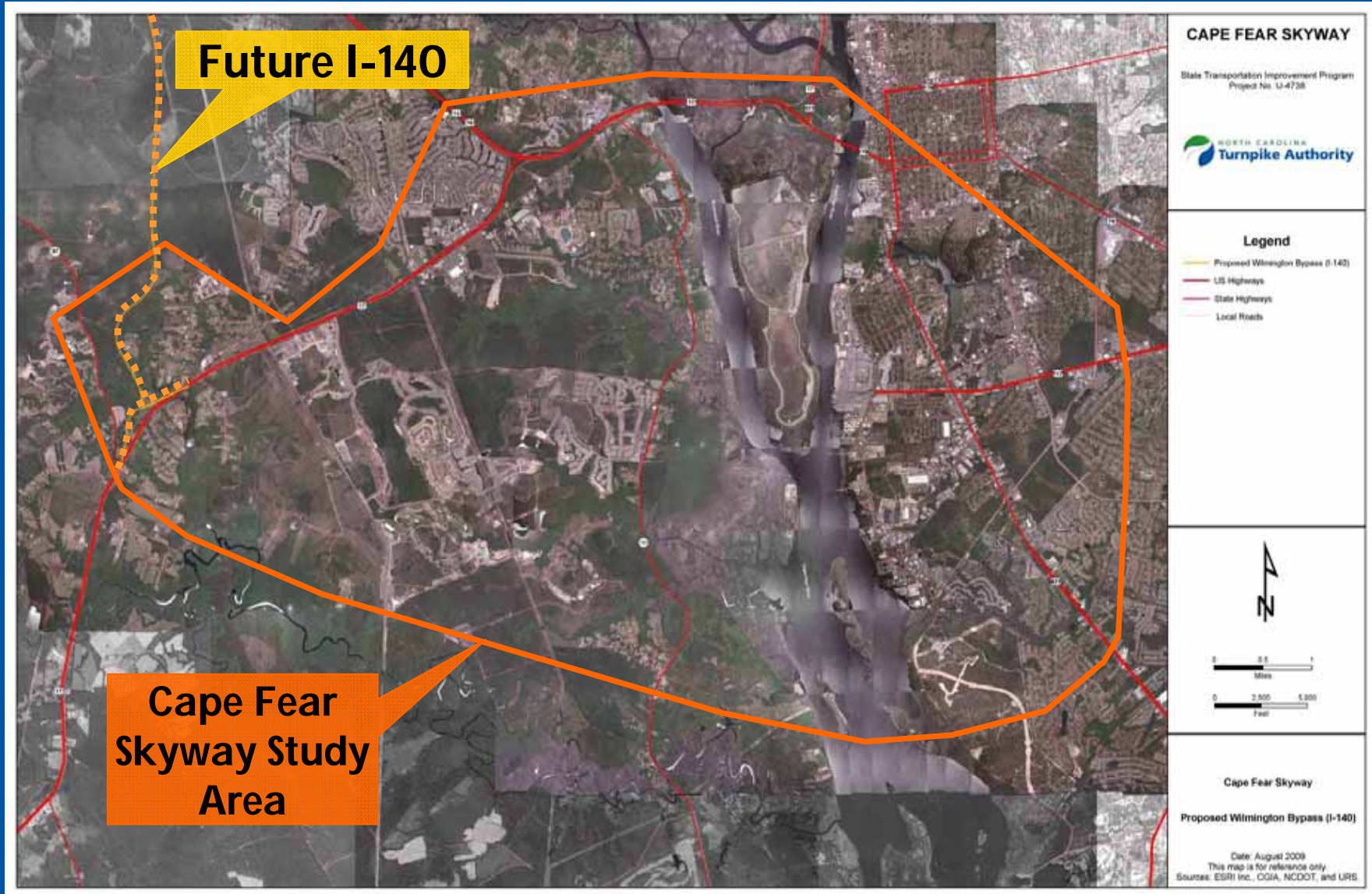
2005 Thoroughfare Plan



**Proposed
