

# Welcome to the Citizen Information Meeting

# for the Martinsville Southern Connector Study

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Introduce the Martinsville
  Southern Connector Study
- Gather public comments on transportation issues



within and surrounding the U.S. Route 220 corridor

 Solicit input on social, economic, and natural environmental resources that may need to be considered

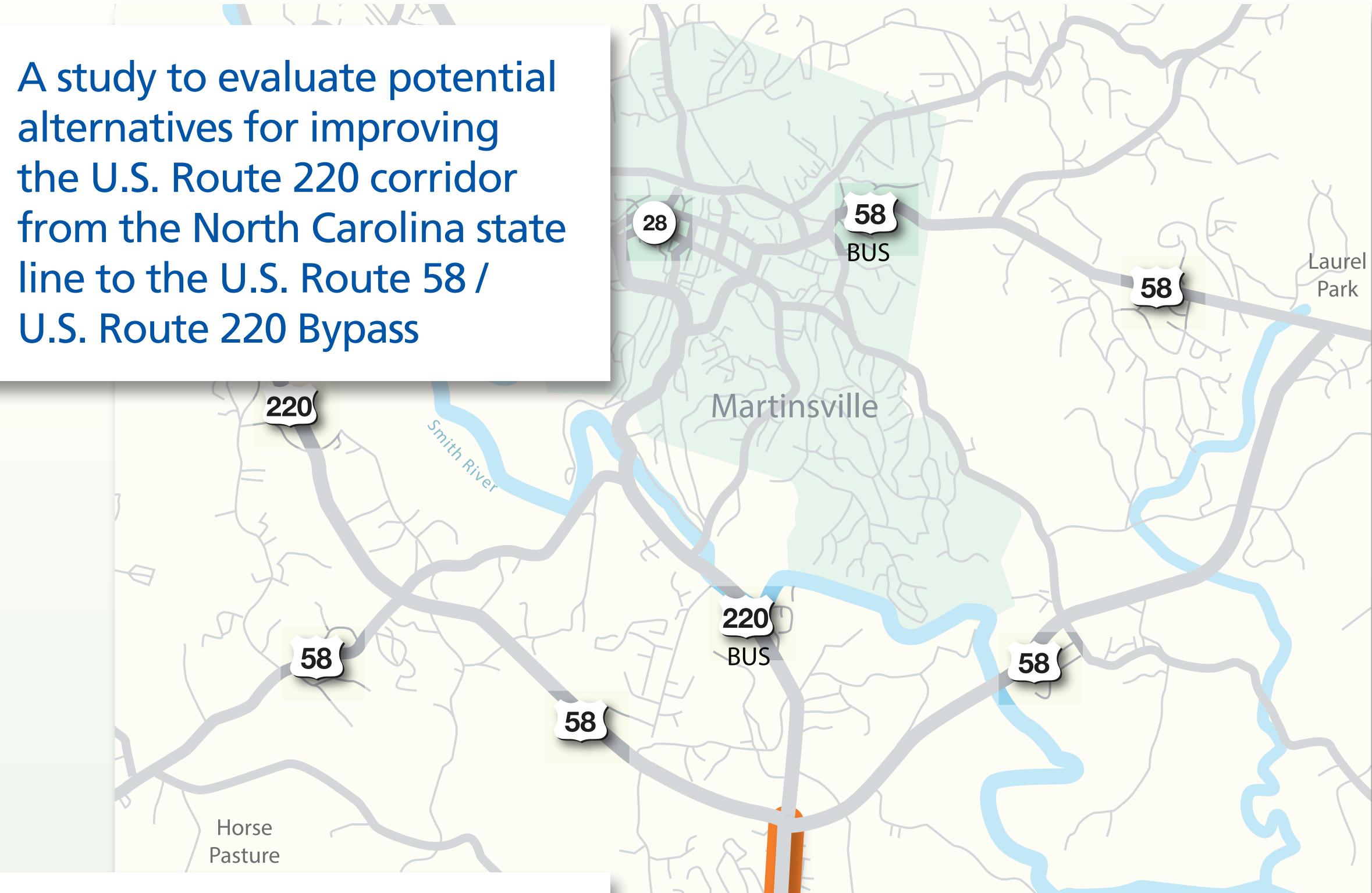








# What is the **Martinsville Southern Connector Study?**



An environmental review process including the preparation of an **Environmental Impact** Statement that documents possible impacts to social, economic, and natural environmental resources

