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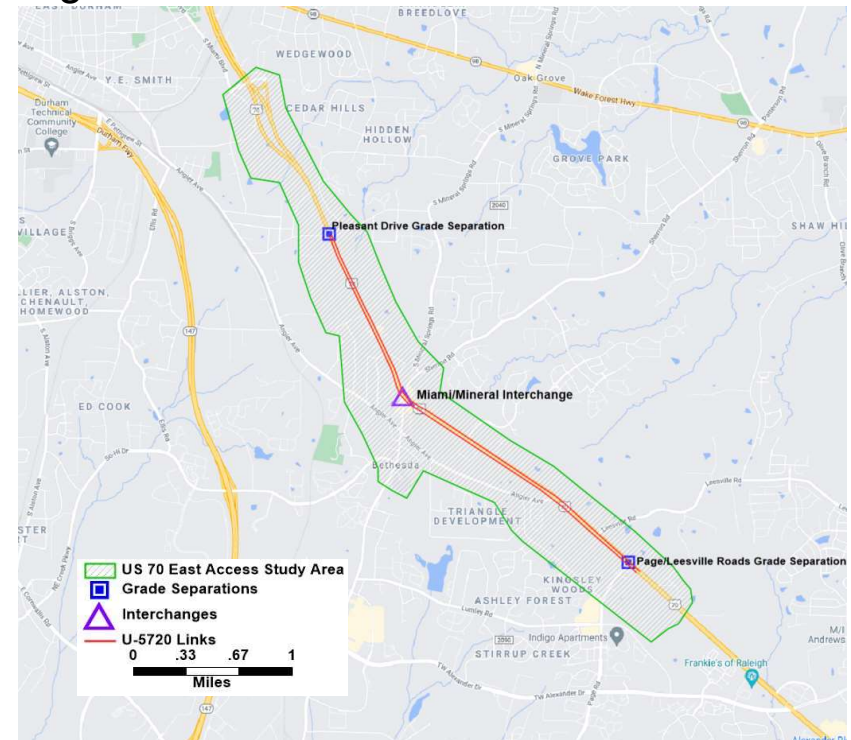
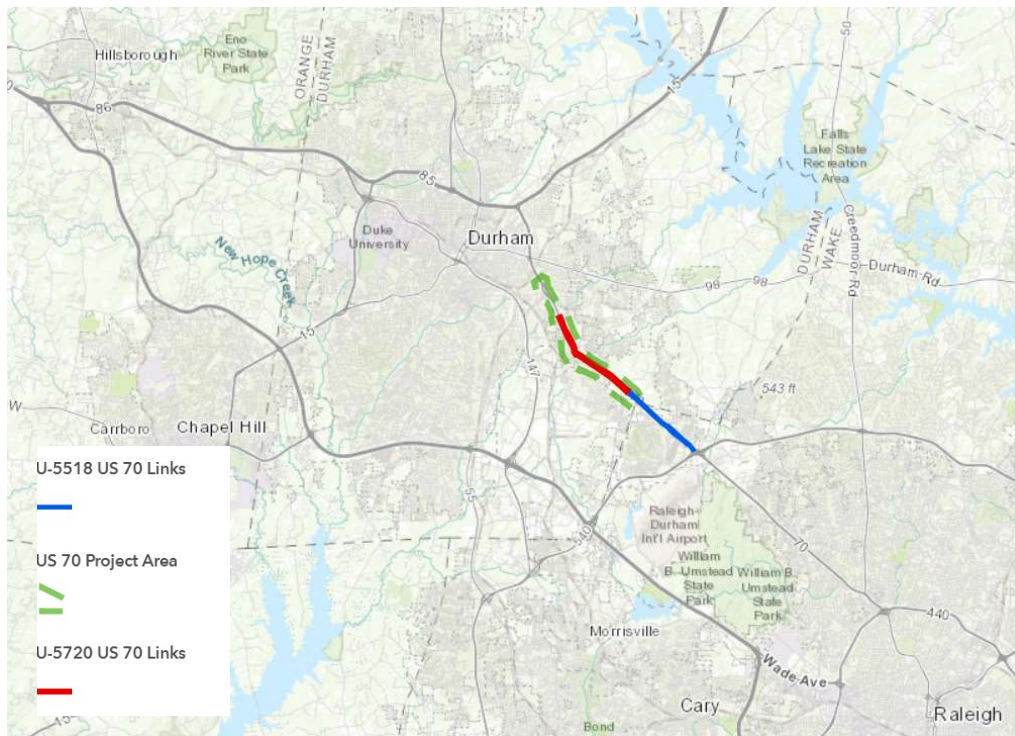
US 70 East Access and Connectivity Study