Southern Bridge**



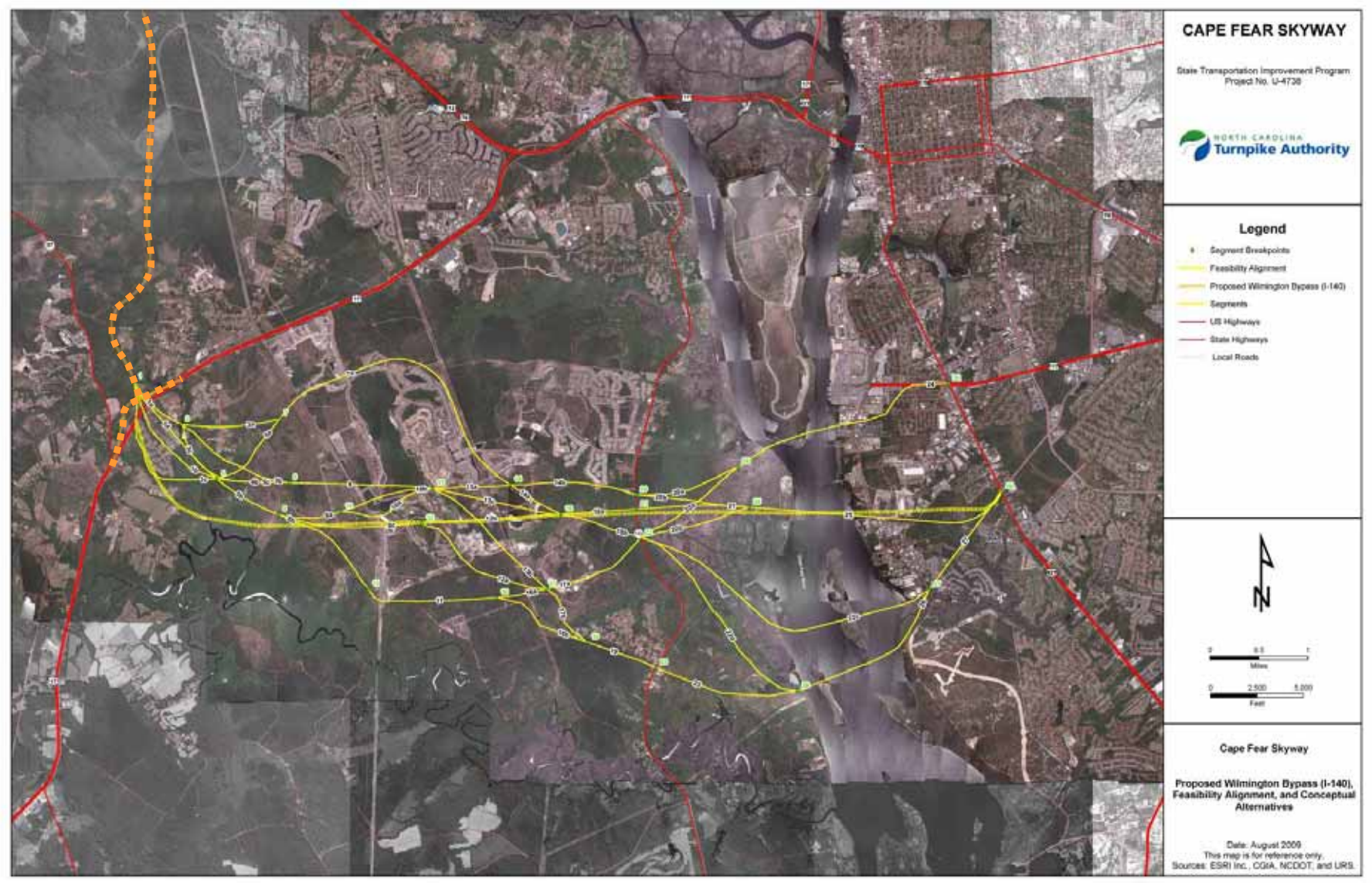
The I-140 Loop



