



**NORTHWEST PIEDMONT**  
**RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

# MEMORANDUM

To: NWRPO TAC Members  
From: Carter Spradling, NWRPO Director  
Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2021  
Re: February 2021 Meeting Notice

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This is a reminder that the next NWRPO TCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 starting at 10:30 am. *Please note: The PTRC office building is currently closed to outside visitors and this meeting will only be held remotely via GoTo Meeting and through teleconference.* If you have any questions about using the GoTo Meeting service, please let me know in advance.

A draft agenda packet is enclosed for your review. Please visit the following website for a PDF copy of the meeting materials. The final agenda packet will be available for download by February 17.

<https://www.ptrc.org/services/regional-planning/transportation/northwest-piedmont-rpo/committees>

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**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting**

10:30 AM – 11:30 PM

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

Online / Teleconference: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/411667565>

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Welcome

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| I.  | Welcome & Conflict of Interest Statement | Kevin Austin |
| II. | Public Comment Period                    | Kevin Austin |

Action Items

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| III. | October TCC Minutes | Kevin Austin |
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Discussion Items

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|-------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| IV.   | P 6.0 update                   | Carter Spradling |
| V.    | Yadkin Valley Bike Plan update | Carter Spradling |
| VI.   | Division 9 update              | Phillip Craver   |
| VII.  | Division 11 update             | Sean Sizemore    |
| VIII. | Regional CTP and TPD update    | Reuben Crummy    |
| IX.   | Piedmont Legacy Trails update  | Jesse Day        |
| X.    | RPO update                     | Carter Spradling |
| XI.   | BOT update                     | BOT Member       |
| XII.  | New Business                   | Kevin Austin     |
| XIII. | Adjourn                        | Kevin Austin     |

Next Meeting:  
April 20, 2021

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# AGENDA ITEM

Agenda Item III

October 21, 2020 Minutes

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Background

Minutes are attached for your review and approval.

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Attachment

Minutes

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Requested Action

Approval

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# NORTHWEST PIEDMONT RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## MINUTES

Meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) - October 21, 2020

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### Meeting Attendees

#### TAC Members

|                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Kevin Austin (Chair) | Yadkin County           |
| Benita Finney        | Davie County            |
| Rick Morris          | Danbury                 |
| Scott Needham        | Pilot Mountain          |
| Steve Yokeley        | Mount Airy              |
| Steve Shelton        | Danbury                 |
| Van Tucker           | Surry County            |
| Jeff Eidson          | Elkin                   |
| Cullie Tarleton      | Board of Transportation |

#### NCDOT

|                |                         |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Mike Stanley   | NCDOT, STIP             |
| Bryan Lopez    | NCDOT, Bike and Ped Div |
| John Rhine     | NCDOT, Division 9       |
| Phillip Craver | NCDOT, Division 9       |
| Rob Weisz      | NCDOT, Division 11      |
| Mike Pettyjohn | NCDOT, Division 11      |
| Reuben Crummy  | NCDOT, TPD              |

#### RPO Staff

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Jesse Day        | PTRC          |
| Carter Spradling | PTRC, NWP RPO |

The meeting began at 10:33 AM.

## Welcome

- I. **Welcome & Conflict of Interest Statement.** Mr. Austin welcomed those in attendance, reviewed the agenda, opened the meeting, and read the conflict of interest statement. No one present indicated any conflict(s) of interest.
- II. **Public Comment.** Mr. Austin asked for public comment. There were no members of the general public present.

## Action Items

- III. **June 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Austin shared the meeting minutes with the group. Mrs. Benita Finney made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Steve Yokeley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Prioritization 6.0 Scoring Amendment.** Mr. Weisz proposed an amendment to scoring criteria for P6.0 modernization projects in Division 11. Mr. Van Tucker made a motion to approve the amendment, and Mr. Cullie Tarleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **2021 Meeting Dates.** Mr. Spradling proposed a schedule of dates for the slate of 2021 NWP RPO TCC meetings. Mr. Scott Needham made a motion to approve the meeting dates, and Mr. Steve Yokeley seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Cullie Tarleton abstaining due to technical issues.

## Discussion Items

- VI. **STIP and Prioritization Update.** Mr. Spradling introduced Mr. Mike Stanley as the Central Region Manager of the NCDOT STIP unit. Mr. Stanley provided a presentation outlining NCDOT's financial and operational struggles and how they impact the funding of current and future projects.
- VII. **Yadkin Valley Regional Bike Plan.** Mr. Spradling provided a report outlining the current status of the YVRBP and next steps towards adoption.
- VIII. **Division 9 Update.** Mr. Craver provided a verbal report.
- IX. **Division 11 Update.** Mr. Pettyjohn provided a verbal report.
- X. **TPD Update.** Mr. Crummy provided a verbal report and went over the Northwest Piedmont RPO newsletter.
- XI. **RPO Update.** No update was given.
- XII. **BOT Update.** Mr. Tarleton gave a verbal presentation about new BOT structure and spending plan.
- XIII. **New Business.** No new business was introduced.
- XIV. **Adjourn.** Mr. Austin adjourned the meeting at 11:33.



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# AGENDA ITEM

## Agenda Item IV

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### P 6.0 Update

### Background

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Review of attached Prioritization schedule and preview of upcoming actions.

### Attachment

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Prioritization 6.0 schedule

### Requested Action

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For discussion only.





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## Agenda Item V

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Yadkin Valley Bicycle Plan Update

## Background

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The Yadkin Valley Regional Bicycle Plan has been completed and is in the process of adoption.

## Attachment

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YVRBP executive summary.

## Requested Action

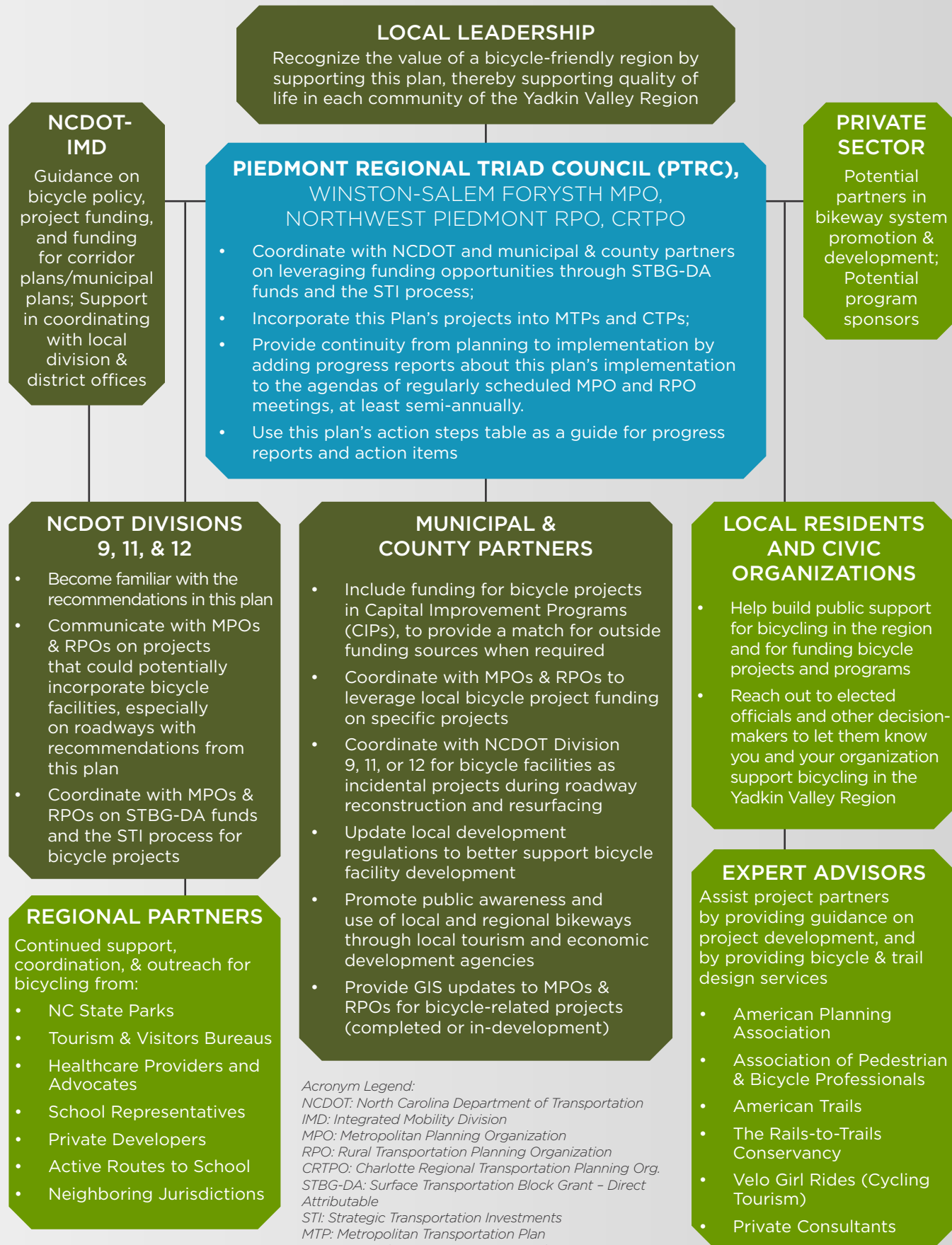
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For discussion in preparation for adoption in April.





