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# Marshville Bypass Tolling Proposal

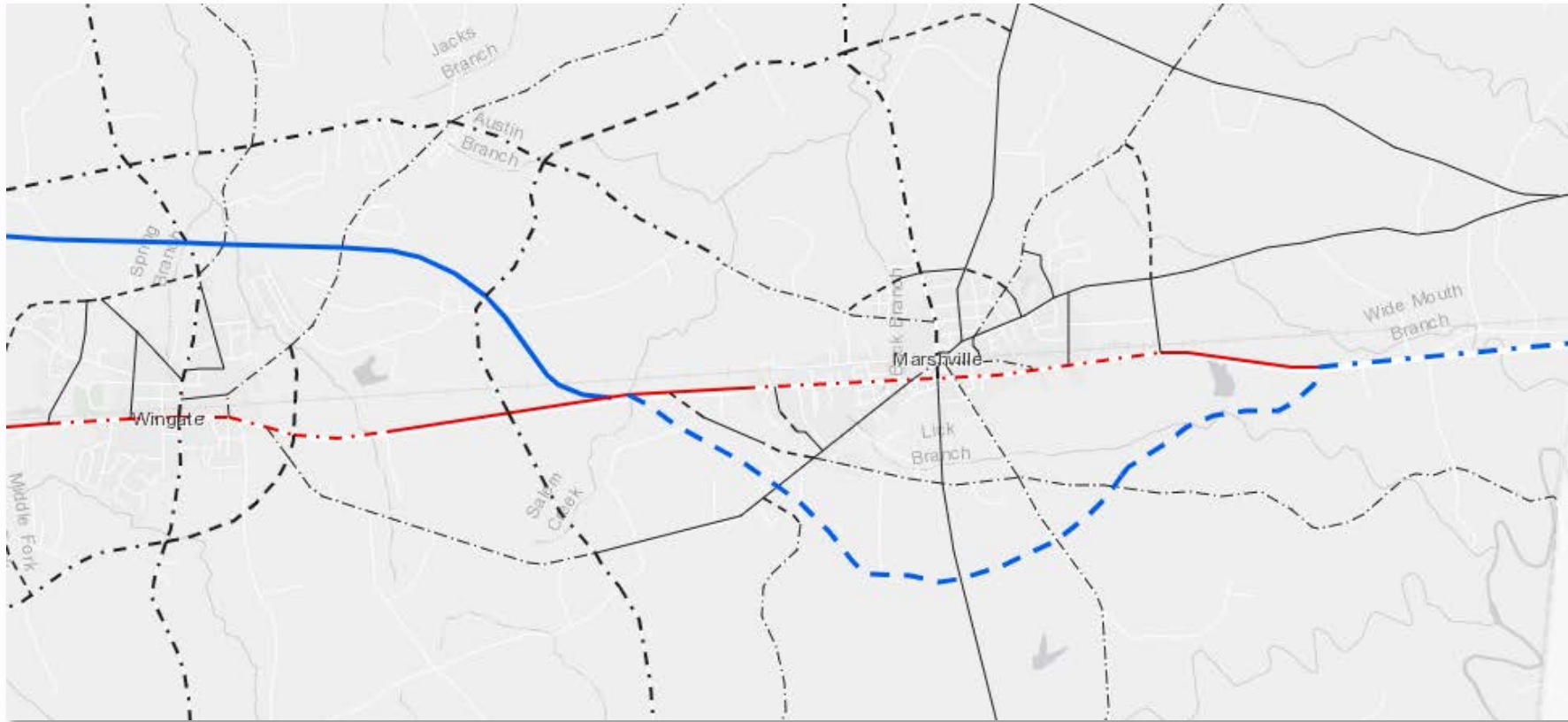
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# Project

- Scope: 5-mile, controlled access four-lane facility
- Cost: \$287 million in 2025 dollars
- Access: Interchange at either end of bypass, as well as at Landsford Road

