

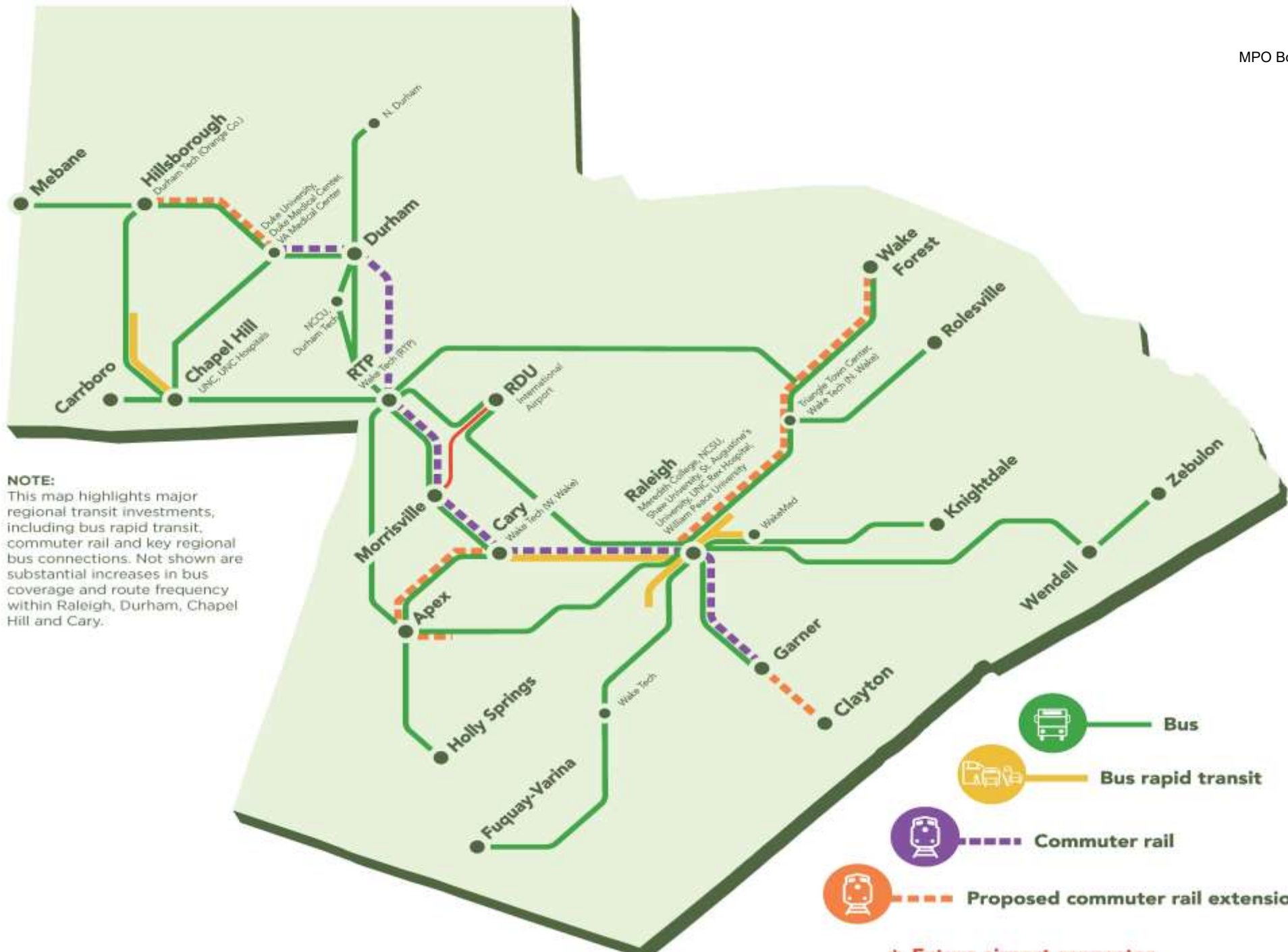
GREATER TRIANGLE COMMUTER RAIL STUDY UPDATE

