

PATHWAYS TO *Connection* *

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REIMAGINING DURHAM FREEWAY, **TOGETHER**

A red horizontal line with a yellow circular marker at the end.

City of Durham

City Council Work Session
August 21, 2025

Agenda

1. Project Purpose & Background
2. Community Engagement
3. Corridor Options



Project Purpose and Background



Pathways to Connection has produced a community-led vision to shape the future of the Durham Freeway and mitigate damage caused by its construction.

The study's vision plan will:



Acknowledge and evaluate the impacts of the Durham Freeway

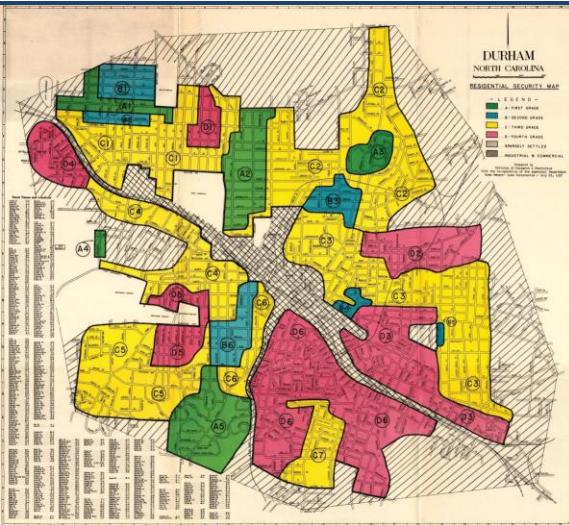
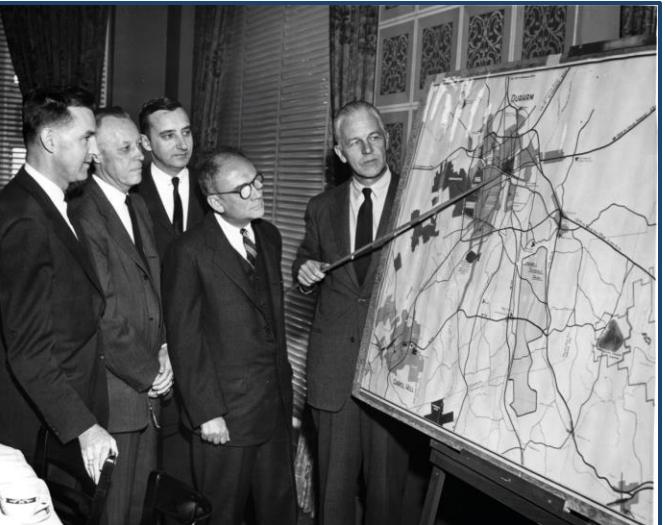