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An evaluation of modifying access along existing U.S. Route 220 or building a new roadway along different alignments

Smith River

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Ridgeway

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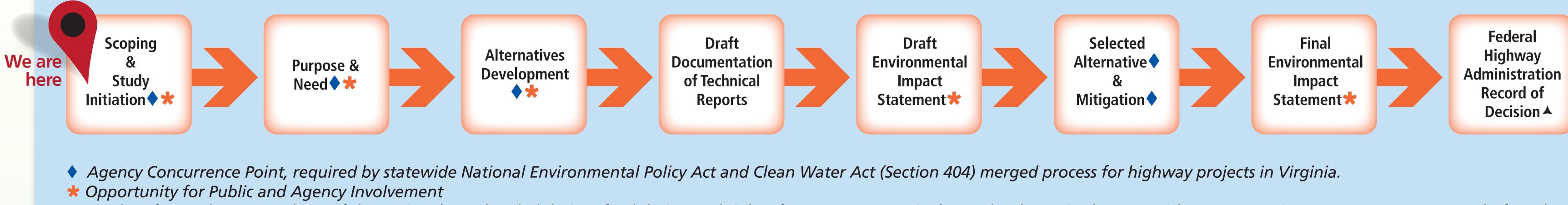
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# **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Study Process**

The Environmental Impact Statement will analyze the possible social, economic, and natural environmental impacts that could result from the potential alternatives, based on the following process.



▲ Funding for a subsequent phase of the project (e.g., detailed design, final design, Federal Highway Administration can sign a Record of Decision.



Once a selected alternative has been identified and necessary funding has been assigned, the following steps must occur prior to construction.

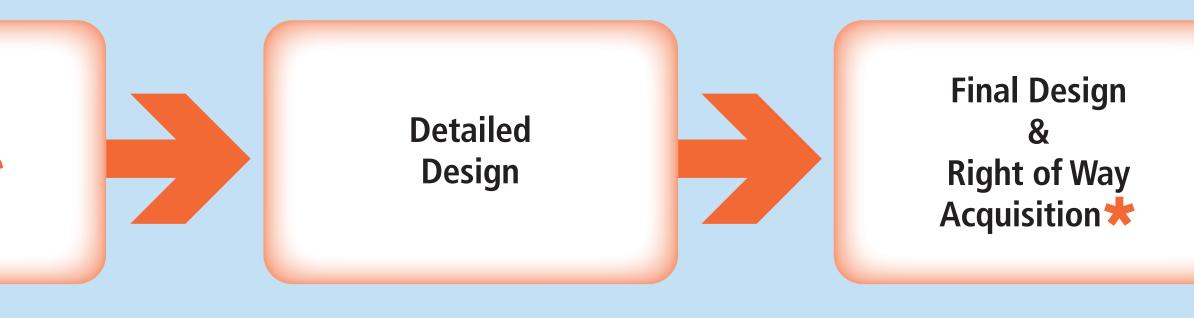
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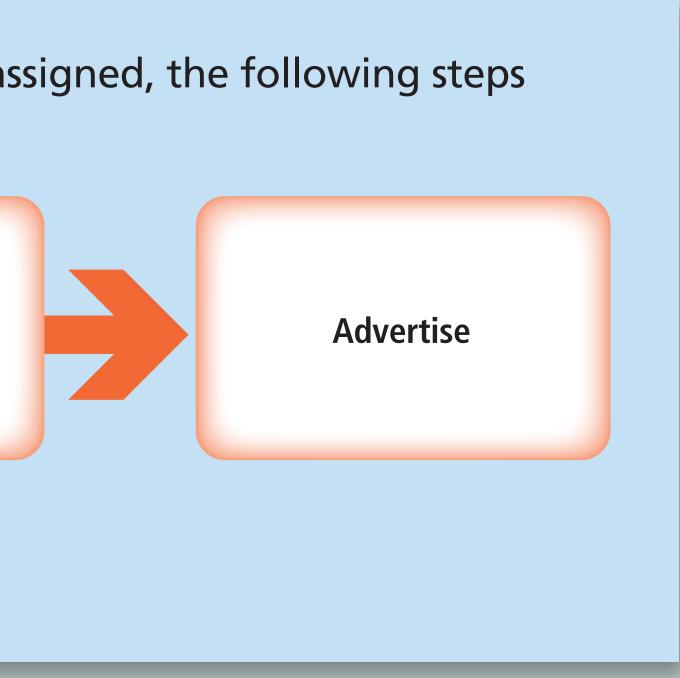
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**\*** Opportunity for Public and Agency Involvement Each phase of the project development process may be funded separately