GO FORWARD

A COMMUNITY INVESTMENT IN TRANSIT

December 2020




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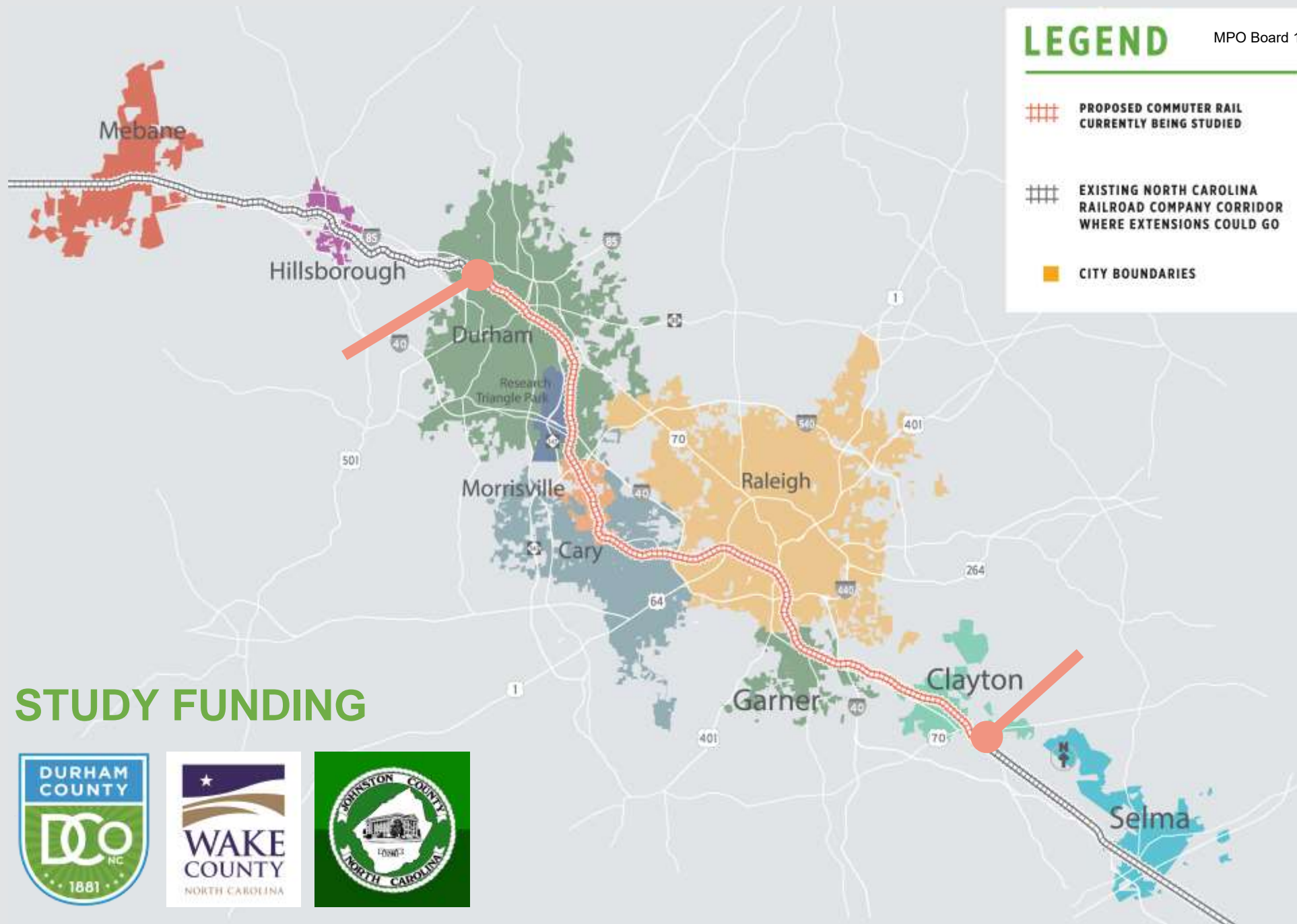


NOTE:
 This map highlights major regional transit investments, including bus rapid transit, commuter rail and key regional bus connections. Not shown are substantial increases in bus coverage and route frequency within Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill and Cary.

-  Bus
-  Bus rapid transit
-  Commuter rail
-  Proposed commuter rail extension
-  * Future airport connector

LEGEND

-  PROPOSED COMMUTER RAIL CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED
-  EXISTING NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD COMPANY CORRIDOR WHERE EXTENSIONS COULD GO
-  CITY BOUNDARIES

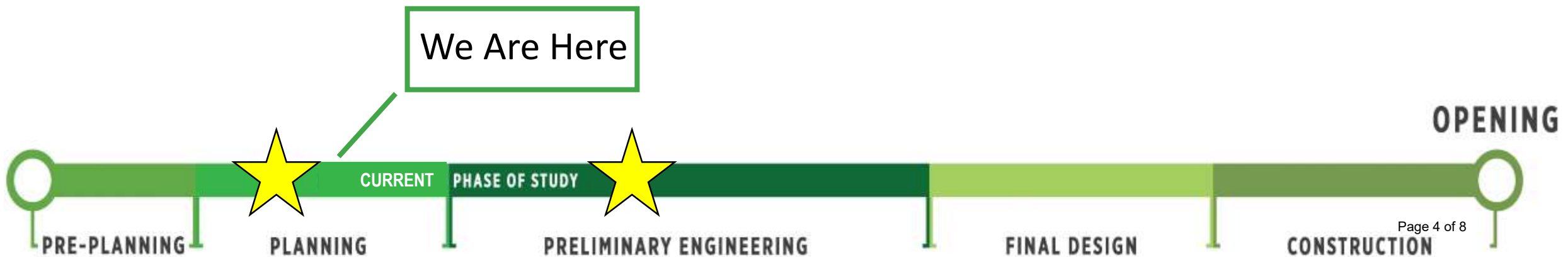


STUDY FUNDING



CURRENT STUDY

- Engage the community to share information and get feedback from the public
- Work with railroad owner and operators to determine what infrastructure improvements and construction would be needed to add more train traffic
- Further analyze engineering challenges and potential project benefits (e.g. economic development, congestion relief, environment)



COORDINATION WITH CITY OF DURHAM

- Quarterly briefings to City Council
- Monthly or as-needed meetings with City of Durham staff to discuss jurisdiction-specific issues
- Monthly meetings with municipalities and major institutions across the corridor
 - Durham-based participants include City of Durham, Duke University, North Carolina Central University (NCCU), Research Triangle Foundation, Durham County, and DCHC MPO
- Task-specific meetings with Durham-based stakeholder groups including Durham Chamber of Commerce and various departments at Duke University and NCCU

Downtown Durham Engineering Challenges

- Environmental Screening
- Track design, station siting, roadway/traffic, utilities, stormwater
- Stakeholder and community engagement



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- First round of engagement – input received from more than 2,700 individuals
 - Email campaigns, including geotargeting to residents across BIPOC communities in the study area
 - In-person events focused on outreach to current transit riders with paper materials and surveys
 - Partnering with trusted community partners that are essential providers working directly with community members during the pandemic in person and by phone
 - Virtual community outreach



Questions and Comments