Reimagine the future character of the corridor

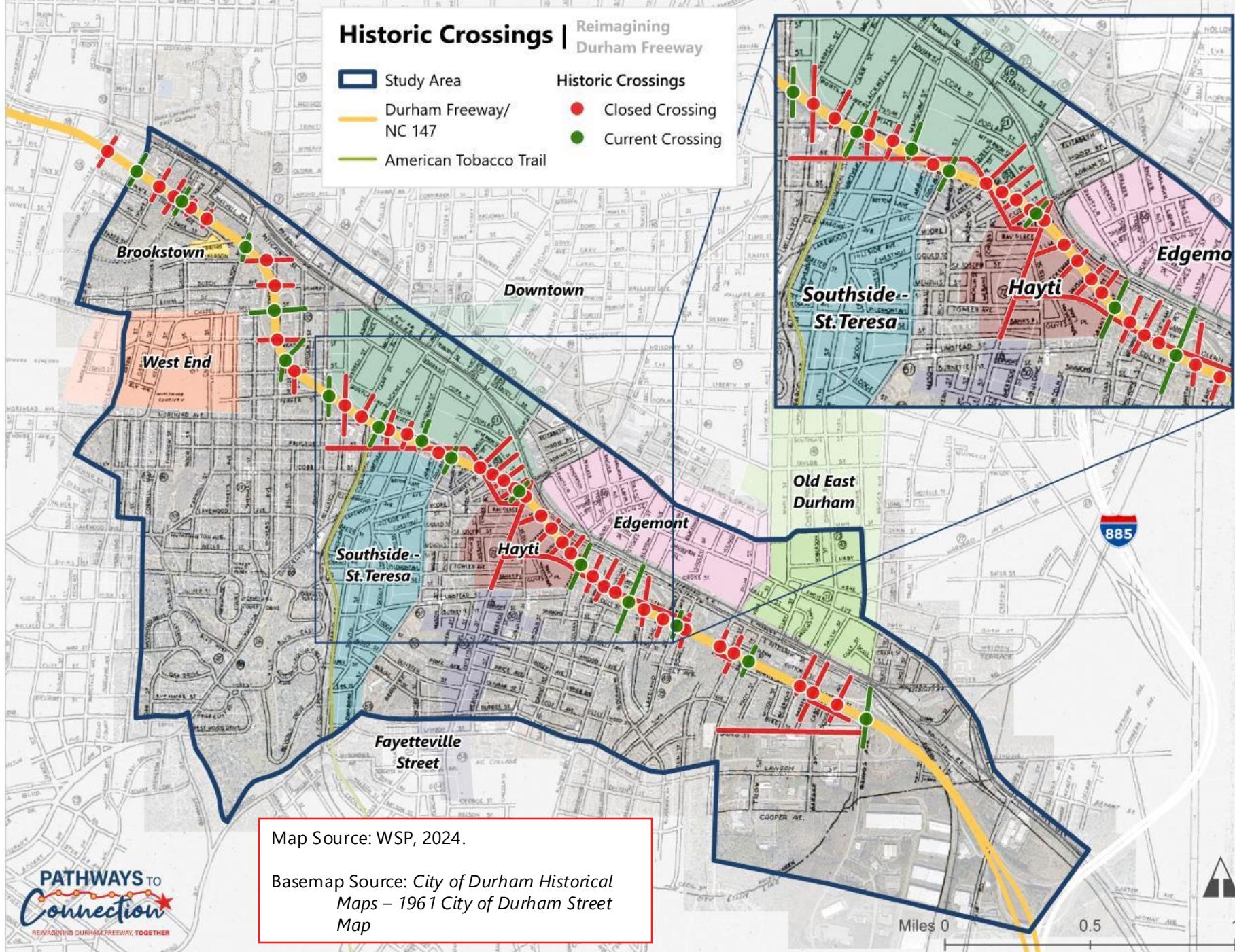


Reconnect vital communities in the heart of Durham

