



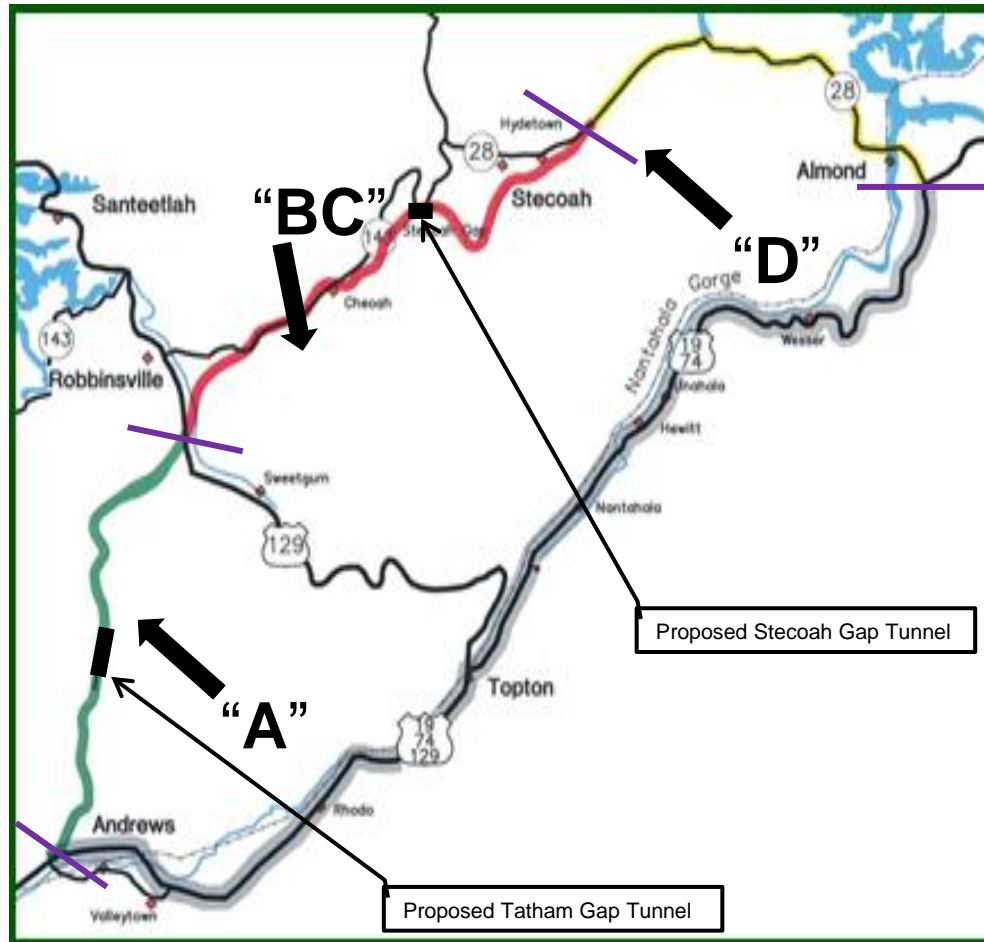
North Carolina General Assembly Transportation Oversight Committee – Corridor K Update

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PROJECT OVERVIEW



STIP Project A-9

- ❑ D: NC 28 near Stecoah to existing US 19/NC 28 – approximately 10 miles (*construction completed in 2005*)
- ❑ A: US 19 Business in Andrews to US 129 in Robbinsville – approximately 7 miles (\$371 Million)
- ❑ B & C: US 129 in Robbinsville to NC 28 near Stecoah – approximately 10 miles (\$366 Million)





Appalachian Regional Commission

- ☐ **Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965**
- ☐ **Federal/State Partnership (13 states)**
- ☐ **PROGRAMS:**
 - ☐ **Economic Development** – Infrastructure, Education, Health, Telecommunications, Tourism and Energy
 - ☐ **Appalachian Development Highway System** – Connect Appalachia to the rest of the Nation, physically and economically
- ☐ **North Carolina's Unobligated ADHS Obligation Authority is \$271 Million** (04/10/2012)

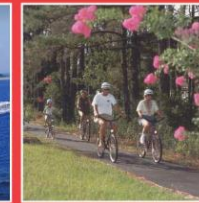
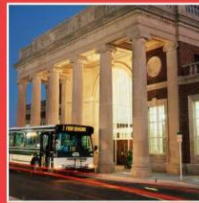
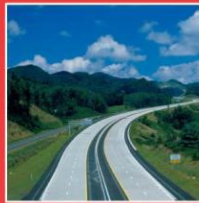




Environmental Agency Concerns

- ☐ Project need
- ☐ Environmental impacts
- ☐ Economic benefits not demonstrated
- ☐ Examine widening existing routes





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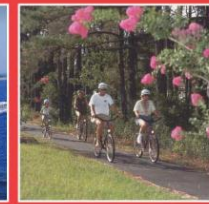
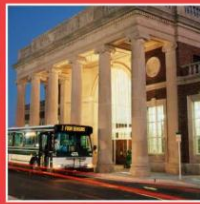
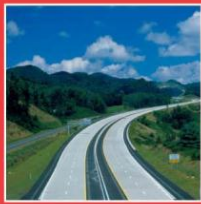


Engaged services of impartial third party to resolve concerns and issues of the environmental agencies and to define a path forward.

Third-Party Recommendations:

- ☐ Leadership/staff of transportation agencies should be willing to revisit previous decisions
- ☐ FHWA & NCDOT should convene a series of meetings with stakeholders to address agency concerns
- ☐ Lead agencies should meet with local and regional officials to integrate regional economic development and environmental protection goals and how transportation can support those goals
- ☐ Complete a comprehensive regional plan to support purpose and need of the project

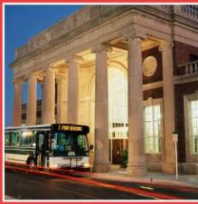
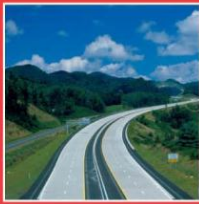




Comprehensive Regional Plan

- **Goal:** Develop a plan of action with local and regional officials and stakeholders to determine how transportation can best support the goals of the local area, such as economic development and protecting the natural environment.
- **Implementation Team**
 - North Carolina Department of Commerce
 - Appalachian Regional Commission
 - Southwestern Commission
 - Federal Highway Administration
 - North Carolina Department of Transportation





Comprehensive Regional Plan Preparation

- ☐ Implementation Team met with staff of agencies to outline initiative approach
- ☐ Implementation Team met with locally elected leaders in Region A
 - ☐ Cherokee County ☐ Haywood County ☐ Swain County
 - ☐ Clay County ☐ Jackson County
 - ☐ Graham County ☐ Macon County
- ☐ Southwestern Commission agreed to lead facilitation of development of comprehensive regional plan





Comprehensive Regional Plan Preparation Next Steps

- ☐ Southwestern Commission is finalizing the RFP
- ☐ RFP posted May 2012
- ☐ Contract awarded in July 2012
- ☐ 18-24 months to complete





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Questions?

