

- Good Morning
- Thank you for inviting me to be part of this panel.
- When first invited, I thought – what am I going to discuss?
- I had my own ideas, but wanted to make sure I was better representing our state. I solicited input from my colleagues.
- What is the interstate in NC?
 - Interstate highways? Intrastate highways? Regional Connector? Crosstown expressway? Local street?
 - All of the above
 - Serves too many masters. Trying to be everything to everyone, but has become subpar in many roles.
- Concerns about current/future interstate?
 - Accessibility vs. Mobility
 - Autonomous vehicles
 - Freight movement
 - Maintenance funding (Over 1200 miles)
 - Funding major improvements – tolling; public/private partnerships
- What impact?
 - Impacts on neighborhoods in urban areas
 - New impacts to neighborhoods that were impacted when system was built (especially low income/minority)
 - Noise impacts on current and proposed projects are increasing – public is getting more involved
 - Divided ecosystems /reduced habitat for species
 - Cut off animal migration corridors

- Impacted stream and wetlands
- Vision
 - Multi-modal corridors
 - Freight and passenger rail
 - High speed rail, truly high speed
 - Separate bicycle commuting facility in the same corridor
 - Fully integrate with all modes
 - Declassify some interstates and focus on truly interstate corridors
 - Example – NC Strategic Highway Corridors – 55 corridors
 - Became NC Strategic Transportation Corridors – 25 corridors
 - Plan and fund interstates at a more regional level
 - State funding is more local & state centered
 - I-95 as an example
 - I-85/Yadkin River crossing
 - Land use planning needs to play a larger role
 - Increased use of design and material technologies to reduce traffic noise impacts
 - More focus on maintaining/enhancing the facilities we already have
 - Find sustainable funding models covering day-to-day maintenance as well as state of the art safety, mobility and congestion relief strategies
 - Greater use of autonomous vehicles