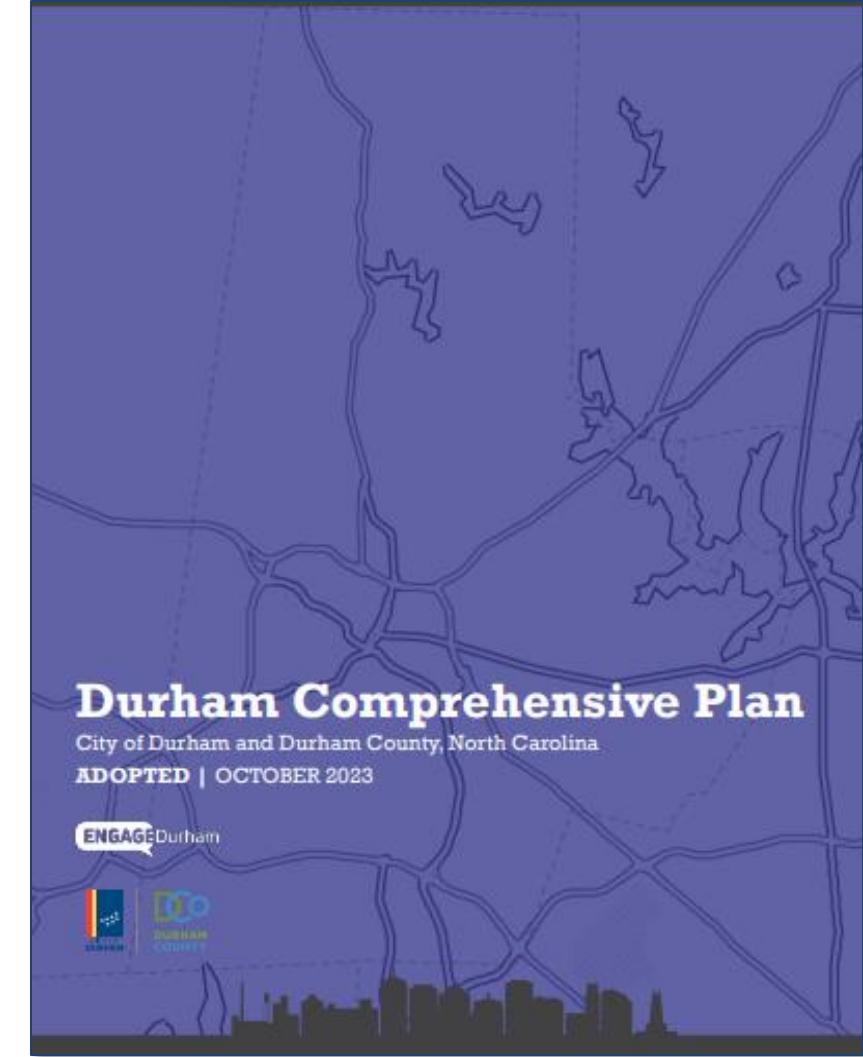
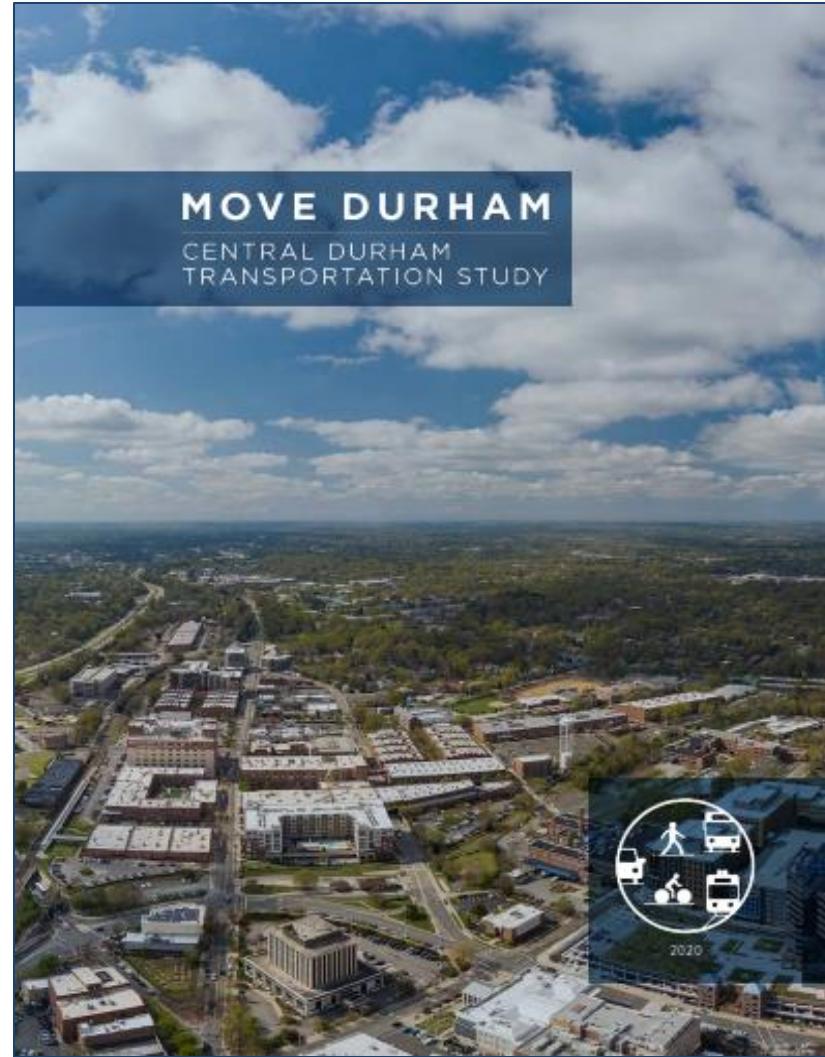
History of Durham Freeway