### **Martinsville Southern Connector Study** Route 220 Environmental Impact Statement

# **VDOT Project Development Process**







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# **Scoping and Study Initiation**

What is scoping?

Scoping is an early and open process during which public input is solicited.

The public, interest groups and stakeholders, and government agencies are

encouraged to participate.

The input received along with existing data are used to determine the scope of issues to be considered.

### What data will be collected?

Existing traffic and crash data

□ Projected traffic volumes

□ Future growth projections

□ Future land use plans

 Input from general public, interest groups, stakeholders, and government agencies.

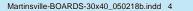
What are the preliminary needs to be addressed by the study?

Potential alternatives for improving the U.S. Route 220 corridor are anticipated to address:

Safety
 Mobility
 Access

### What are your suggestions for U.S. Route 220?

We encourage you to provide input and information on transportation issues, resources, and needs that may help define the scope of the Martinsville Southern Connector Study.

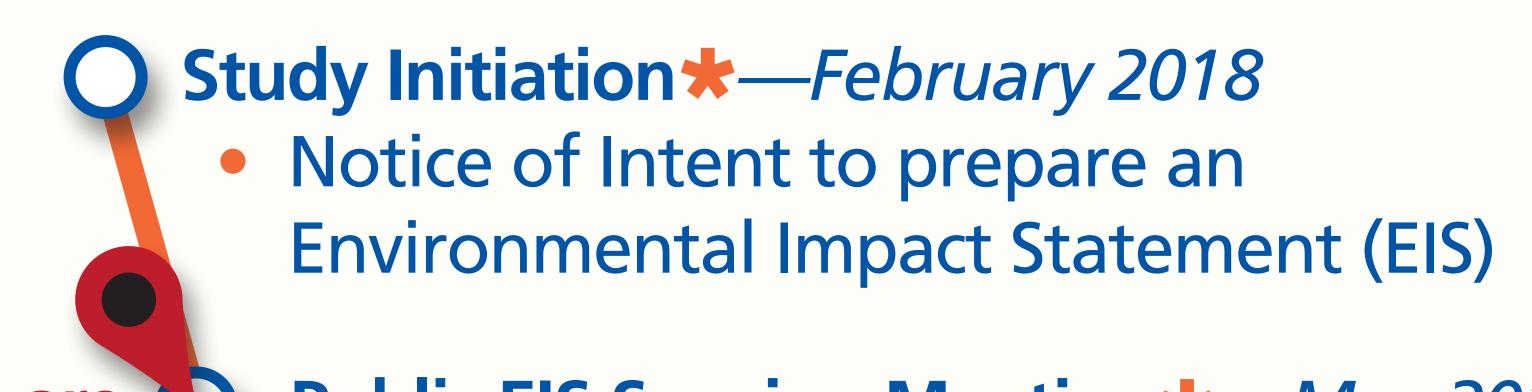




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#### **Martinsville Southern Connector Study Route 220 Environmental Impact Statement**

# Study Schedule



#### We are 🕥 Public EIS Scoping Meeting — May 2018

Introduce the Martinsville Southern Connector Study

#### **Purpose and Need**—*Late 2018*

- Project website launch
- On-line public survey\*

### **Range of Alternatives**—*Early 2019*

- Community Information Meeting \*
- Present alternatives under consideration to the public