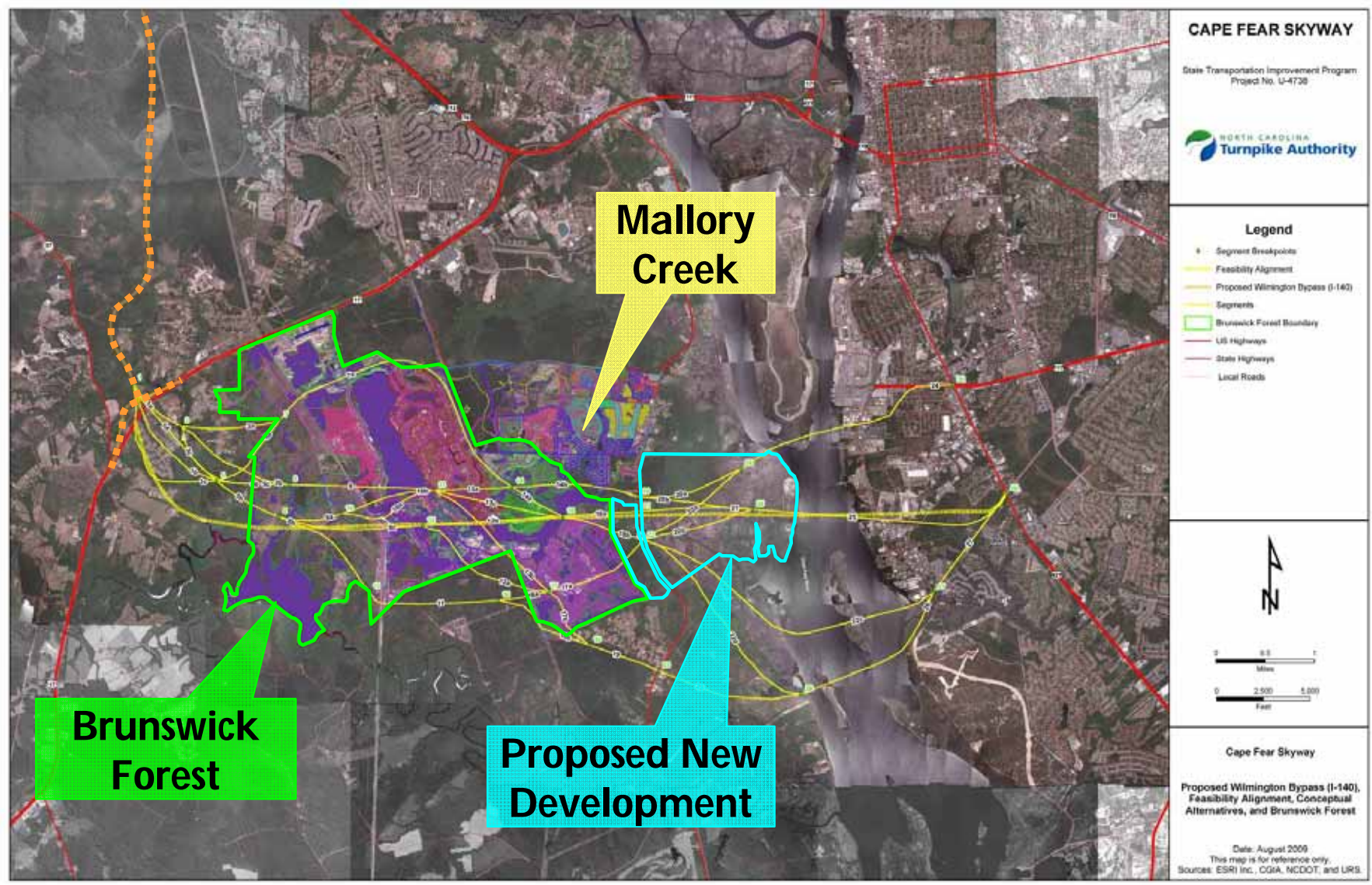
I-140 and the Cape Fear Skyway Study Area