Historic Crossings



Transportation and Land Use Plans



Project Team



Community
Partners

Aidilisms



Technical Team



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Technical Committee



- **City of Durham**
 - City Manager's Office
 - Engagement* (*Neighborhood Improvement Services, Office on Youth*)
 - Environmental and Street Services (*Public Works*)
 - General Services
 - Housing and Neighborhood Services (*Community Development*)
 - Office of Economic and Workforce Development
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Planning and Development
 - Transportation Department

*Department name has not been finalized



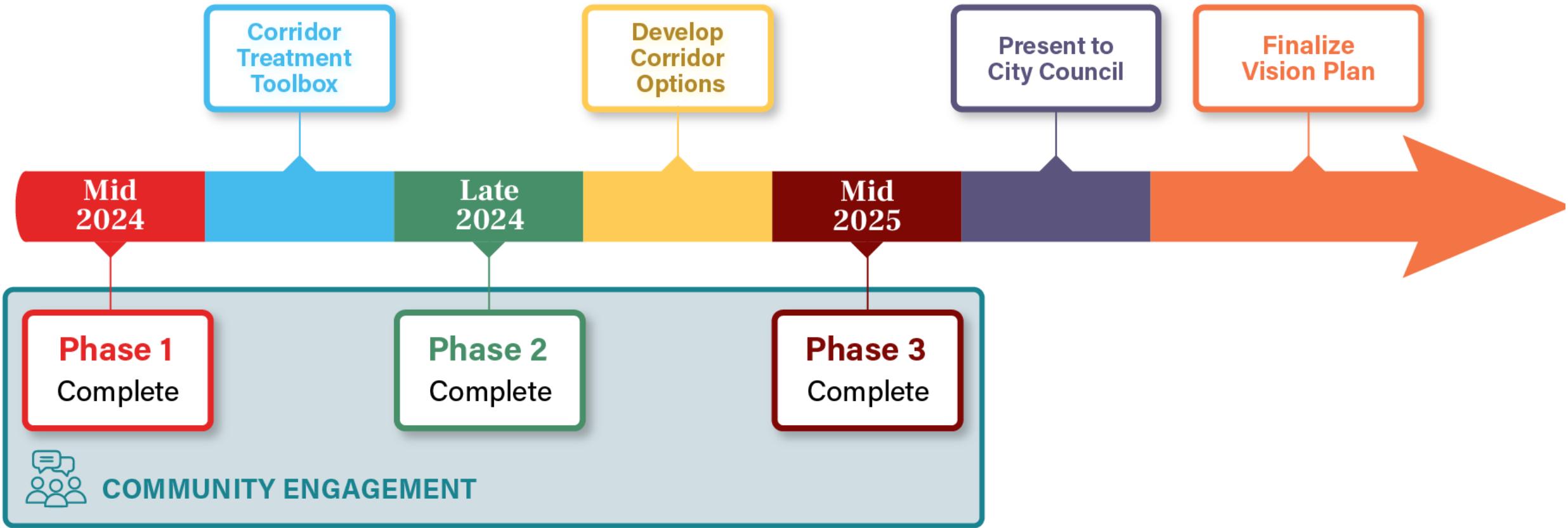
- **Durham County**
 - Transportation Department
 - Economic Development
- **Durham Housing Authority**
- **GoDurham**
- **GoTriangle**
- **NCDOT**
 - Transportation Planning Division
 - Division 5
 - District 2
 - Integrated Mobility Division
- **Triangle West TPO**



Institutional Stakeholders



Project Timeline



Community Engagement

A Community-Led Vision



Phase 1 Engagement Strategy and Statistics



20+ Community Events



1,500+ Community Members Engaged



790 Survey Responses

Phase 1 Engagement Takeaways

The **biggest concerns** about the Durham Freeway:

**SAFETY
FOR ALL
USERS**

**LIMITED
MOBILITY
OPTIONS**

Improvements the Durham community would like to see:



**A Better
Bike/Walking
Network**



**Community
Development
& Investment**



**Redesign or
Removal of
the Freeway**



Corridor Treatment Toolbox

Five Focus Areas



Reflect Community Feedback



Inform Focus Areas and Strategies



Inform Development of Corridor Options



Inform Performance Metrics of Corridor Options

History & Belonging

Mobility

Equitable Land Use

Safety

Sustainability

Corridor Options

- Boulevard Conversion
- Freeway Cap / Land Bridge
- Freeway Modernization



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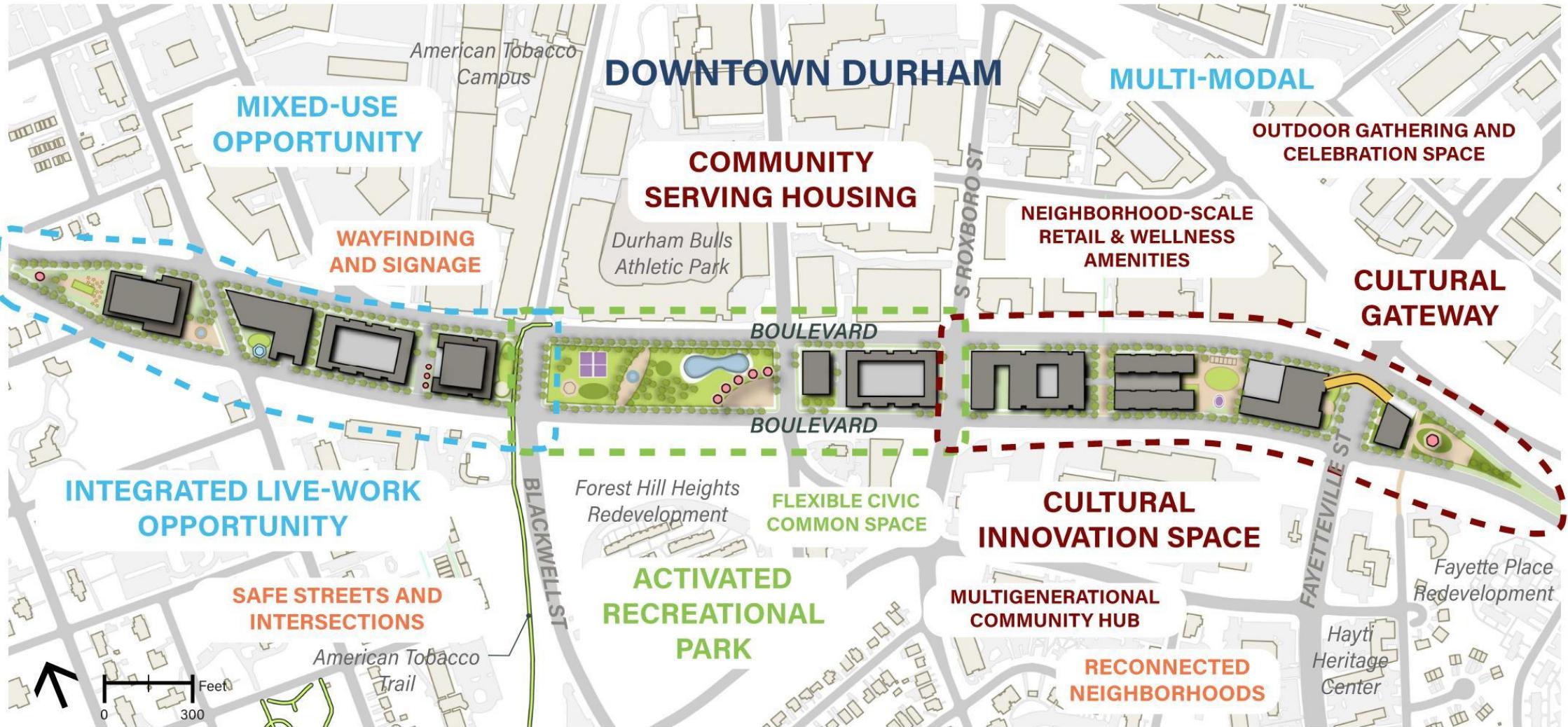