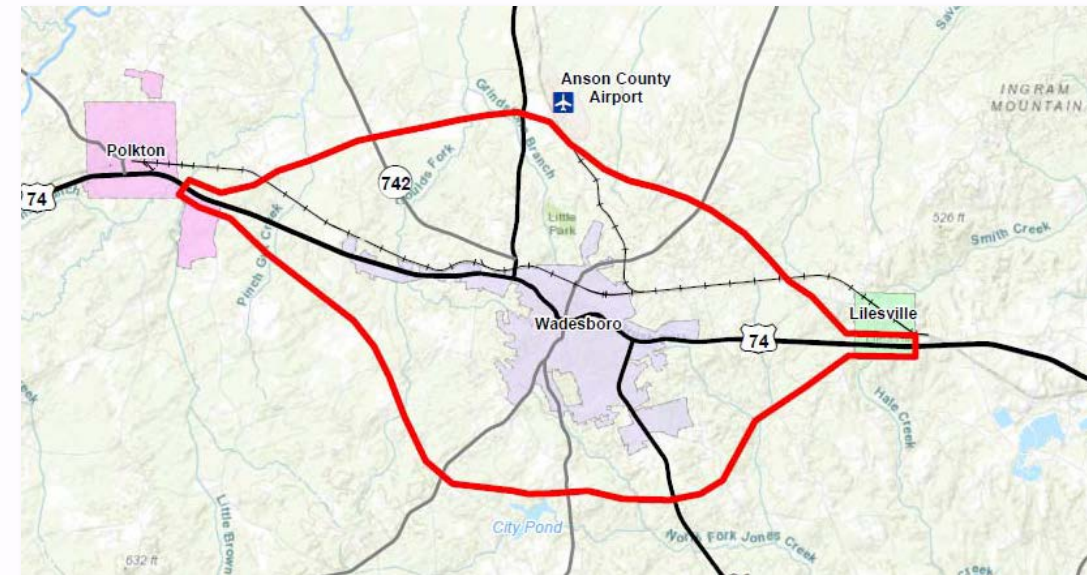


# History

- **1984:** Union County Thoroughfare Plan envisioned Monroe Bypass extending east of Marshville
- **2003:** Union County to Rockingham corridor study identifies Marshville Bypass as needed project
- **2009:** Included in Marshville Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- **2017:** Marshville Town Board unanimously passed a resolution requesting removal of the Marshville Bypass of US 74 from the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (CRTPO) adopted Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) since it would not be funded or built for many years
- **2018:** Marshville US 74 Corridor Study confirmed Marshville support for bypass, but proposed tolling to reduce economic impact on the Town
- **2021:** Union County and Marshville pass resolutions request toll study of bypass
- **2021:** Union County adopts comprehensive plan identifying US 74 as future interstate
- **2021 and 2025:** bypass submitted for prioritization in CRTPO Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs) – project did not score high enough to be included in fiscally-constrained lists
- **2025:** NCDOT and NC Turnpike Authority complete tolling analysis

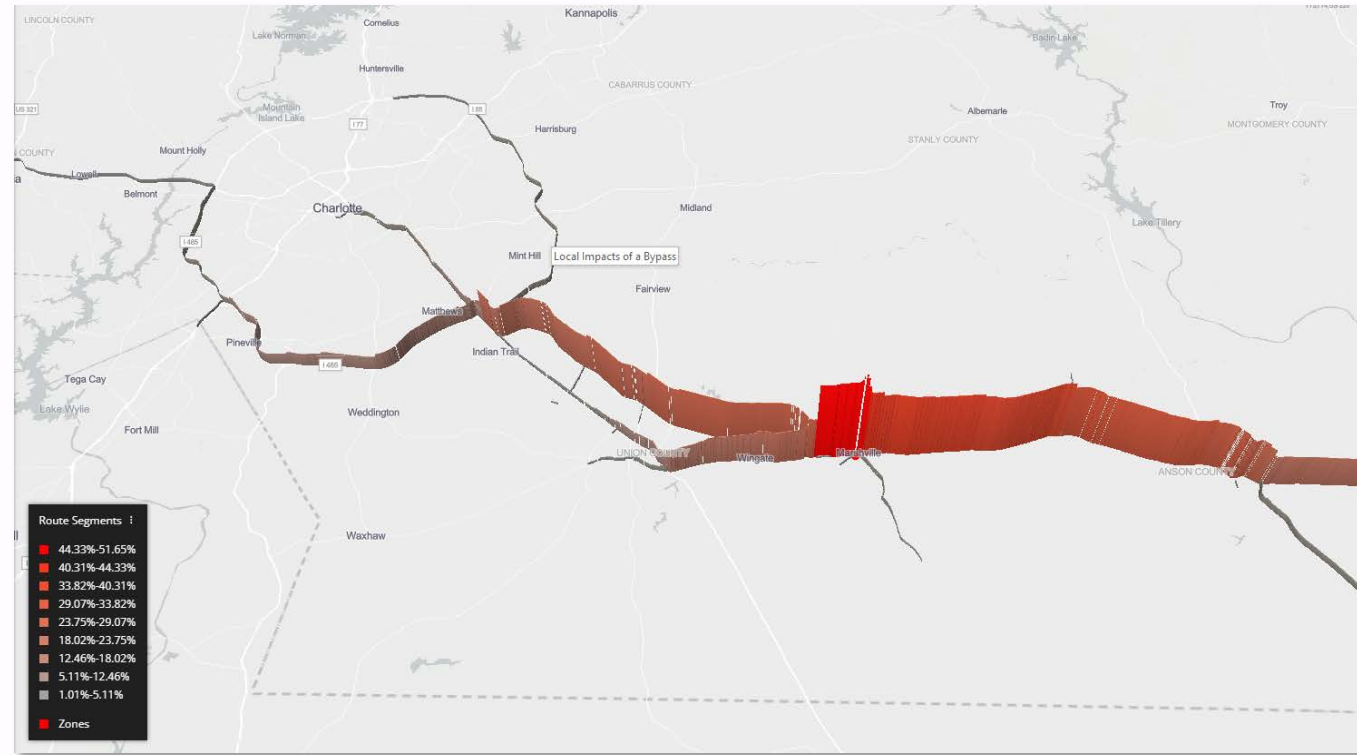
# Tolling Scenario

- Stand-alone facility versus part of Monroe Expressway
  - Recommendation is as part of Expressway
  - Tolls can pay for approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of cost of project
- Same toll rates as Expressway
- Managed by NC Turnpike Authority
  - Not a PPP project like I-77
- Existing tolls on Expressway would be extended to 2070
  - Currently expire in 2054
  - Tolls for entire corridor would help pay for Marshville portion
  - 2070 (40 years) is practical limit for new bonds
- Official roadway alignment would be after project is funded, such as for the Wadesboro bypass project