#### Draft EIS—Late 2019

 Evaluates possible social, economic, and environmental effects for the range of alternatives considered

**Draft EIS Public Hearing** —*Early 2020* 

• Present Draft EIS information to the public and request comments

Identify Selected Alternative—Early–Mid 2020

Final EIS #—Early 2021

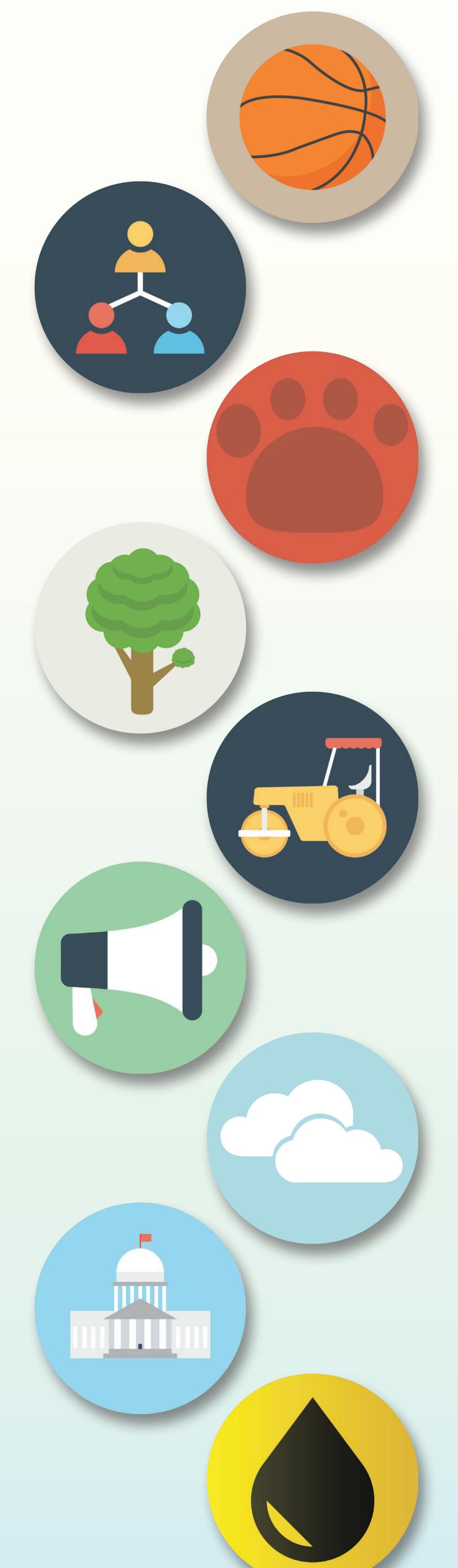
**Federal Highway Administration Record of Decision**—*TBD* 

Opportunity for Public and Agency Involvement



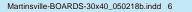
## Environmental Resources to be Considered