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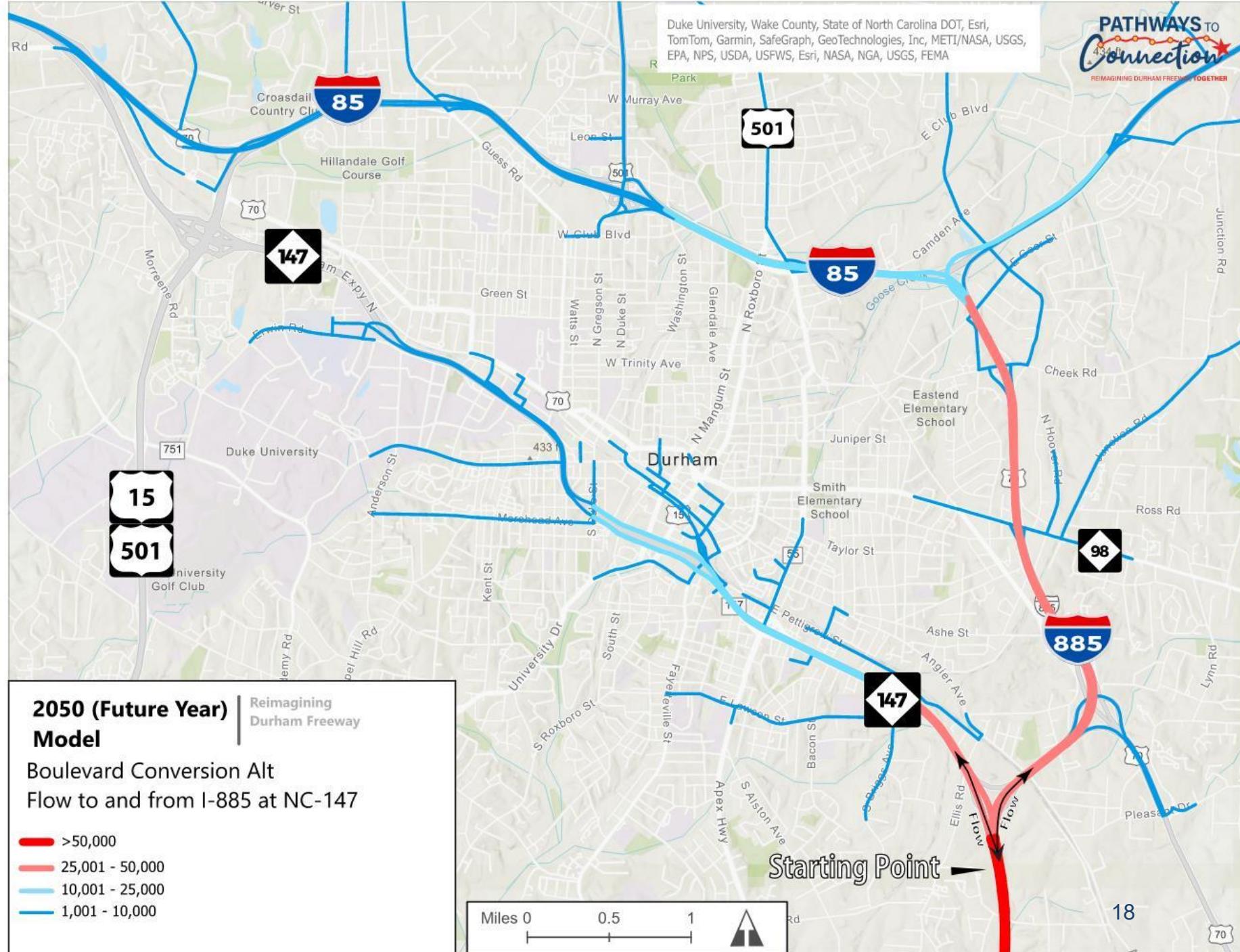
