

# At an Intersection: Business and Transportation in NC

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# Our Challenge

- The Charlotte region now exceeds **2.5 million** in population
- Adding **1 million** additional people in next 20 years



# Road Infrastructure



STI Funding has moved forward crucial regional projects

- Monroe Bypass
- I-85 Widening in Cabarrus
- I-85 Widening in Gaston
- 1-485 Managed Lanes
- I-77 Managed Lanes
- US 74 Managed Lanes



# Freight Rail

- Intermodal facility at CLT
- Double-stack line to from Charlotte to Port of Wilmington



# Transit Infrastructure Vision



Building on success of Blue Line, a complete transit system needed:

- Blue Line Extension open March 16
- Gold Line Streetcar work underway
- Red and Silver line would complete the vision



# Future Challenges

- How do we fund the full transit vision for the Charlotte Region?
- How do we fund our comprehensive transportation plans?
  - Gas tax vs. other revenue options
  - New models for P3s
- How can we maintain voter support for city and state bond measures?





# Thank you!