- Community Facilities
- Low-Income/Minority Populations
- Wetlands and Streams



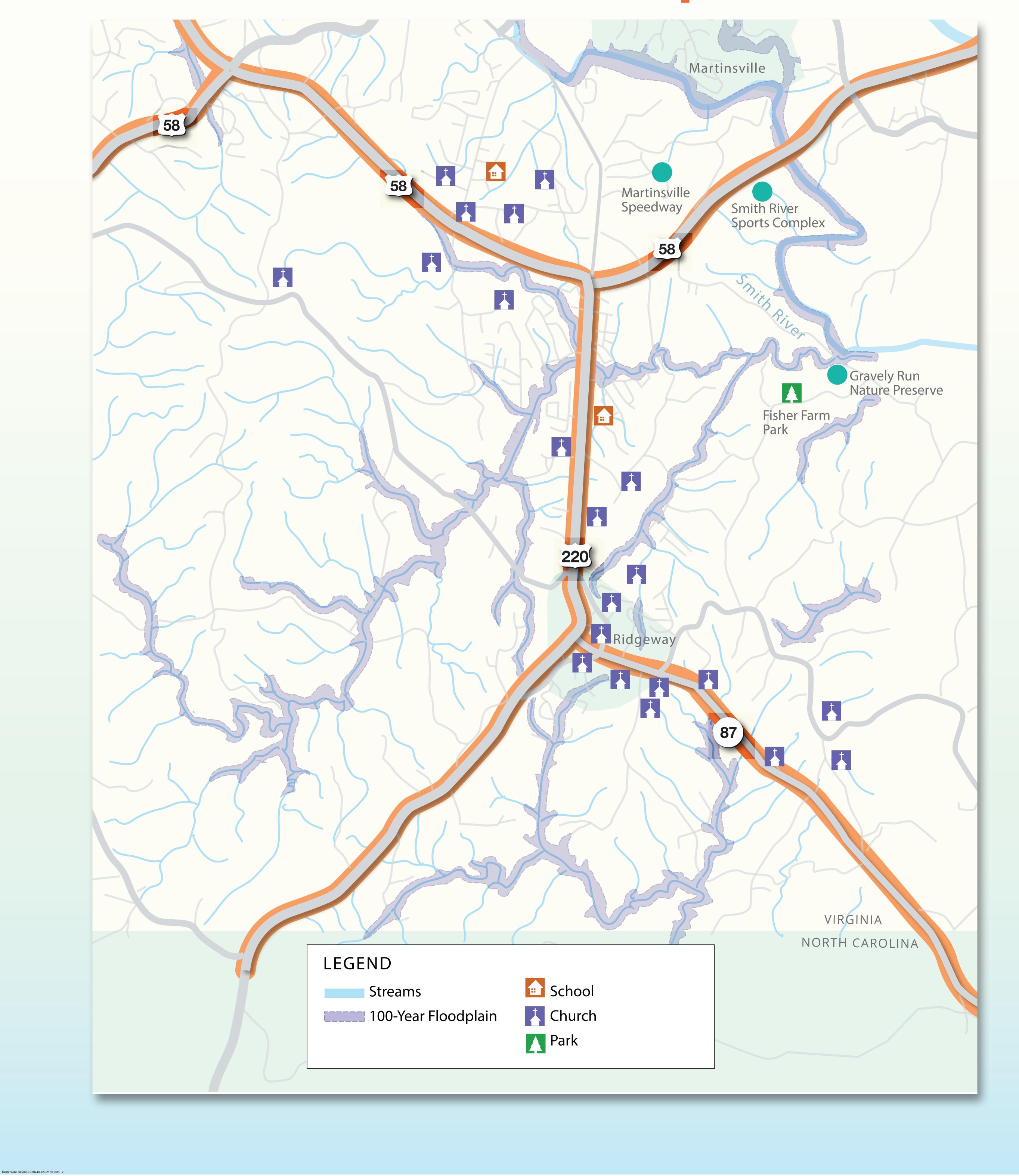
- Wildlife and Habitat
- Parks, Recreation and Open Space
- Farmland
- Energy
- Noise
- Air Quality
- Visual
- Topography, Soils, and Geology
- Historic and Cultural Resources
- Hazardous Materials