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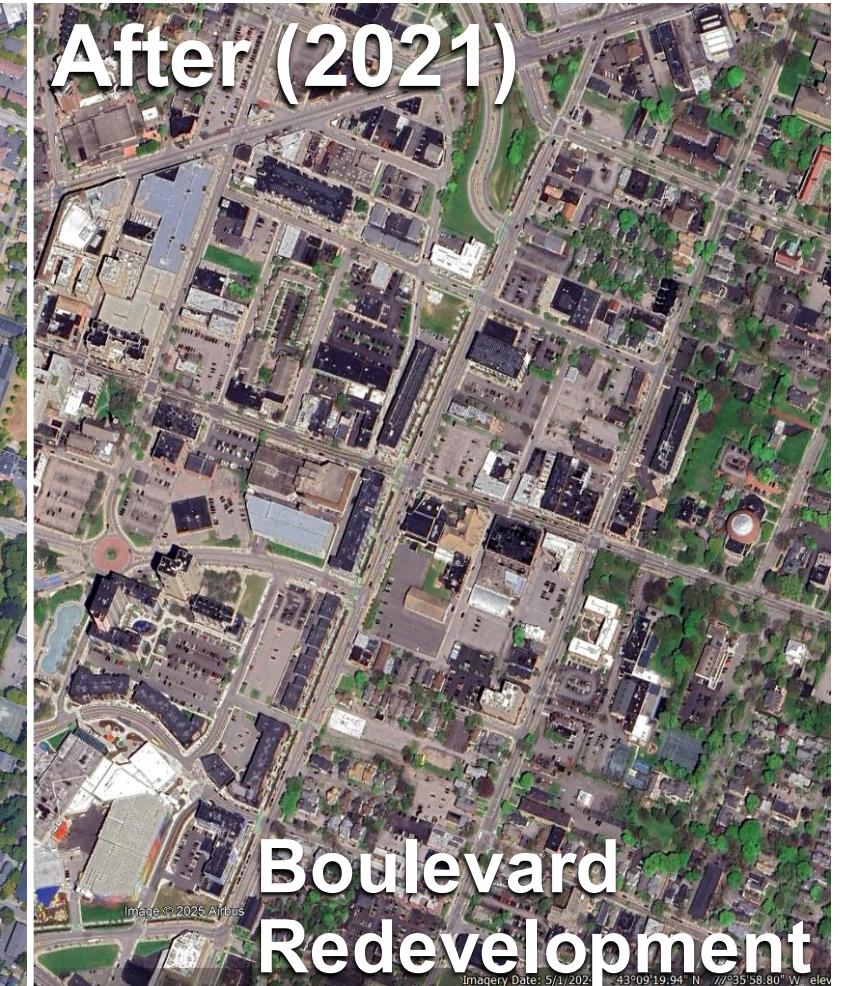
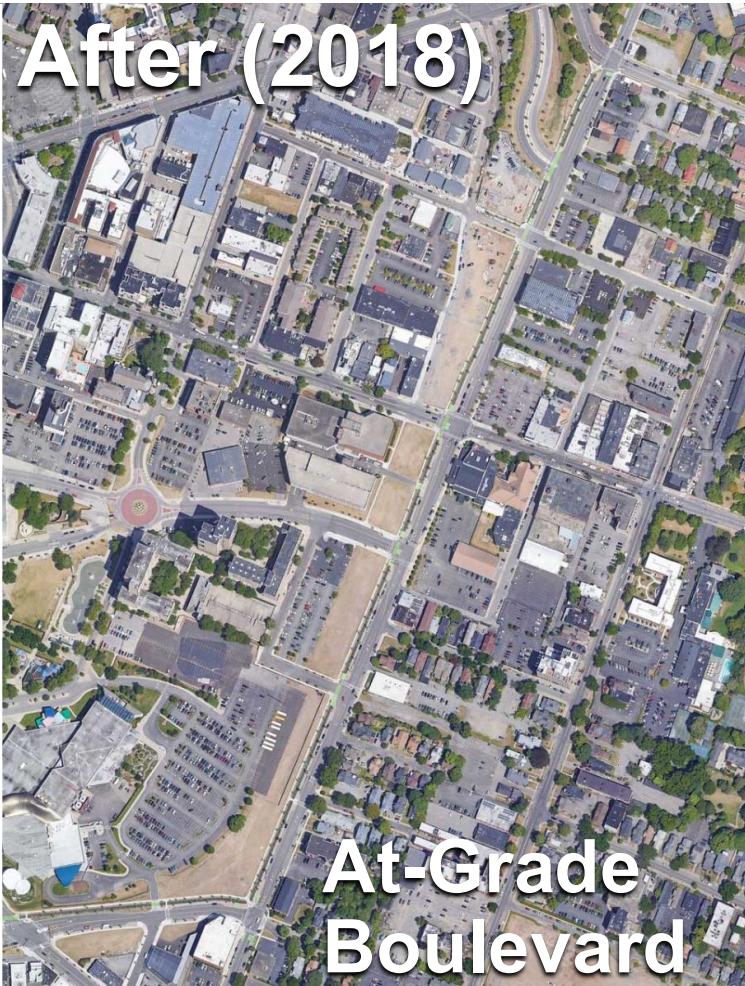


