



## U.S. 64 CORRIDOR STUDY FACT SHEET

**Who is Conducting the Study:** North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), Town of Cary, Town of Apex, Town of Pittsboro, Wake County and Chatham County.

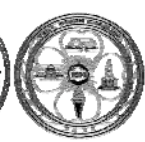
**Funding for the Recommendations:** There is currently no funding for any of the study recommendations in either the short-term plan or the long-term plan. Future funding could be provided by the state, towns or developers.

**Purpose & Need for the Study:** U.S. 64 serves statewide, regional and local travel through Western Wake and Eastern Chatham counties. The Triangle region is expected to grow by 1.2 million people by the year 2030. This population growth will result in increased traffic on this important highway, leading to extended travel times. The U.S. 64 Corridor study team is developing a master plan to help motorists get where they need to go safely and efficiently along U.S. 64, while balancing community access and interests. It will be used to guide development and improvements along the corridor from U.S. 1 in Cary to U.S. 64 Business in Pittsboro. The master plan includes two distinct components: a short-term plan and a 30-year long-term plan.

### Short-term Plan

- Relatively low-cost improvements, which would greatly improve traffic flow and safety at major intersections on U.S. 64.
- Recommendation is to create a “superstreet” (not an elevated highway). The superstreet would require drivers who want to turn left onto or go straight across U.S. 64 from side streets to turn right and then make a u-turn at designated locations.
- With a superstreet, U.S. 64 drivers are 30% – 40% more likely to catch a green light. They will still be able to turn onto the side streets just as they can today.
- Existing travel lanes on U.S. 64 would stay the same; only new pavement is for turn lanes.
- Needed today at four intersections with traffic lights in Cary and Apex due to current levels of congestion.
- Prior to any construction of the short-term improvements, the public will have an additional opportunity to provide input.

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### 30-year Long-term Plan

- Additional improvements to accommodate the amount of traffic expected in 2035 and beyond.
- Recommendation is to convert remaining major intersections to overpasses or interchanges.
- Used to guide development along the corridor to preserve any additional land needed for future improvements such as an interchange ramp.
- Long-term improvements will be considered when short-term improvements no longer efficiently handle traffic. Additional detailed environmental studies would be conducted, and numerous public input opportunities will be provided prior to construction of any long-term improvements.

### **Public Involvement Efforts to Date:**

- Five public meetings (two in May 2008, two in April 2009, one in July 2009).
- Three newsletters mailed to property owners within 1600 ft. of U.S. 64 (approx. 6,000 total newsletters mailed).
- Several reports in newspapers and on local television stations.
- Small group meetings with the Regional Transportation Alliance, Apex Chamber of Commerce, Cary Chamber of Commerce and save64.org.
- Regularly updated website – [www.ncdot.org/~us64study](http://www.ncdot.org/~us64study).
- Toll-free hotline for questions, 1-866-233-6315.

### **Study Timeline:**

- Continue to receive comments through July 31, 2009.
- Make changes to initial recommendations based on public input (August – September 2009).
- Provide draft recommendations for public comment (Fall 2009).
- Develop corridor agreement between study partners (Fall 2009).
- Finalize recommendations and corridor study report (Late Fall/Winter 2009).

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