# Please provide input on what resources are important to you





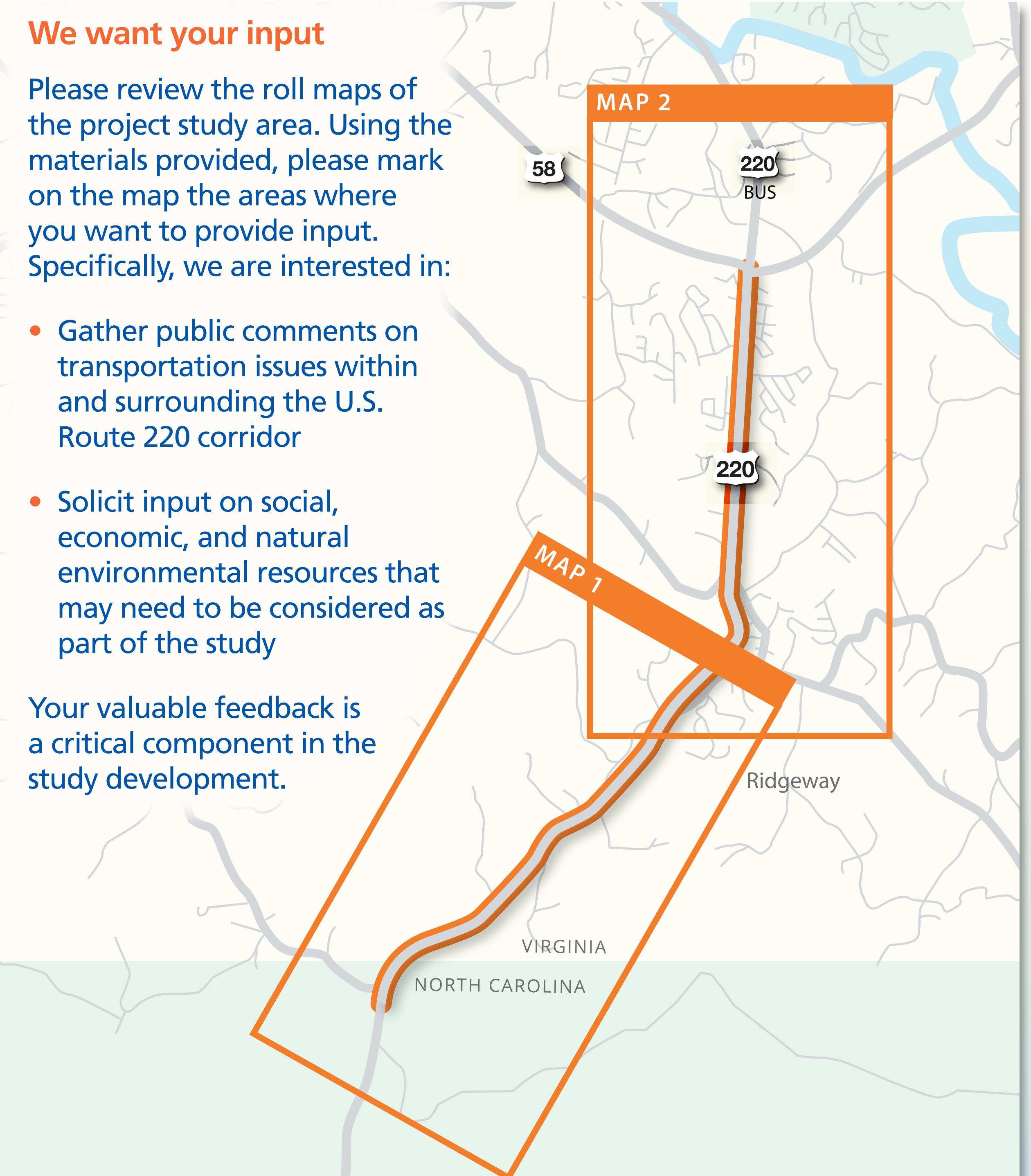
# Preliminary Environmental Resources Map