Boulevard Conversion

Travel Pattern



Inner Loop East Project, Rochester, NY



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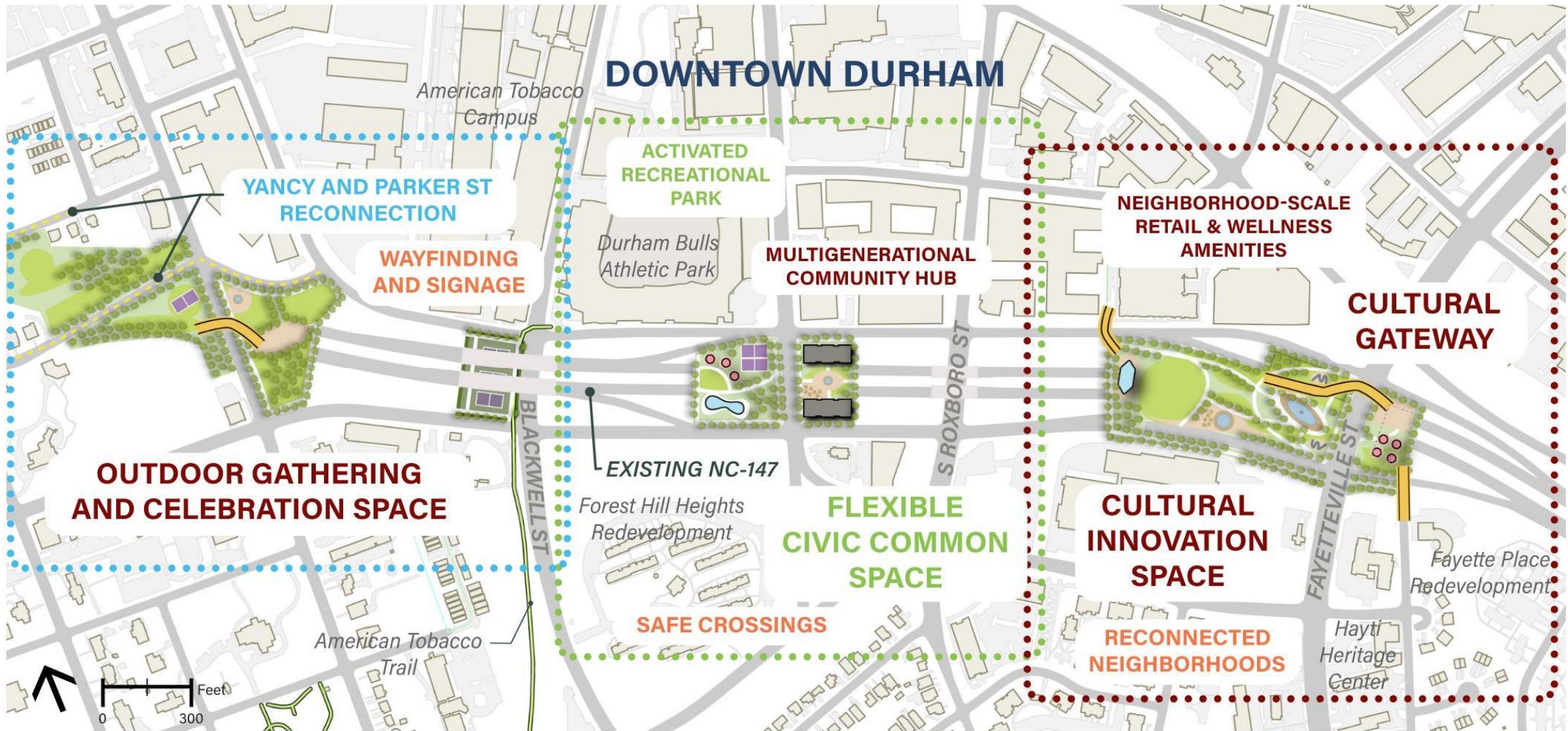