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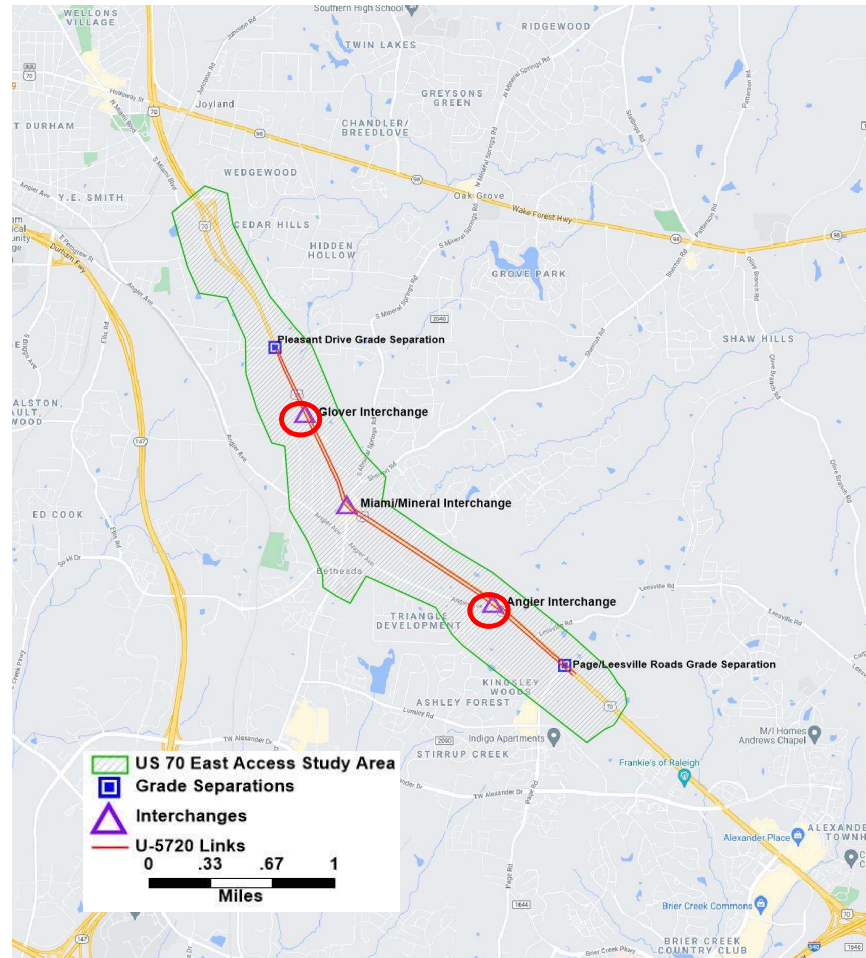
U-5720 Background

- NCDOT STIP U-5720 conversion of US 70 from rural highway to freeway
- Wake County side of US 70 (U-5518) is proceeding ahead with environmental assessment beginning this Fall; ROW for U-5720 not scheduled to begin until FY 2027



US 70 Access and Connectivity

- 2045 MTP and CTP includes three interchanges, NCDOT planned only one at Miami/Mineral Springs
- City and County have requested multiple times to reconsider U-5720 to include greater number of interchanges
- Concerns voiced include:
 - High growth area & existing businesses and communities along US 70
 - › Increased congestion on Miami/Mineral Spring will require future investment
 - › Environment Justice concerns for minority community
 - Connectivity to limited access freeway for existing and future population
 - Multimodal Access
 - › Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety
 - › Transit lines



Study Overview



PURPOSE AND GOALS OF STUDY

- Analysis of existing conditions
 - Local priorities
 - Environmental impact
 - Modal access
- Future Conditions
- Public Engagement
- Alternatives evaluation
- Strategies
- Action Plan

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Developing RFI in coordination with US 70 West (Orange County) Project
 - October 2021: Project Management and Coordination
 - Spring 2022: Existing Conditions Analysis
 - Fall 2022: Public Engagement
 - Spring 2023: Final Plan
- Study approved in UPWP

Request for Board Letter to NCDOT



- As previously mentioned, NCDOT proceeding with Environmental Assessment on Wake County portion of US 70 (U-5518)
- Request Board endorse letter requesting NCDOT to any delay any projected scheduled work related to Durham County US 70 Corridor in question as study proceeds
- Study will proceed regardless of NCDOT decision
- Questions and/or Feedback?