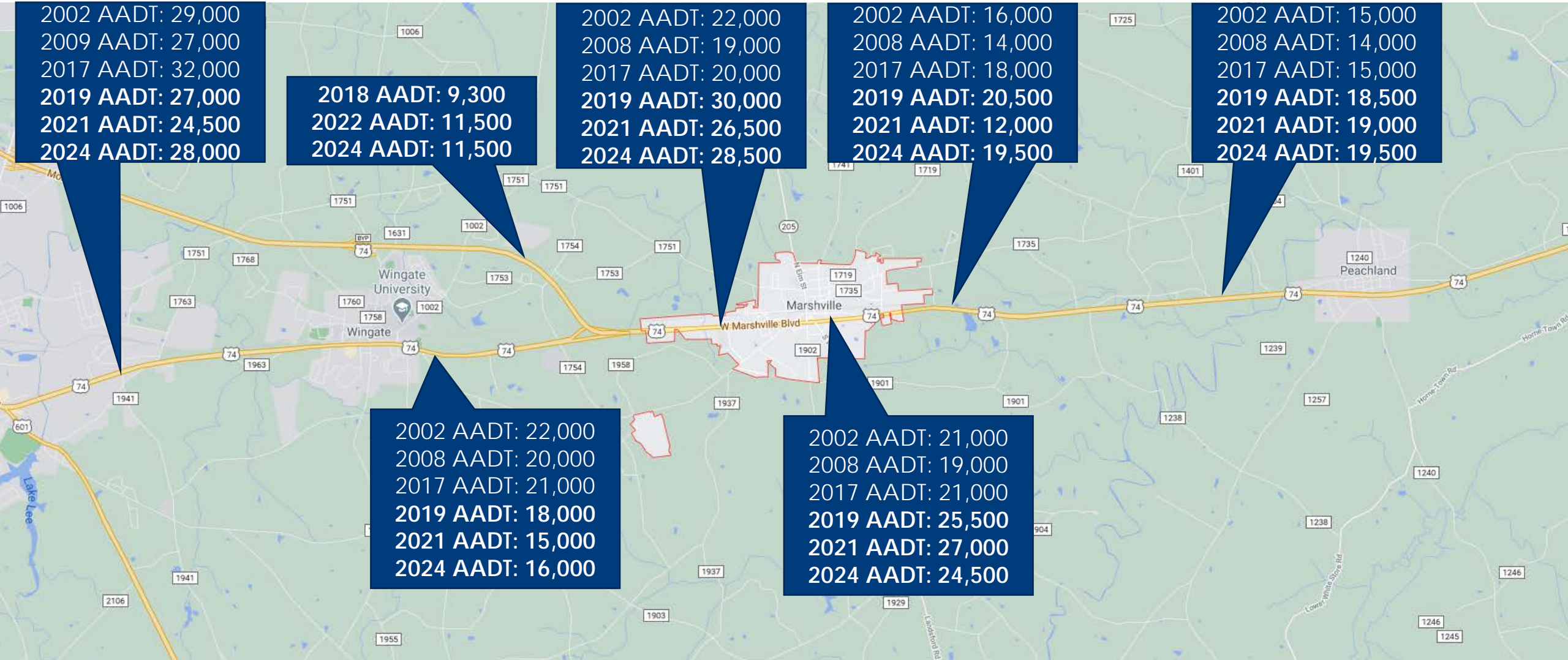
# Local Impacts of a Bypass

- 1/3 of total existing US 74 traffic diverted onto Bypass
- Almost half of commercial truck traffic diverted onto Bypass
- Map below shows 2025 weekday traffic flows for all vehicles using US 74 through Marshville
- Approximately \$100 million in bonus allocation money available to Marshville and Union County to apply to transportation projects due to using tolling to increasing transportation revenue



# Monroe Expressway Impacted US 74 Volumes

## (Bold Means After Expressway Opening)



# Implementation Timeline

- Spring-Summer 2026: Marshville and Union County consider supporting tolling proposal
- Fall 2026: Present to CRTPO and request endorsing as toll project and eligibility to submit to NCDOT prioritization process in 2027
- Summer 2027: Submit for evaluation in STIP
- Summer 2028: Included in Statewide Tier of STIP funding
- Summer 2029: STIP adopted and 2055 MTP amended to include project
- 2029-2040: Project study, design and construction

# Marshville Coordination

- Presented to their council May 4, 2026
- Mayor and council expressed no concerns with proposed meeting and understood need for project
- Authorized their town manager to coordinate a joint Town – County meeting

# Action Requested

- Questions and feedback

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# Questions?



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