After



Freeway Cap or Land Bridge

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Freeway Cap or Land Bridge

Travel Pattern



Central 70 in Denver Metro



Before



After



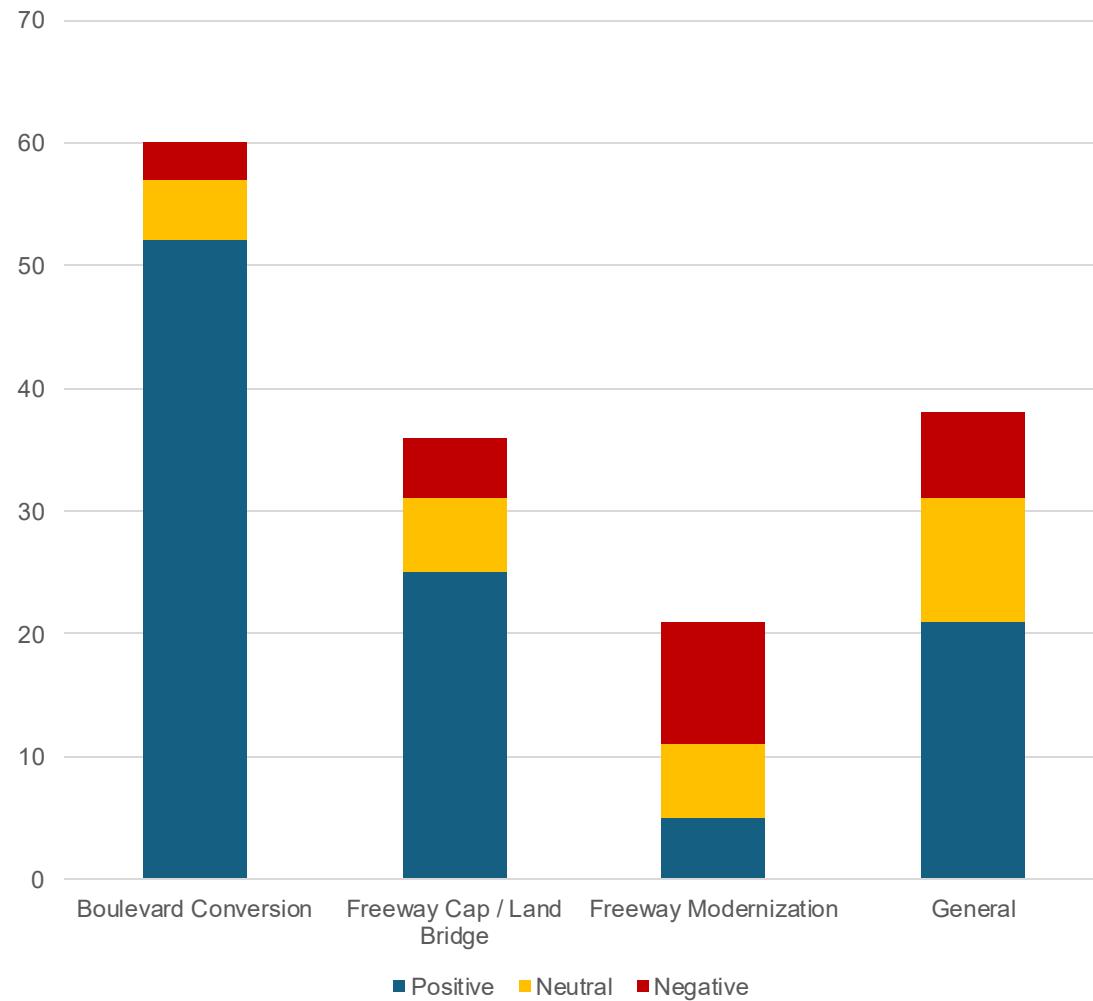
Freeway Modernization



Winston-Salem I-40 Business Reconstruction



What We've Heard



"The land bridge honors the community and the people that were displaced."

"Love the boulevard option! It'll make this city more walkable and accessible."

"(Freeway Modernization) seems like the most likely/feasible."

Performance Metrics Summary

		Durham Freeway Options		
Community Focus Areas	Boulevard Conversion	Freeway Cap or Land Bridge	Freeway Modernization	
History and Belonging	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●	
Safety	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	
Mobility	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	
Sustainability	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	
Equitable Land Use	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	
Overall Rating	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	
Land Opportunity (Acres)	20.0 - 22.0	3.0 - 25.0	12.5 - 14.5	
Preliminary Cost (2025 \$)*	\$450M	\$450-800M+	\$350M	

Next Steps

- Receive Council input to inform final Vision Plan
- Continue coordination with NCDOT
- Facilitate ongoing stakeholder engagement
- Identify funding strategies for future phases of study (e.g., economic impact analysis, life cycle cost analysis, etc.)