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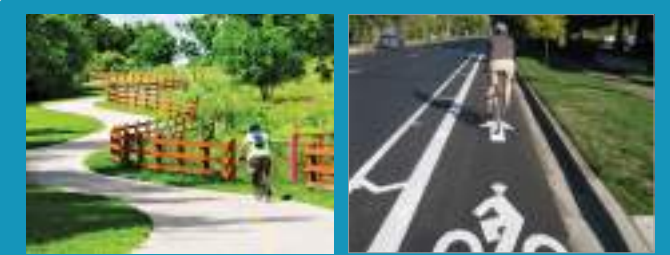
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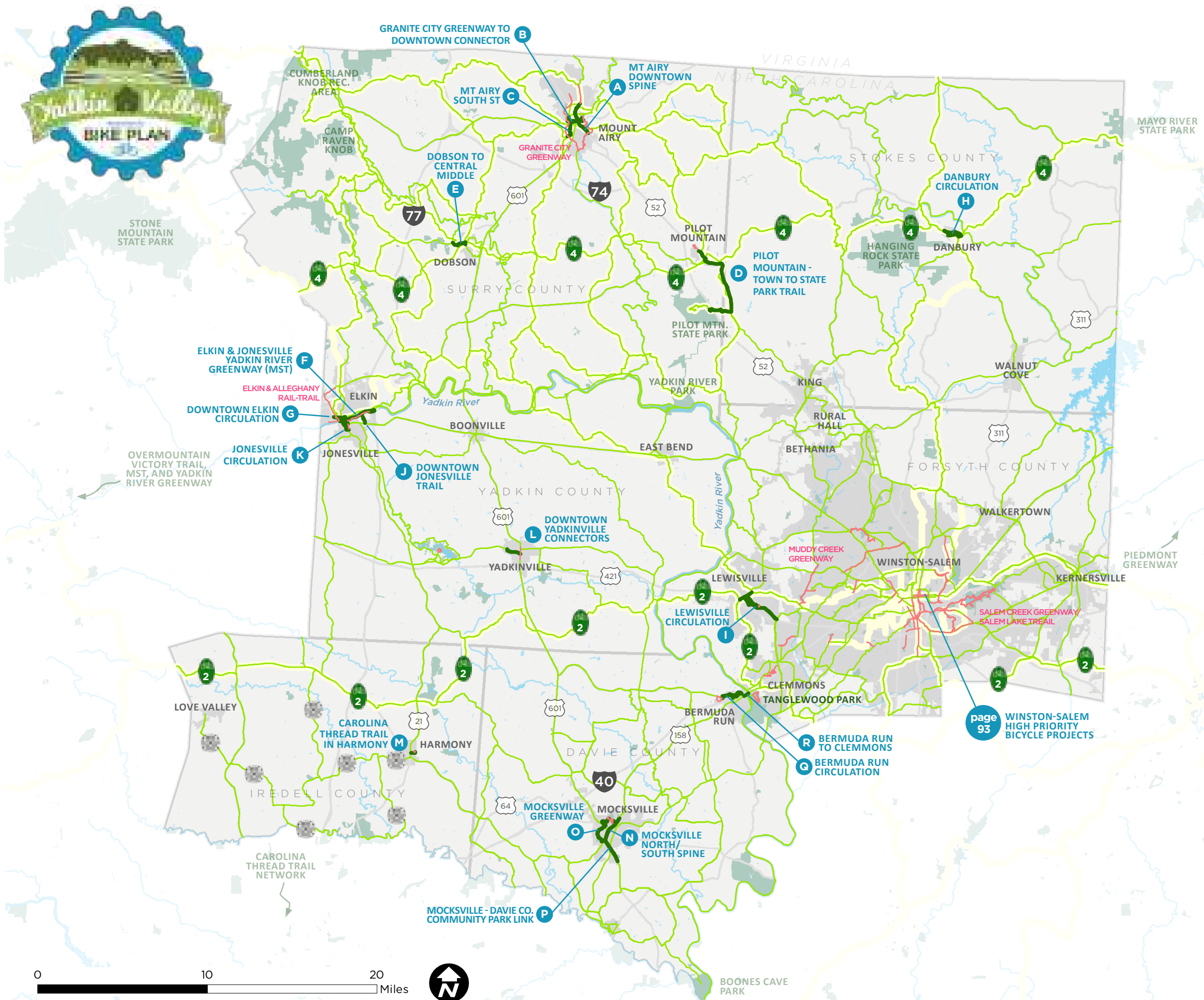
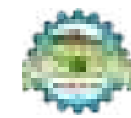
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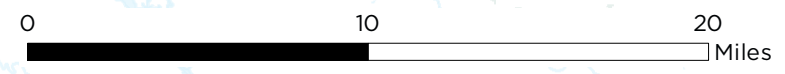
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### LEGEND

- Regional Network
- Priority Project
- Existing Shared Use Paths, Greenways, Sidepaths, Bicycle Lanes, and Sharrows
- Existing/Designated State and Local Bike Routes
- Waterways
- County Boundary
- Protected Lands
- Municipal Boundaries
- Study Area
- NC Bike Route 2: Mountains to Sea
- NC Bike Route 4: North Line Trace
- Carolina Thread Trail (proposed on adopted plan)