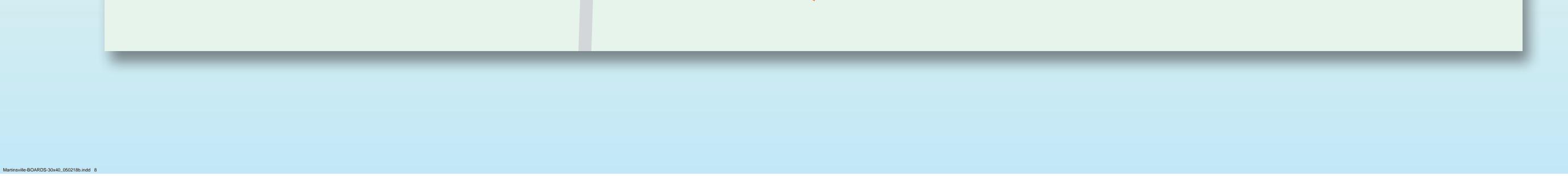




## Hands-on Map Station

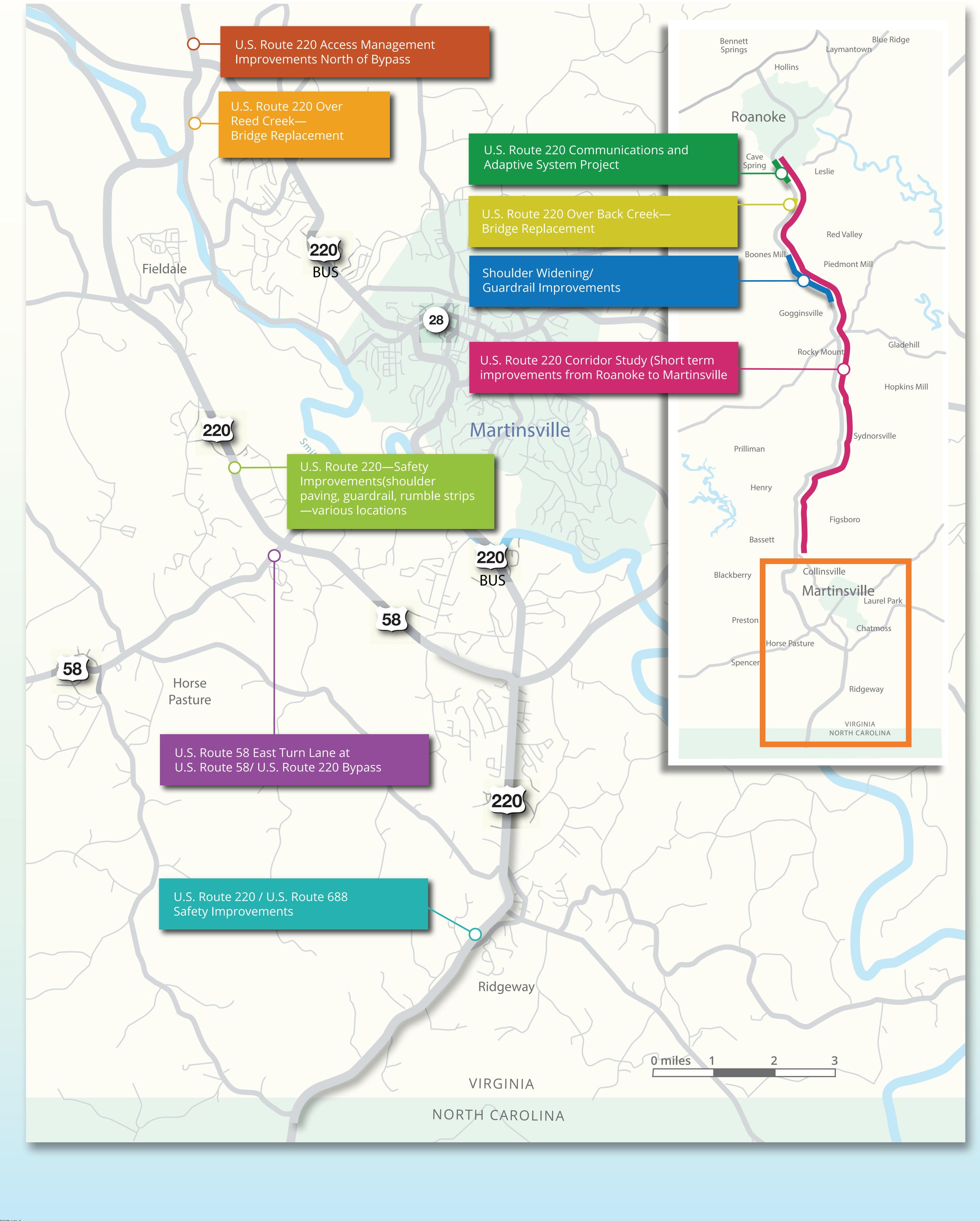
Please review the roll maps of the project study area. Using the materials provided, please mark on the map the areas where you want to provide input. Specifically, we are interested in:







## Other Projects



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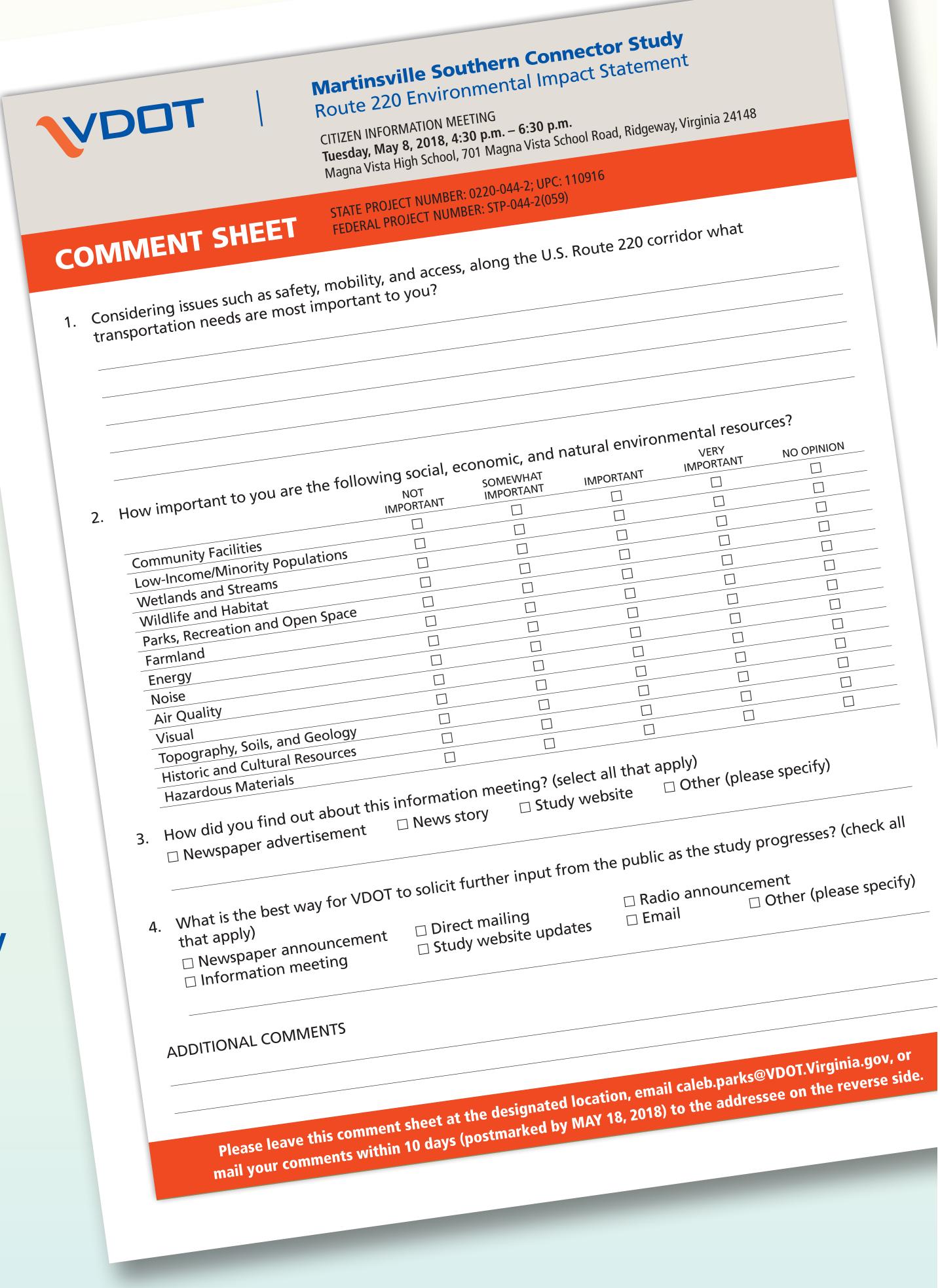
# We Want Your Input

Thank you for participating at today's meeting. Please provide your written comments today or **submit them by May 18, 2018**, to:

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#### Additional opportunities for



public involvement and agency coordination will be incorporated as part of the overall study process. Keep up-to-date with the study's progress by visiting our web site: http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/ salem/martinsville\_southern\_ connector\_study.asp

# Thank You