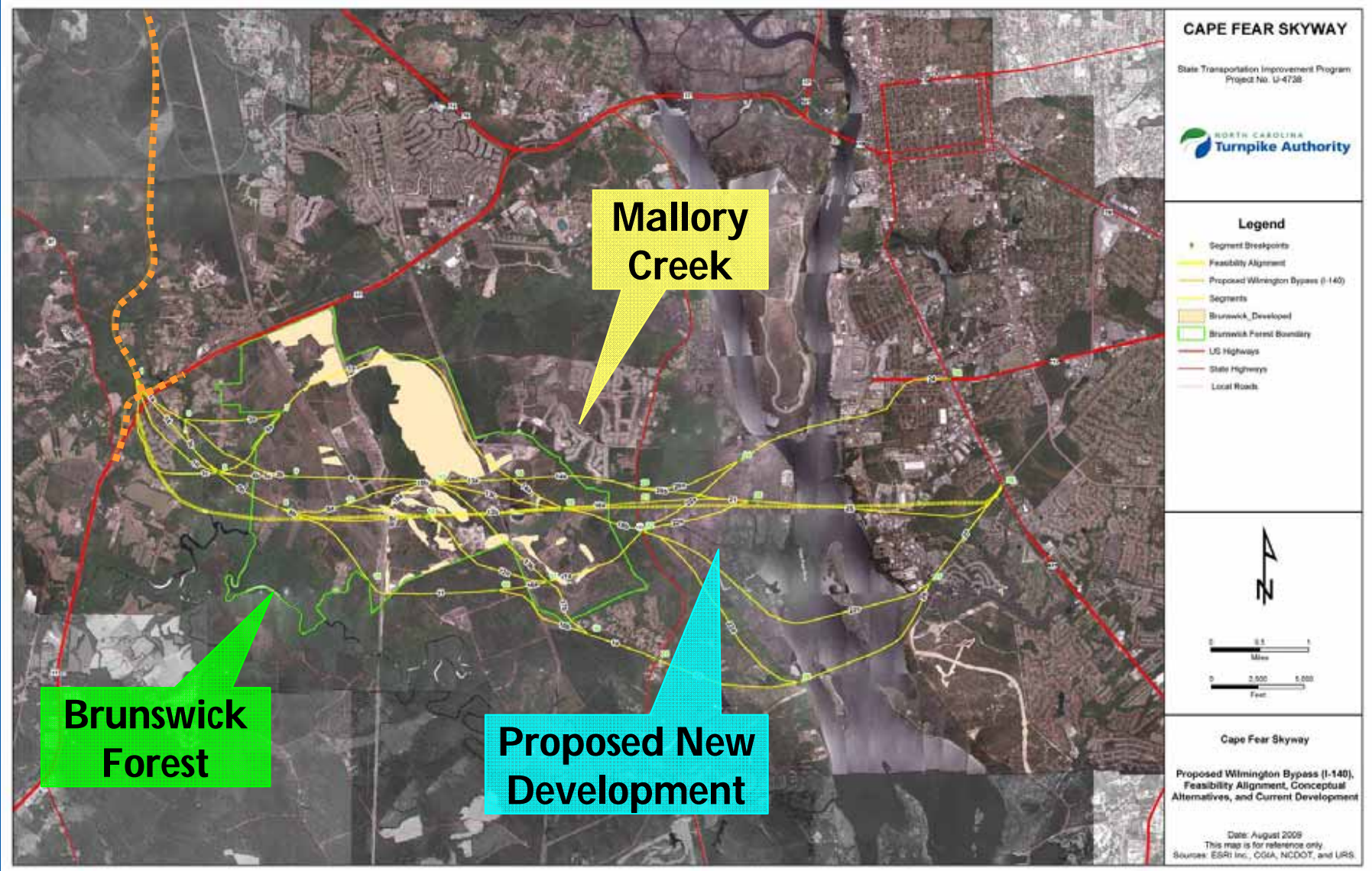
Feasibility Study Alignment - 2003



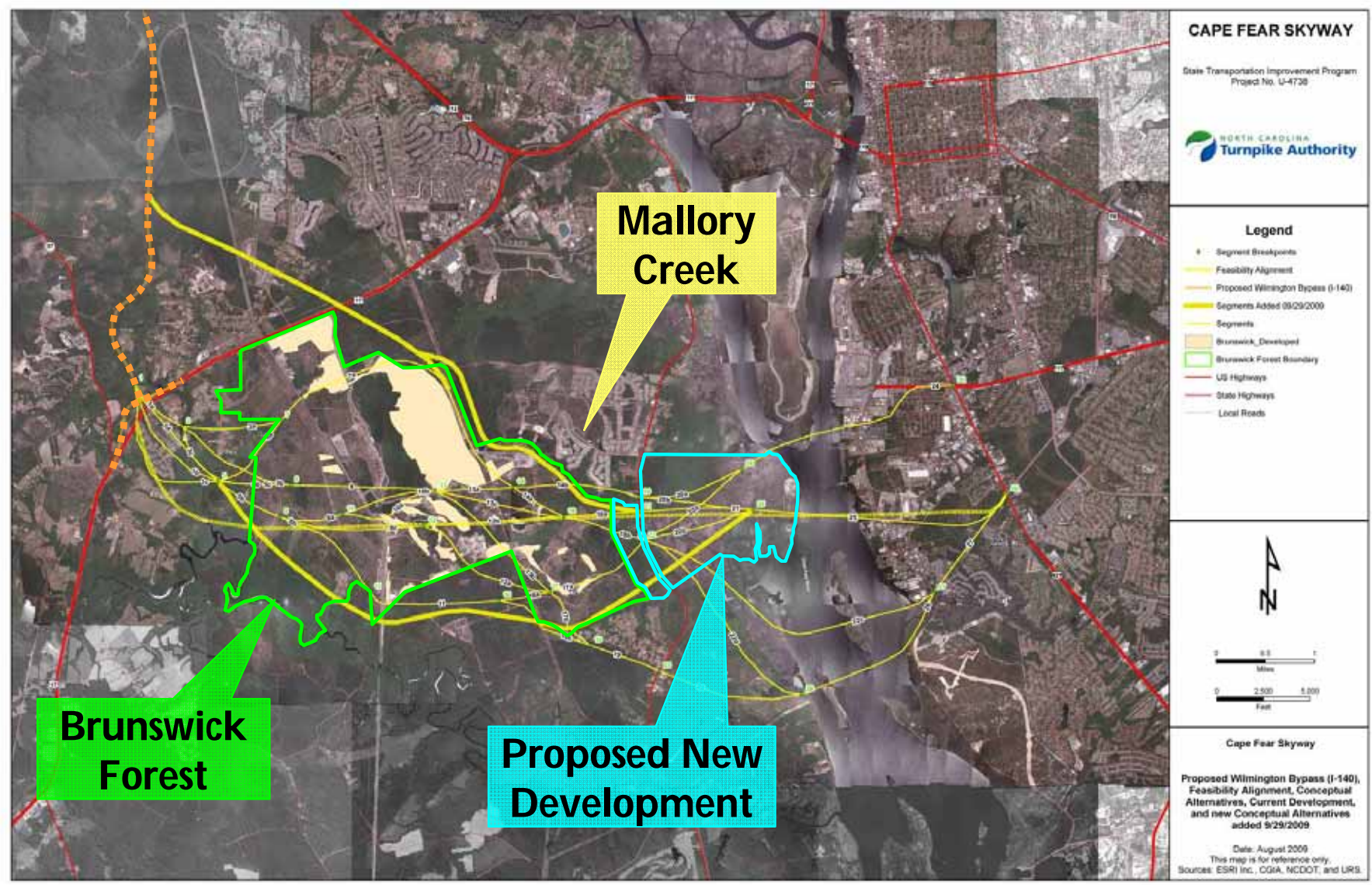
Preliminary Alternatives



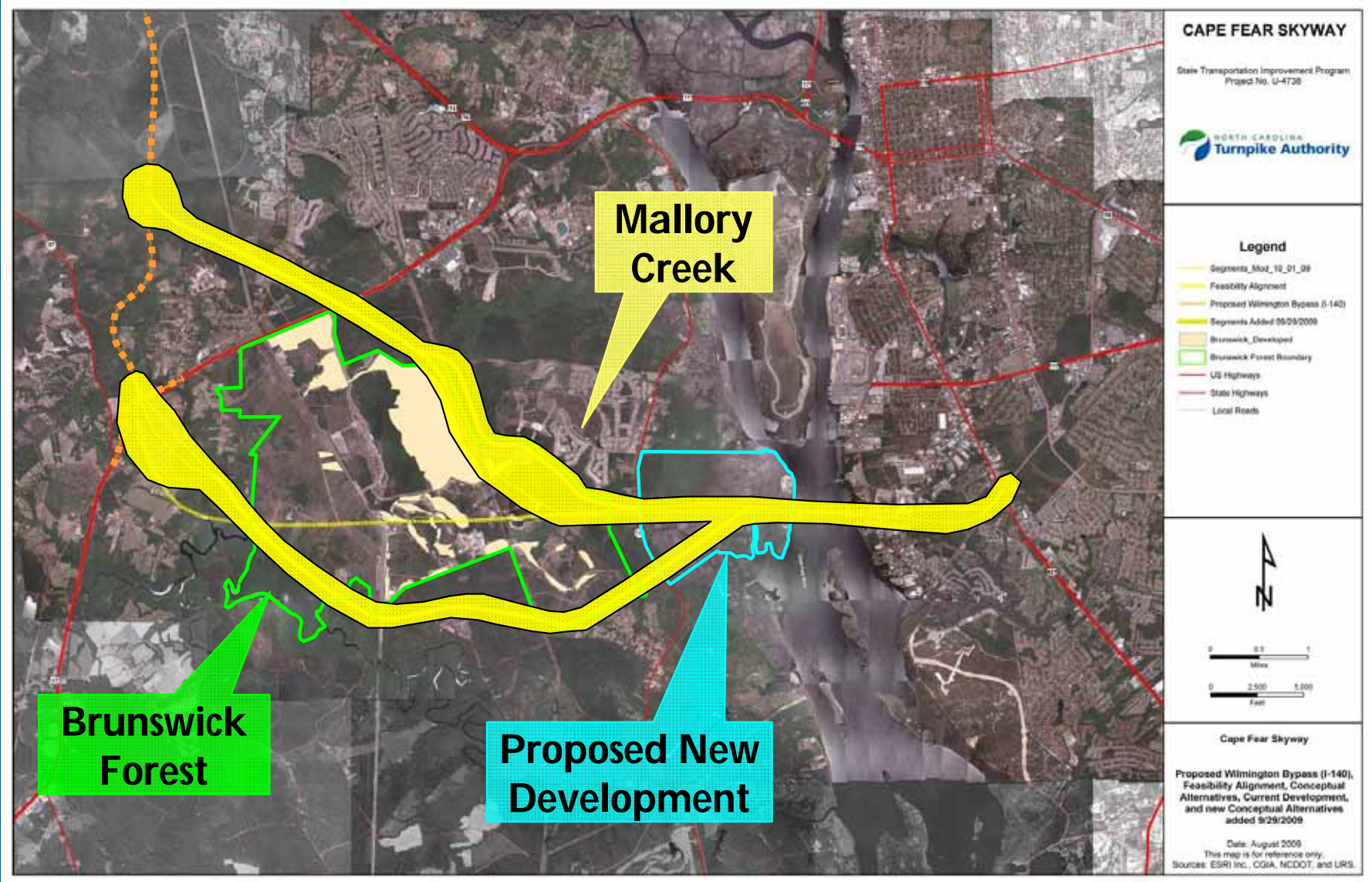
Brunswick Forest Development Plan



Brunswick Forest – Current Development



Additional Preliminary Alignment Segments



Potential New Corridors



Project History

- Feasibility Study in 2003 by NCDOT
- Current WMPO LRTP adopted in 2005
- Agency Scoping Meeting – January 13, 2006
- Citizen's Informational Workshops – April 10, 2006 and April 11, 2006
- Notice of Intent – May 11, 2006
- Project included in NCDOT's 2009-2015 STIP



Project Status

- Preliminary design and planning studies are currently being developed
 - Purpose and Need Statement
 - Alternatives Screening



Project Status – Milestones Achieved

- Prepared Draft Section 6002 Coordination Plan
- Prepared Draft Purpose & Need Report
- Prepared Draft Alternatives Screening Analysis
- Prepared Draft Bridge Study Report
- Conducted Preliminary Field Studies
- Prepared functional design plans for bridge crossing area





Project Status – Anticipated Milestones

- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement March 2011**
- **Final Environmental Impact Statement March 2012**
- **Record of Decision September 2012**