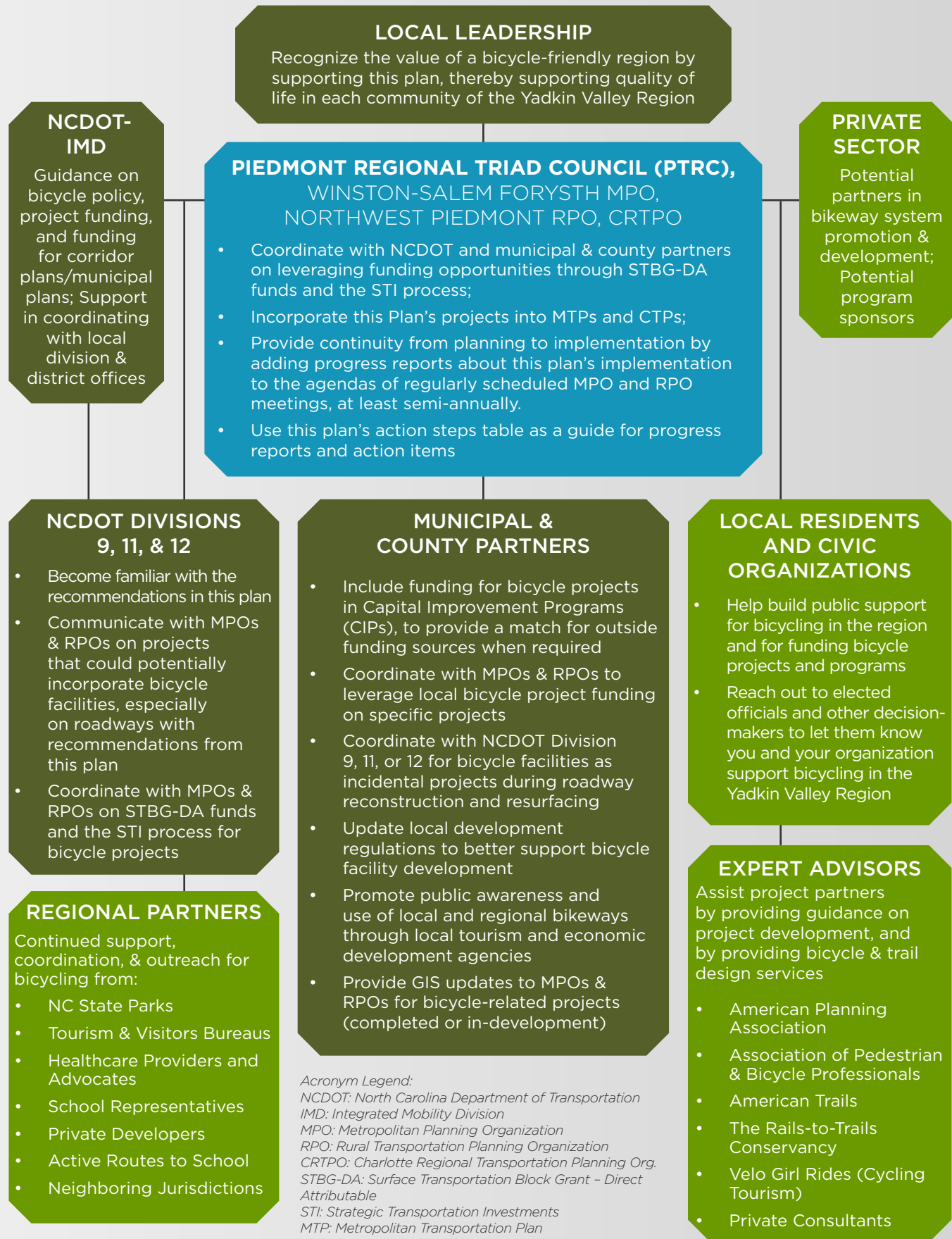


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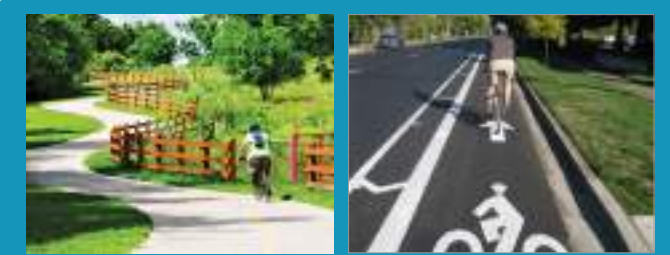
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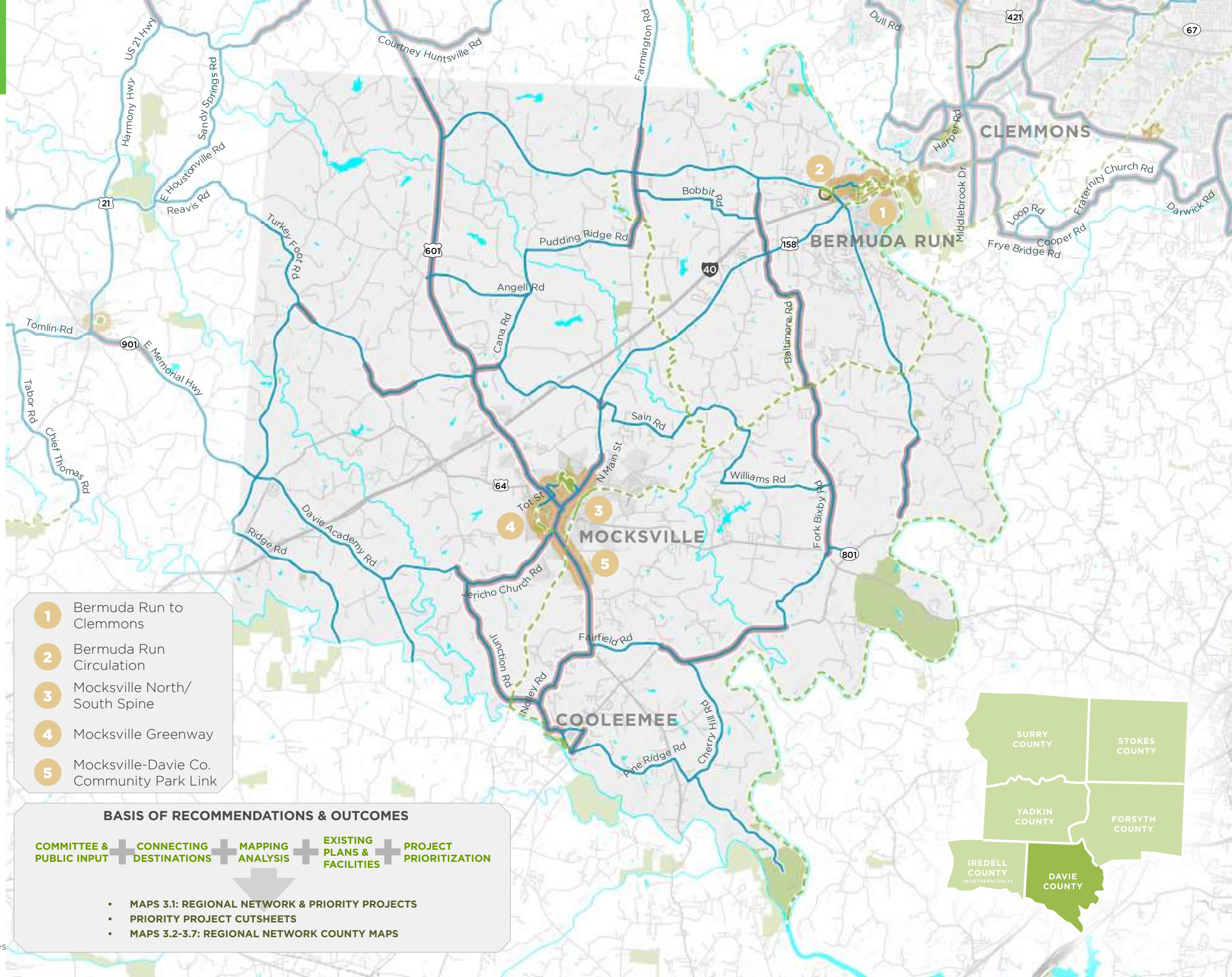


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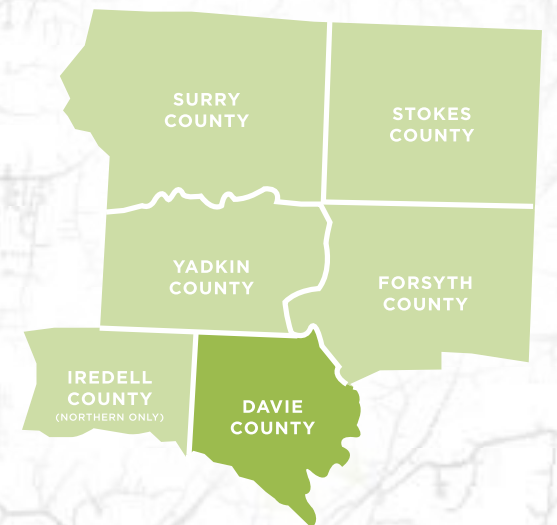
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- 2** Bermuda Run Circulation
- 3** Mocksville North/South Spine
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- 5** Mocksville-Davie Co. Community Park Link

### BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS & OUTCOMES



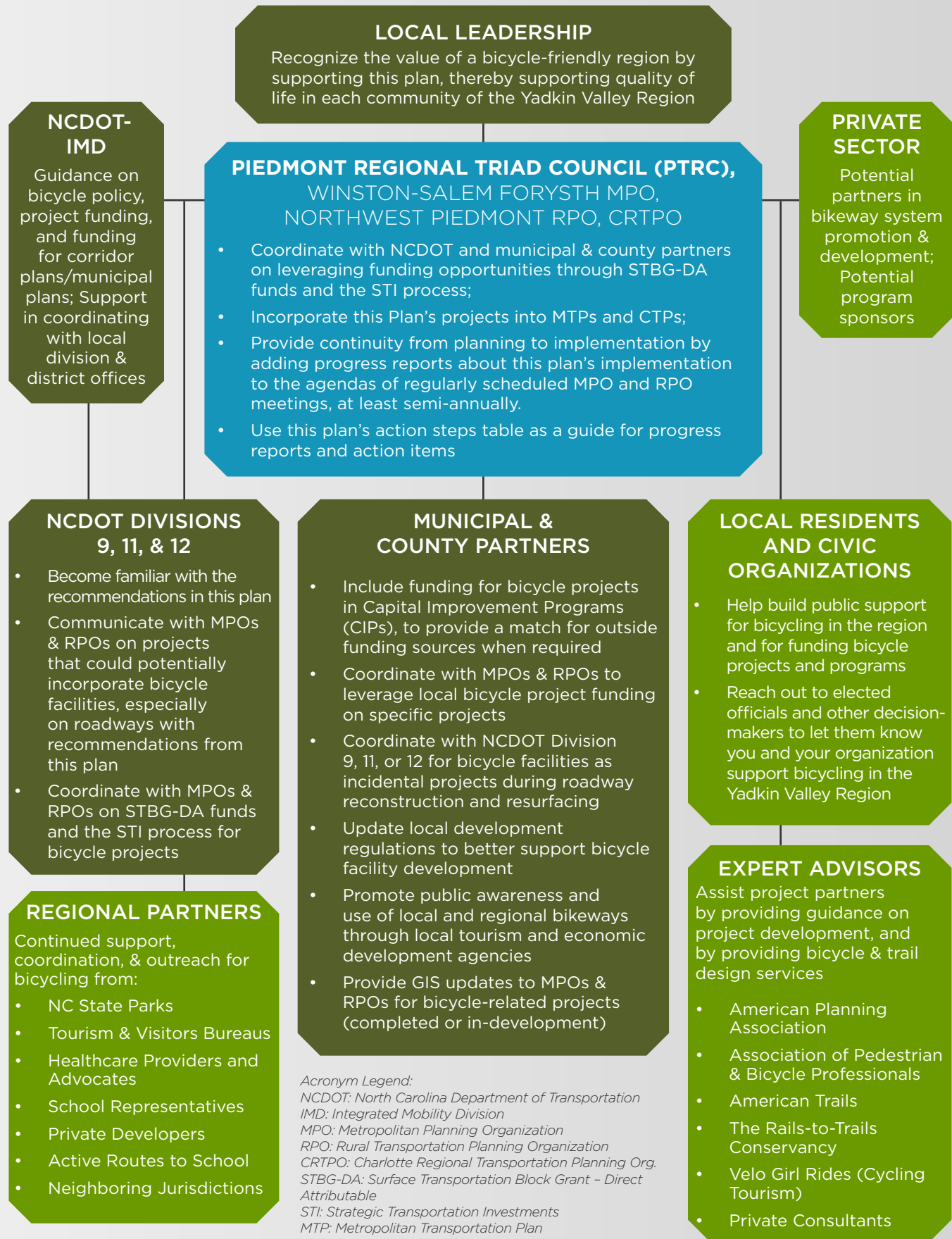
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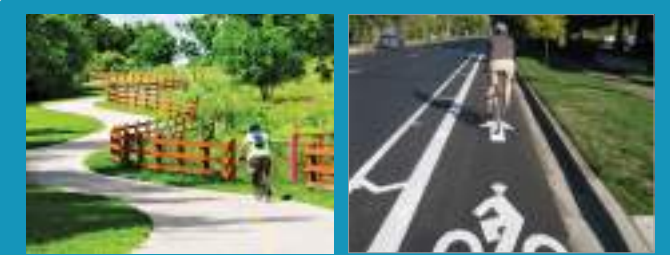
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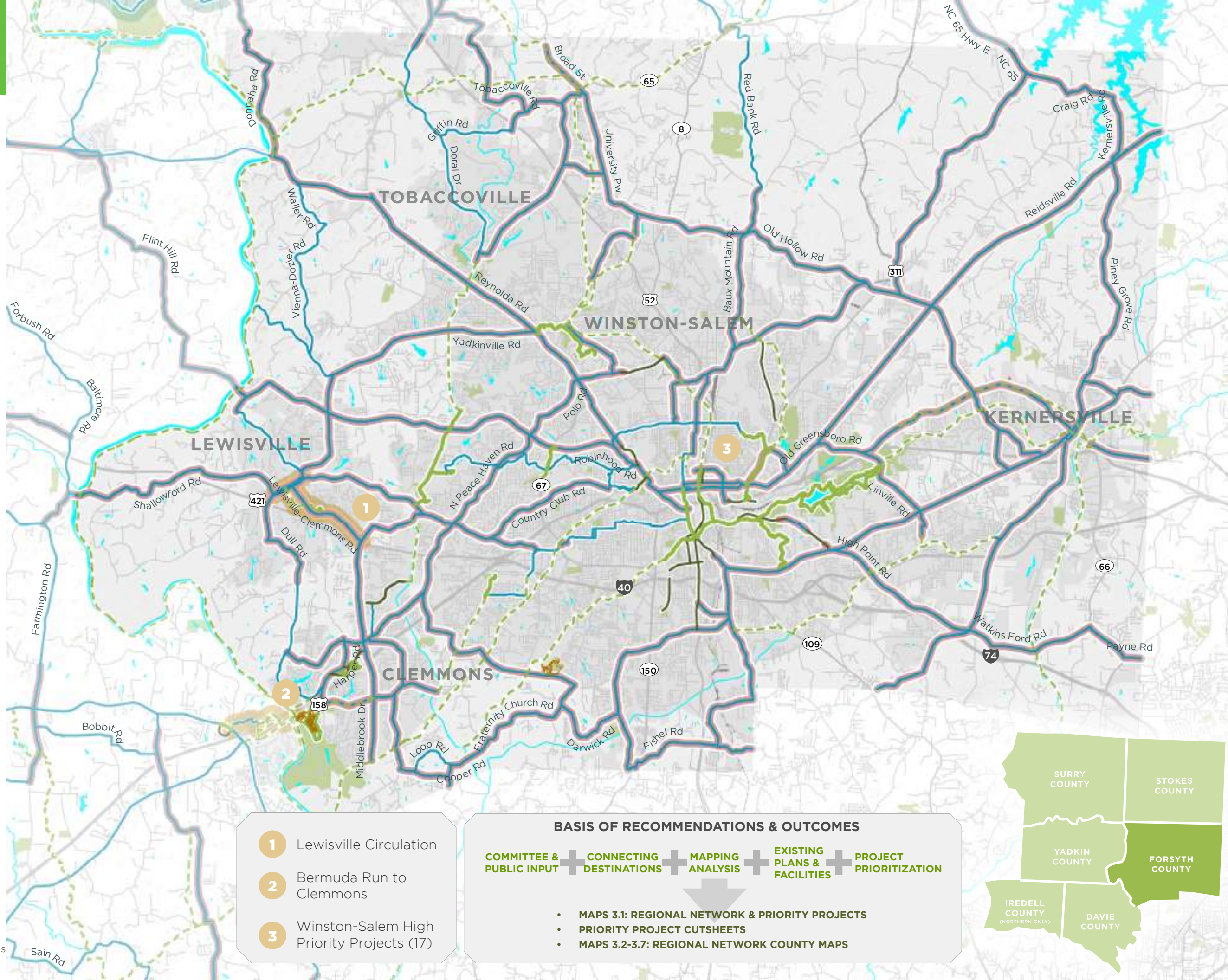
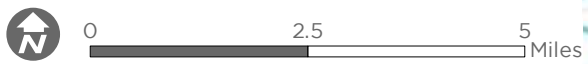
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  - Municipal Boundaries
  - Protected Lands
  - Surry Scenic Bikeway
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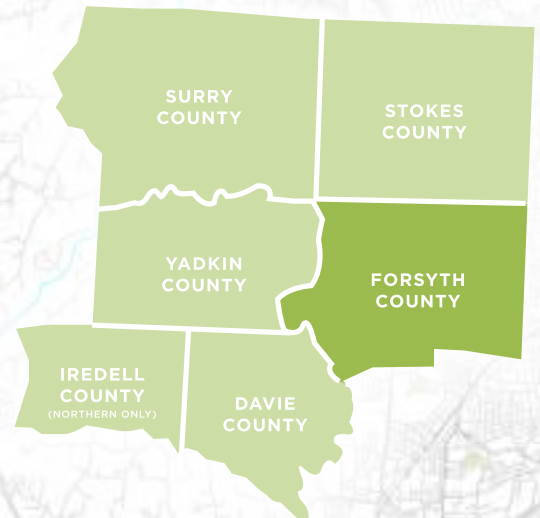


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**BASIS OF RECOMMENDATIONS & OUTCOMES**

COMMITTEE & PUBLIC INPUT + CONNECTING DESTINATIONS + MAPPING ANALYSIS + EXISTING PLANS & FACILITIES + PROJECT PRIORITIZATION

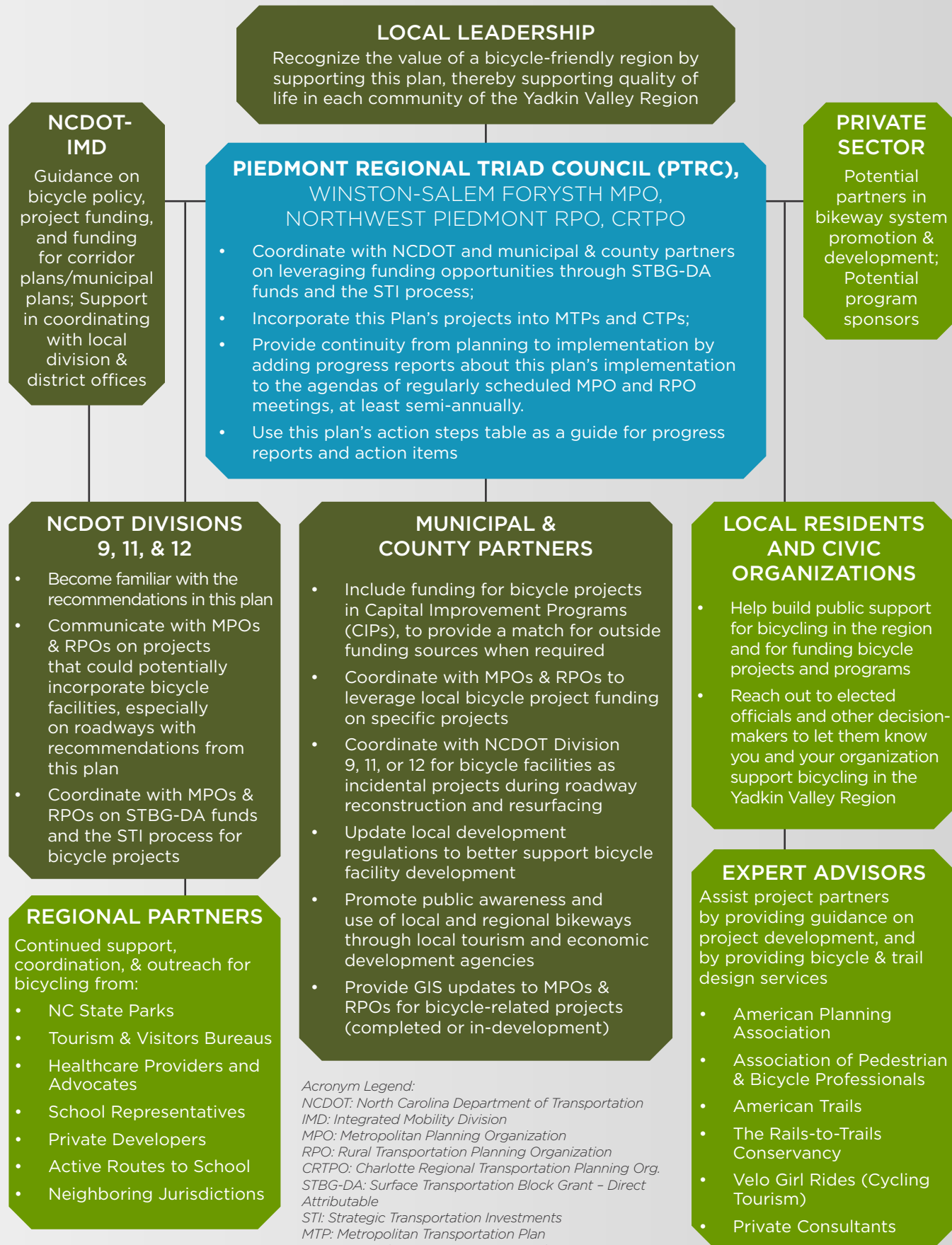
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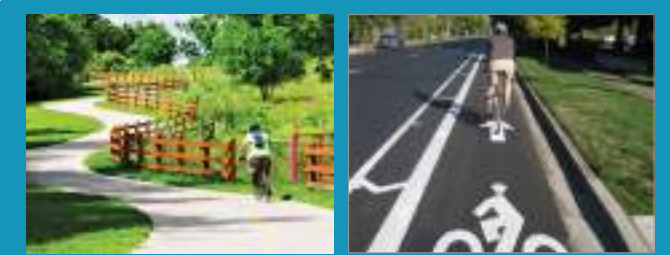
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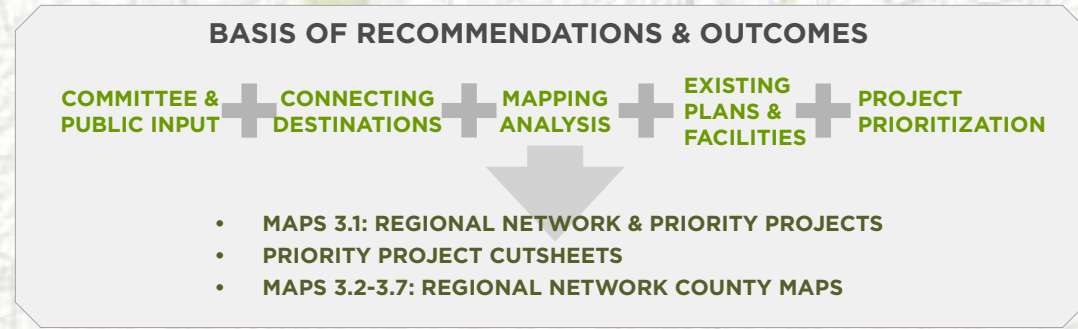
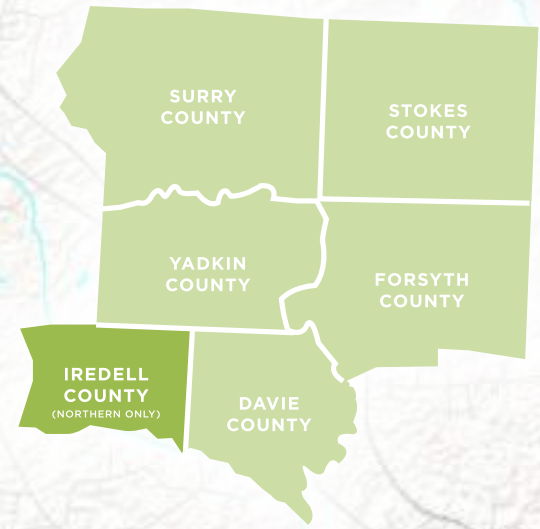
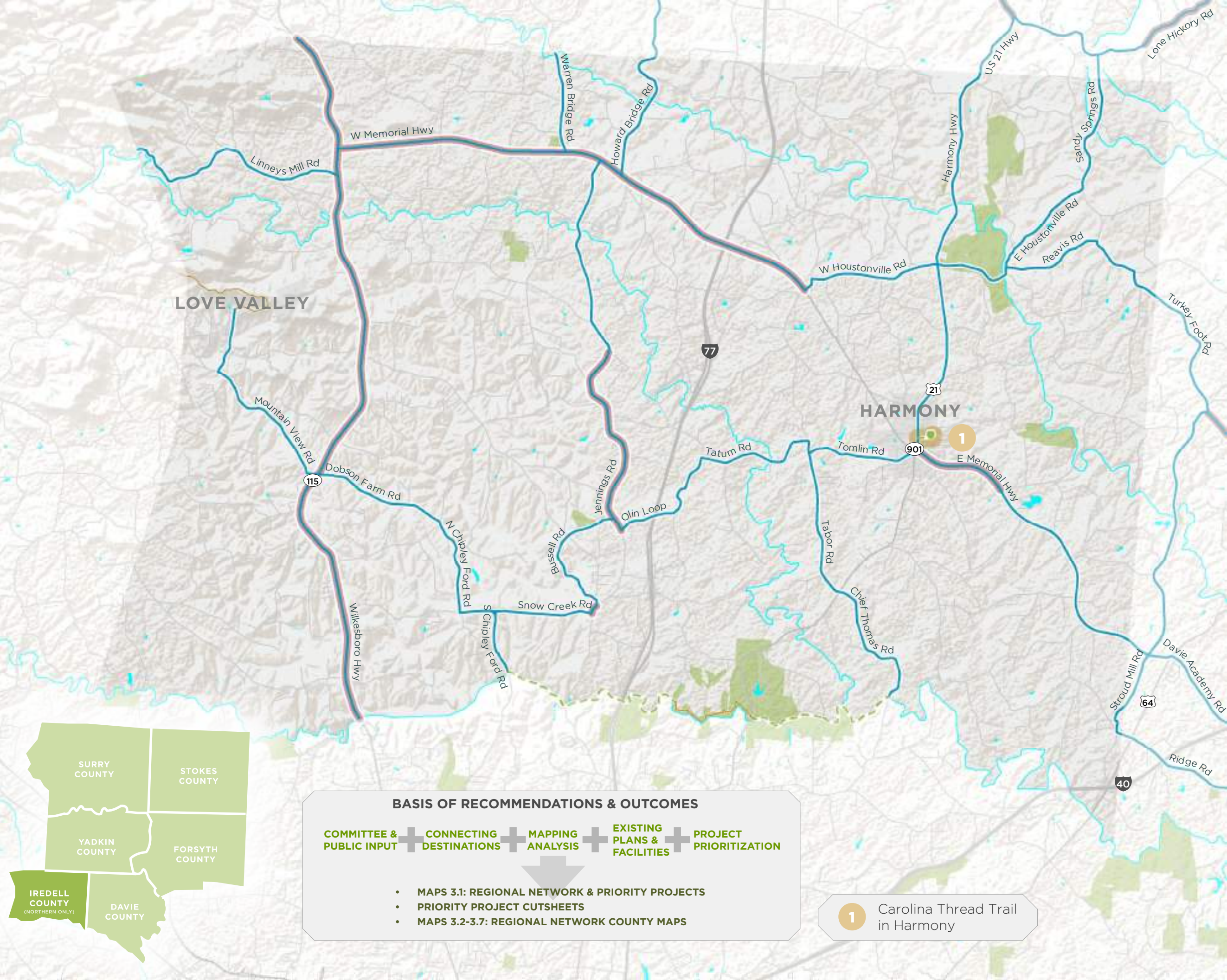
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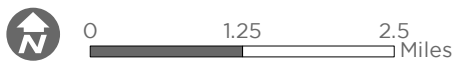
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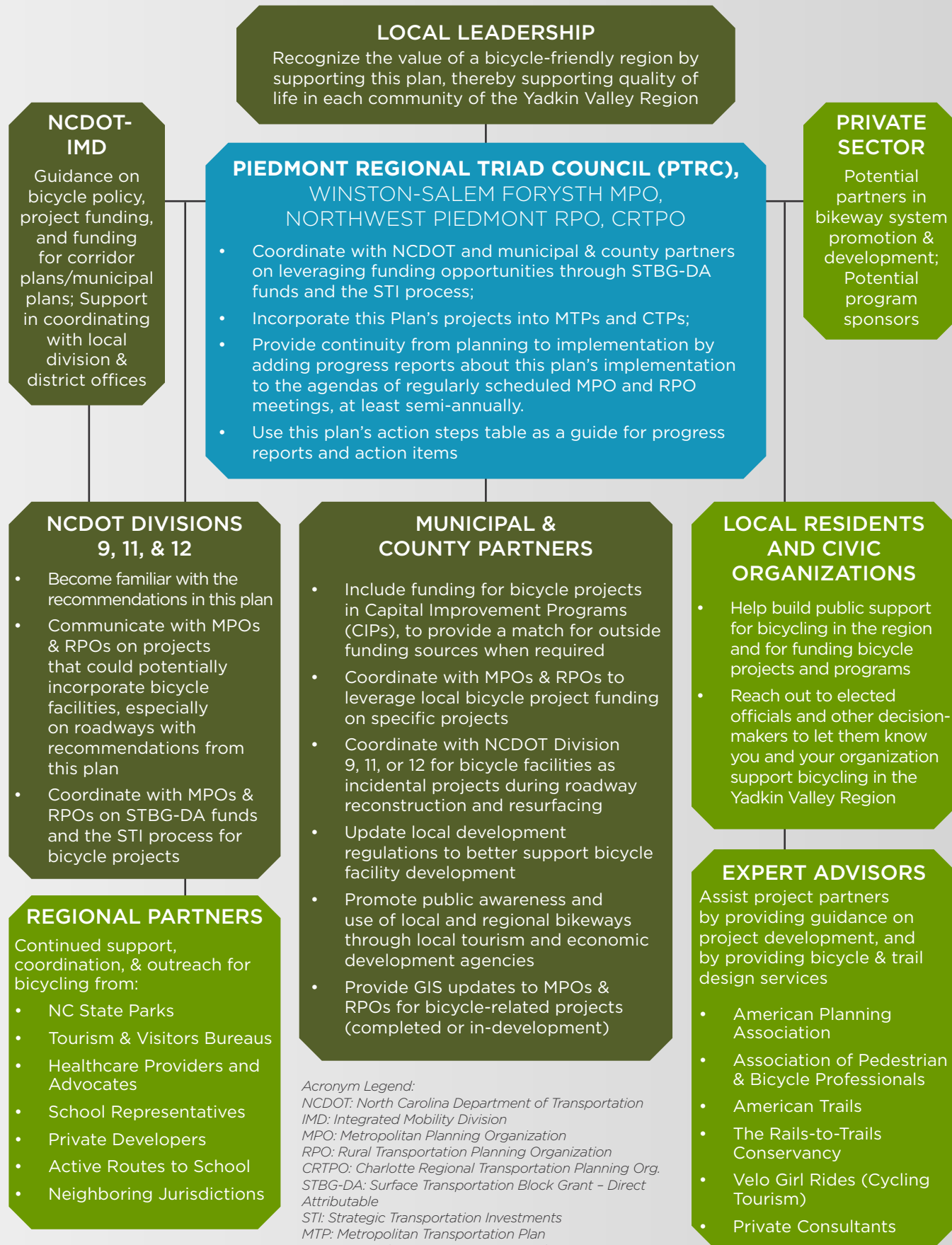
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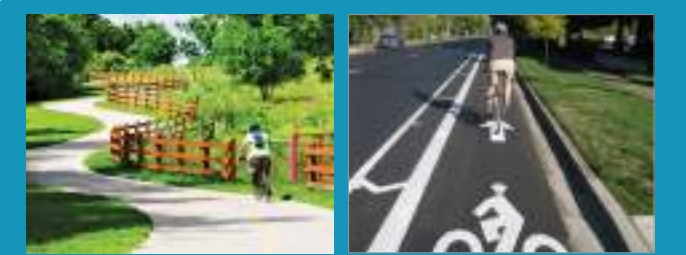
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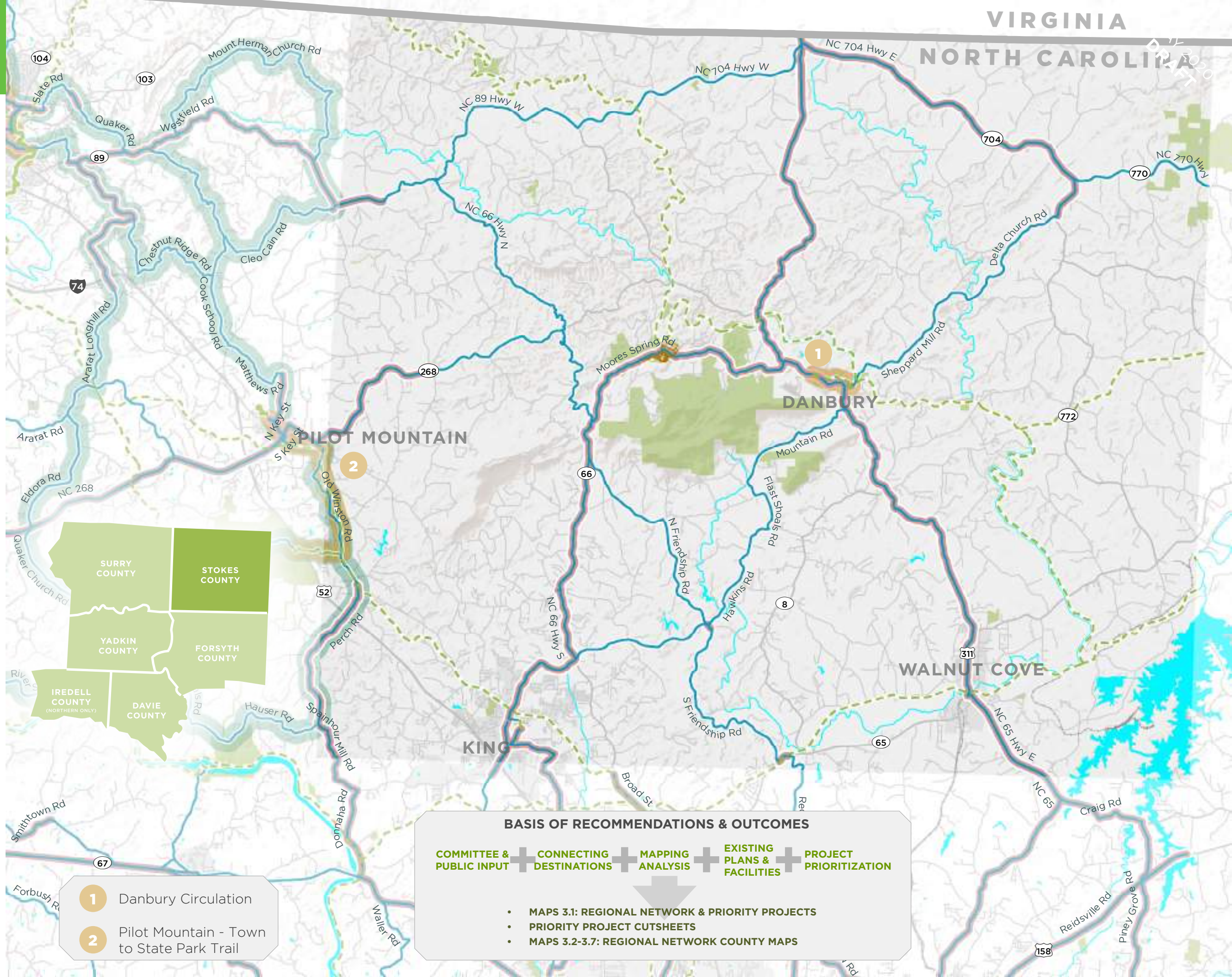
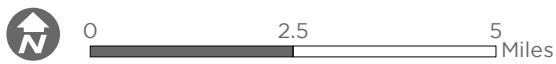
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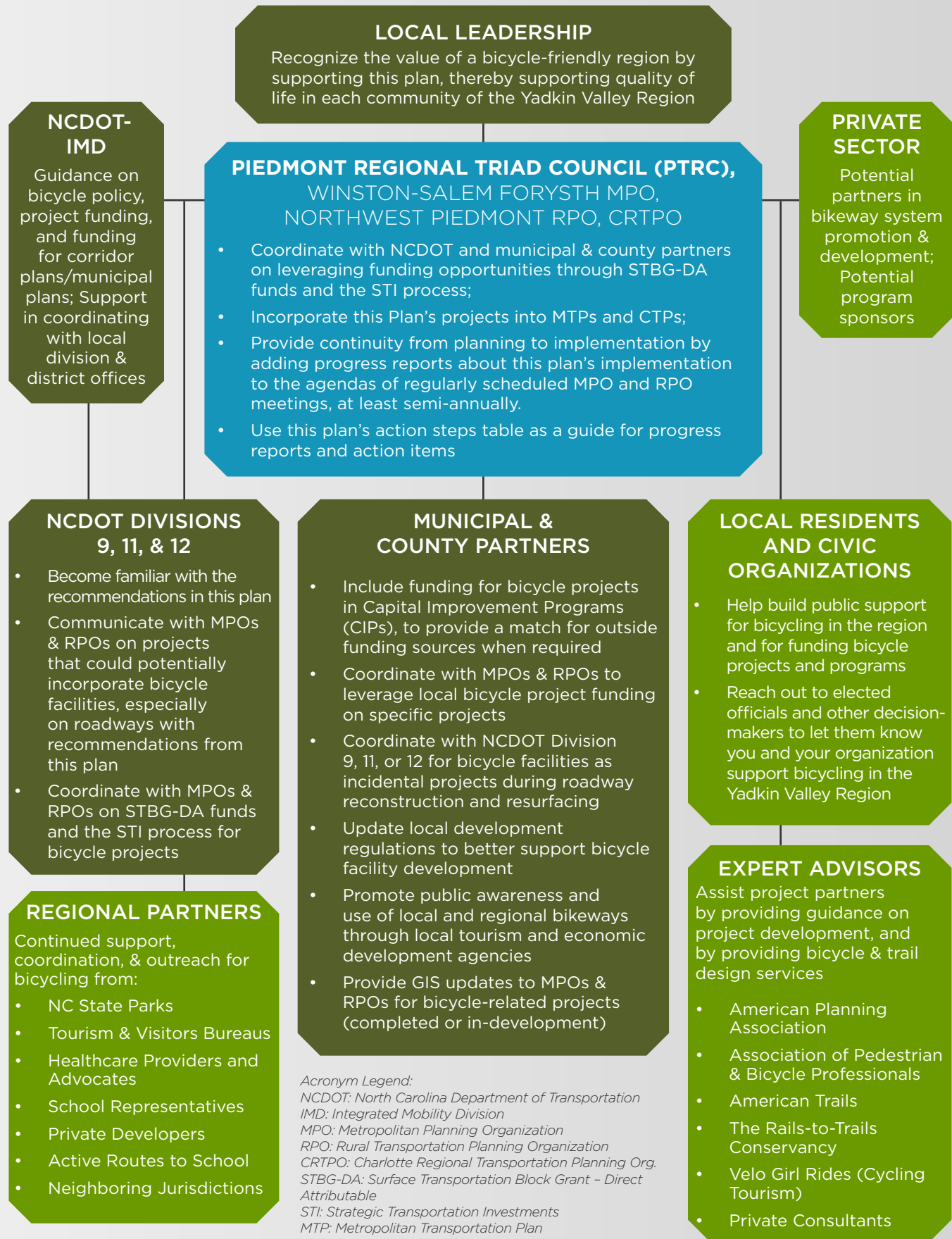
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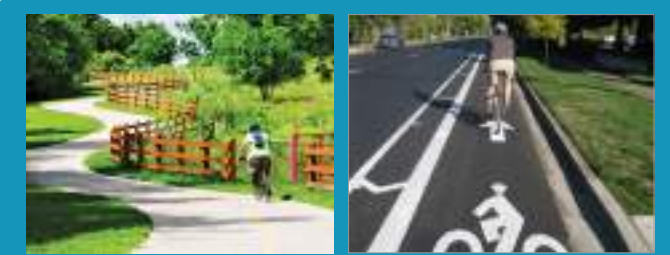
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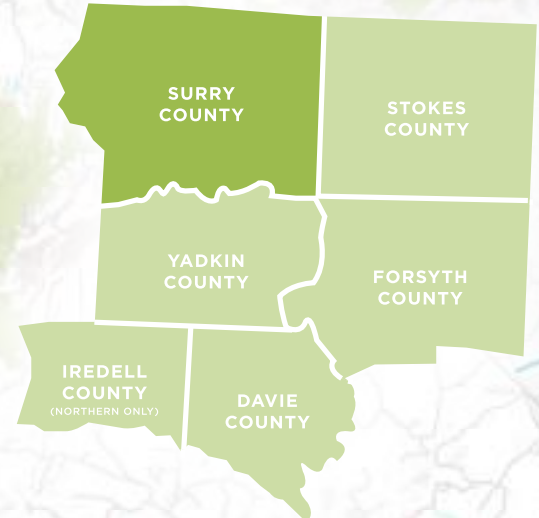
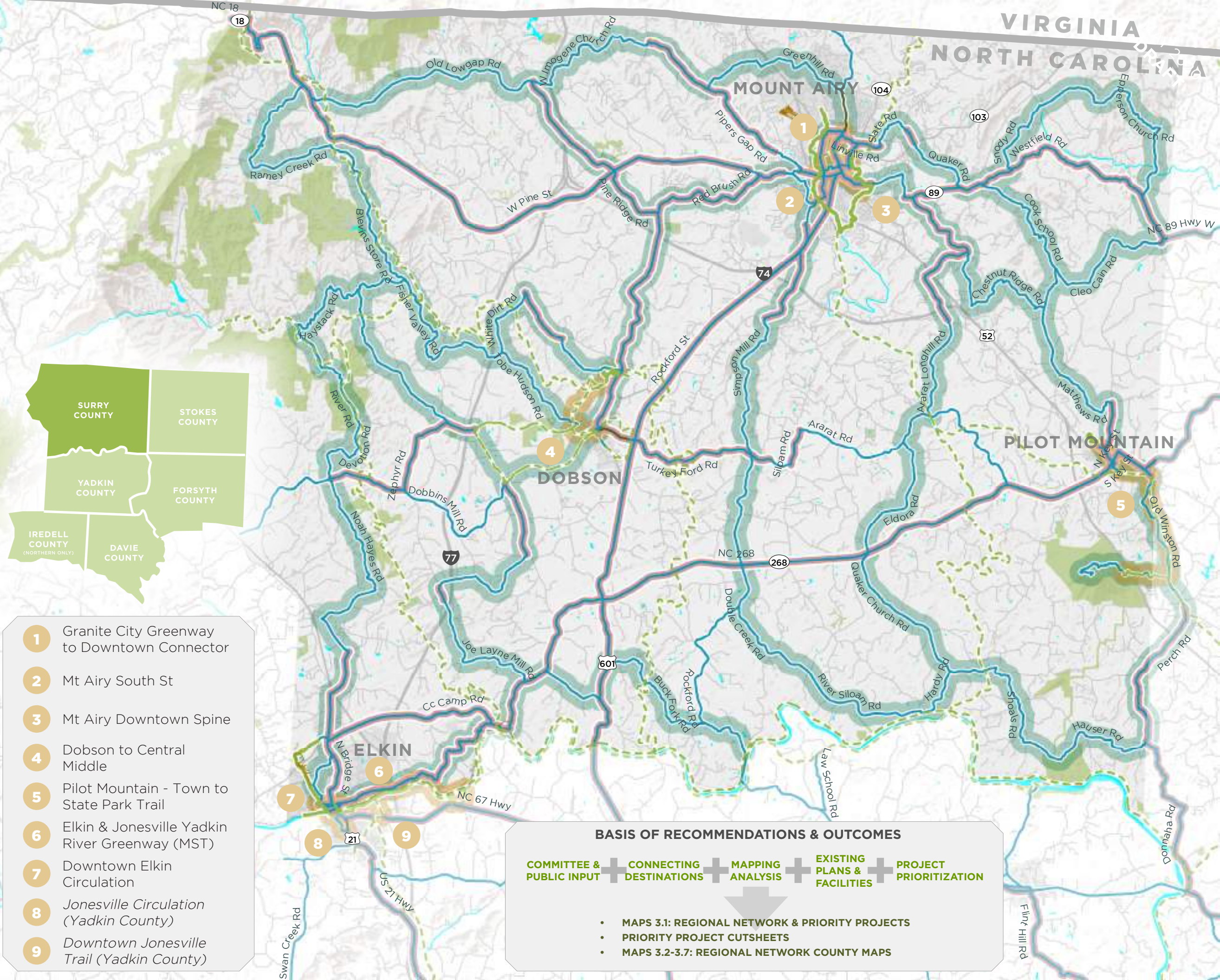
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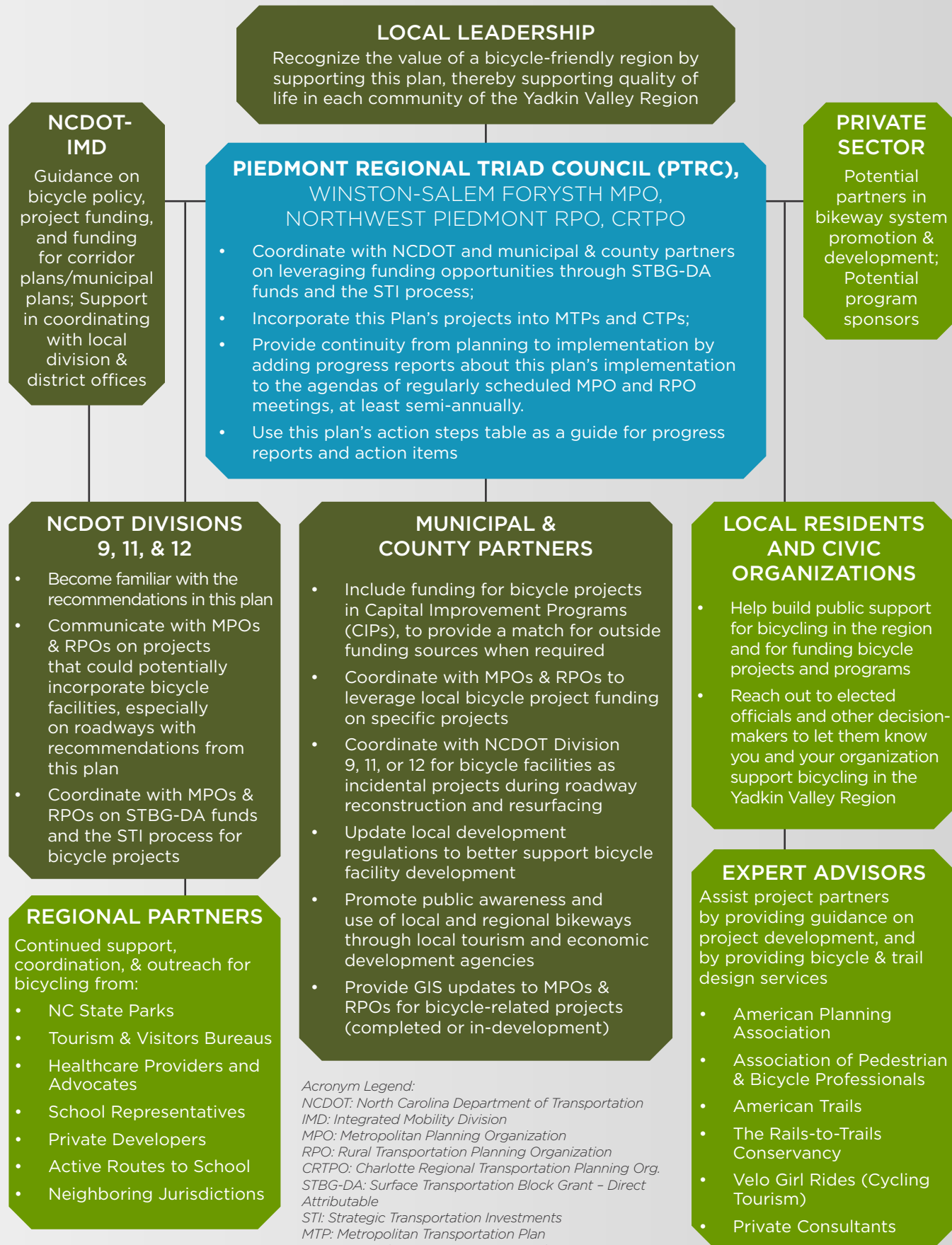
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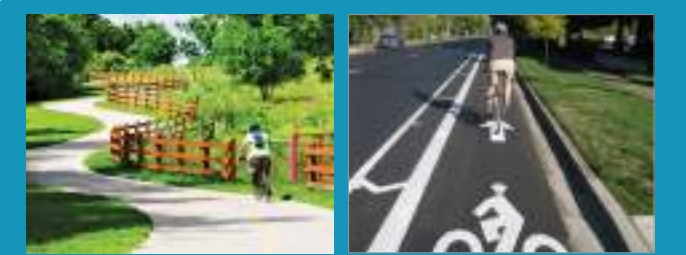
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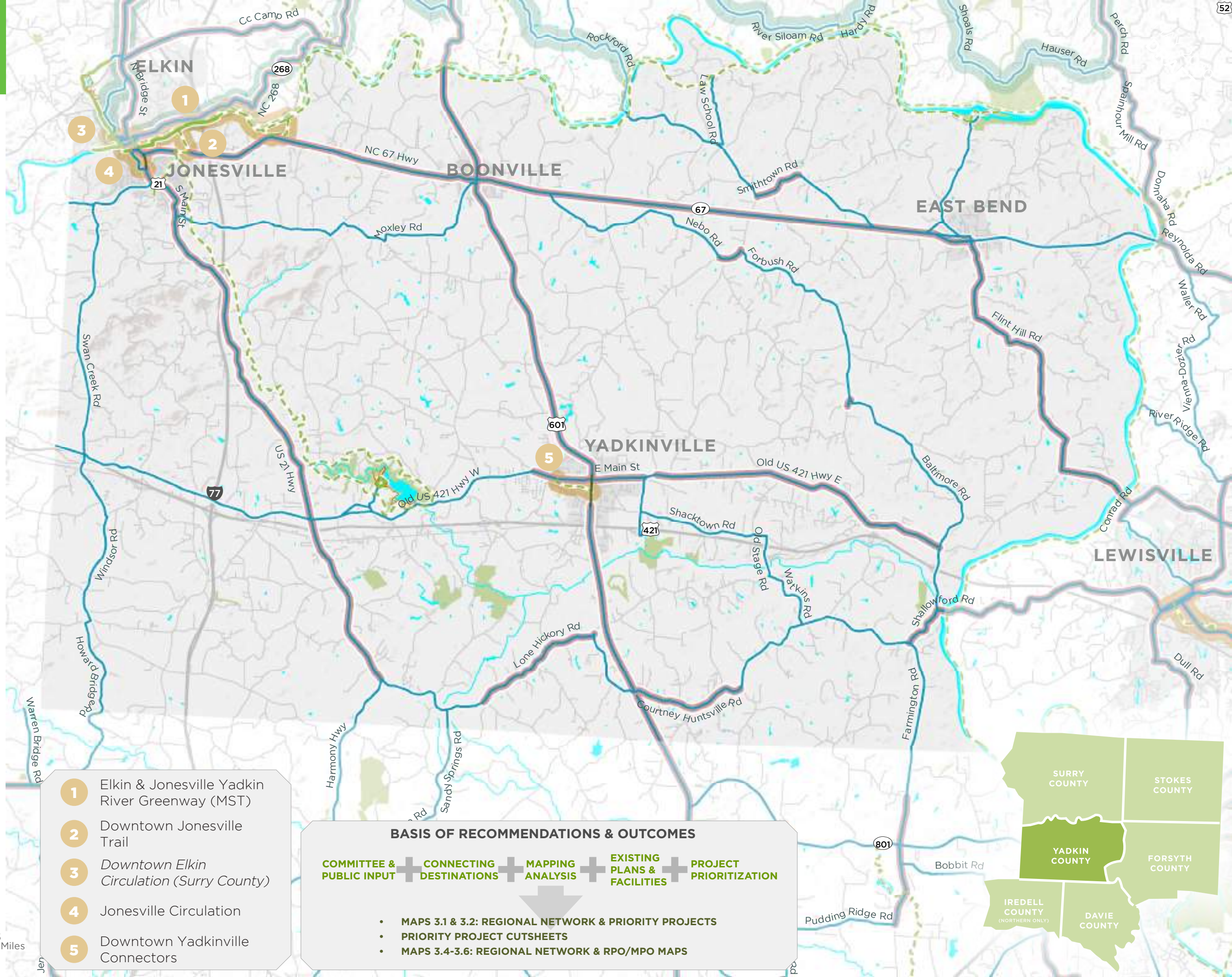
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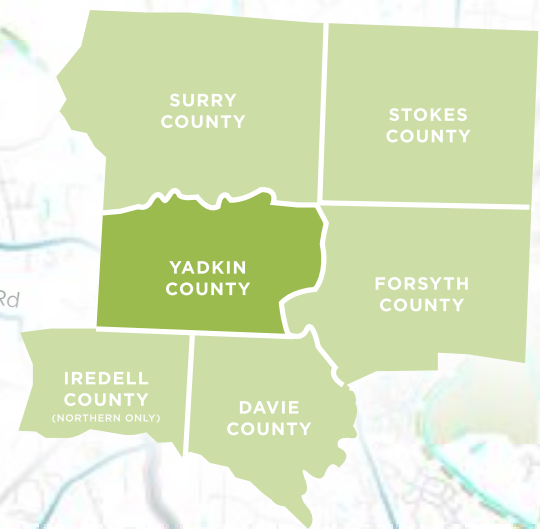


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# AGENDA ITEM

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RPO Update

## Background

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## Attachment

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Primer information and registration.

## Requested Action

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For discussion.

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- **Zoom, NC**

- [Click here to register for this course offering](#)

March 19, 2021

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