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# Expanding Passenger Rail WSATPO 2050 MTP Steering Committee

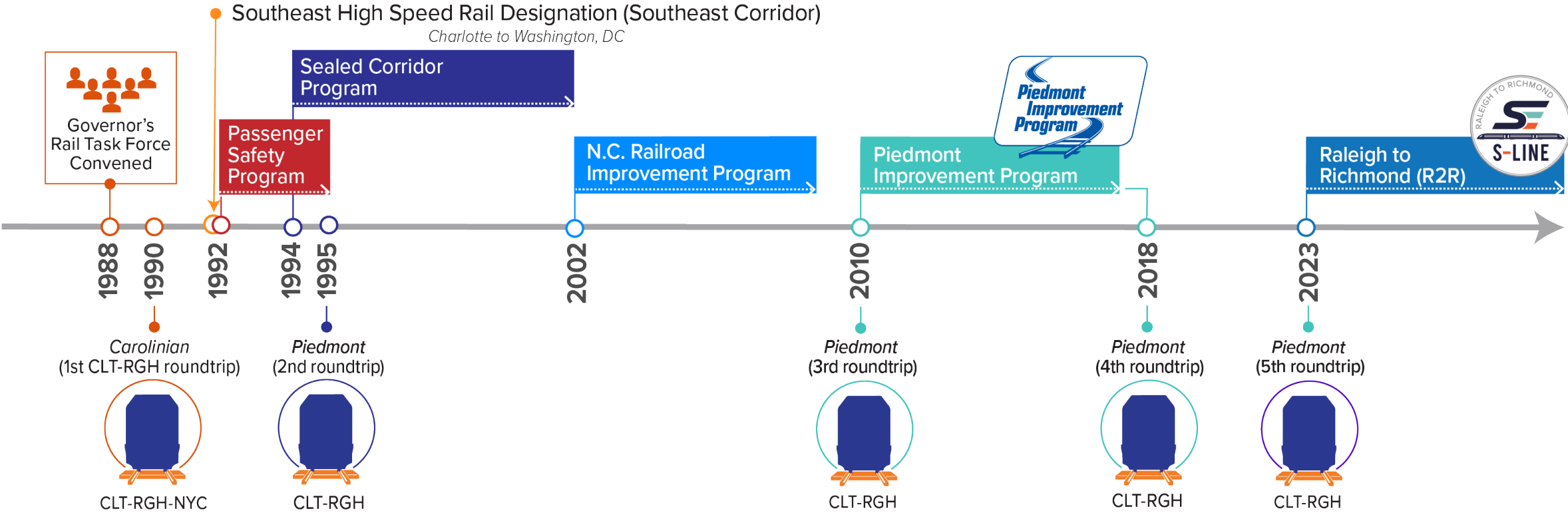
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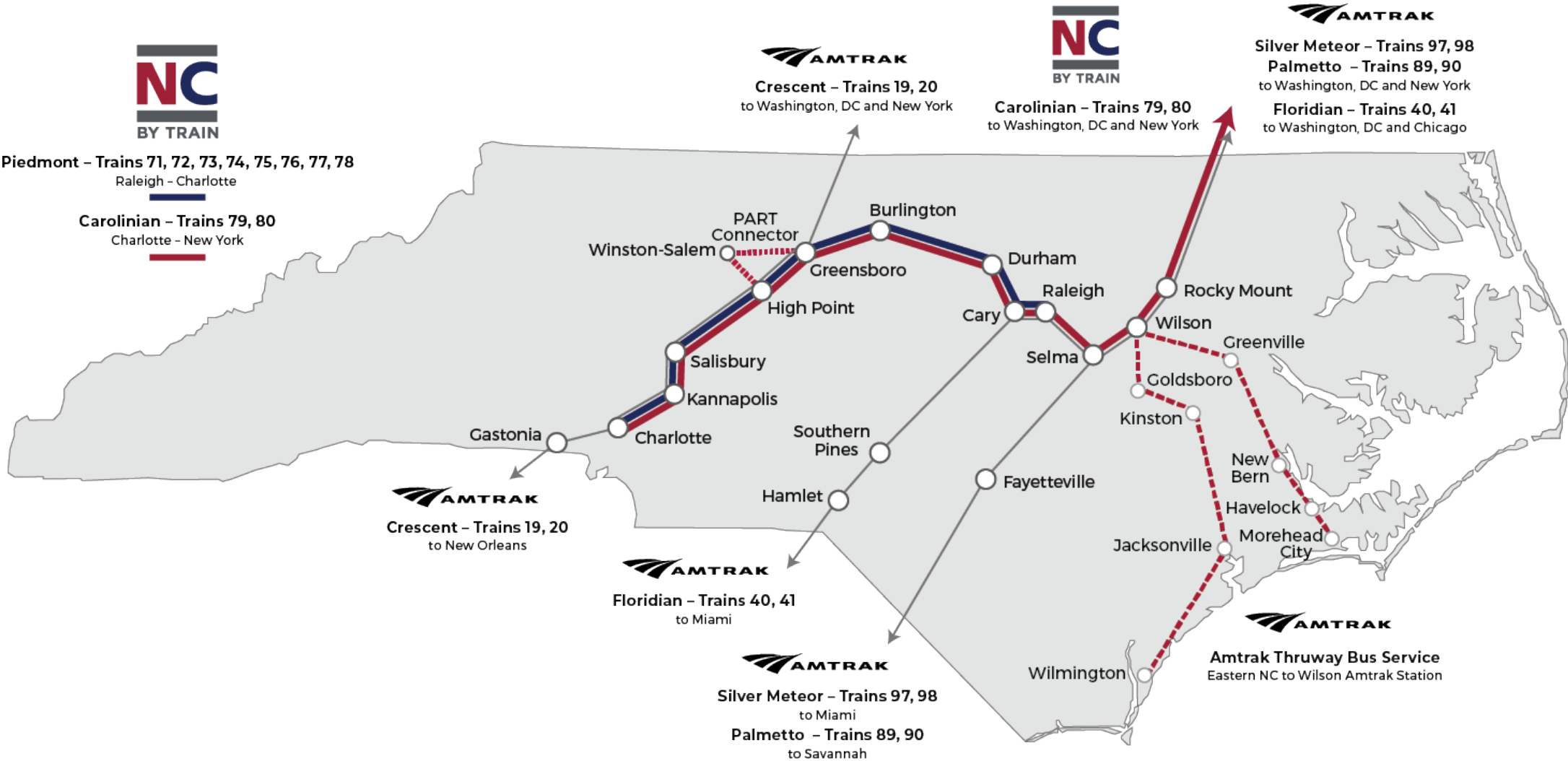
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Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina



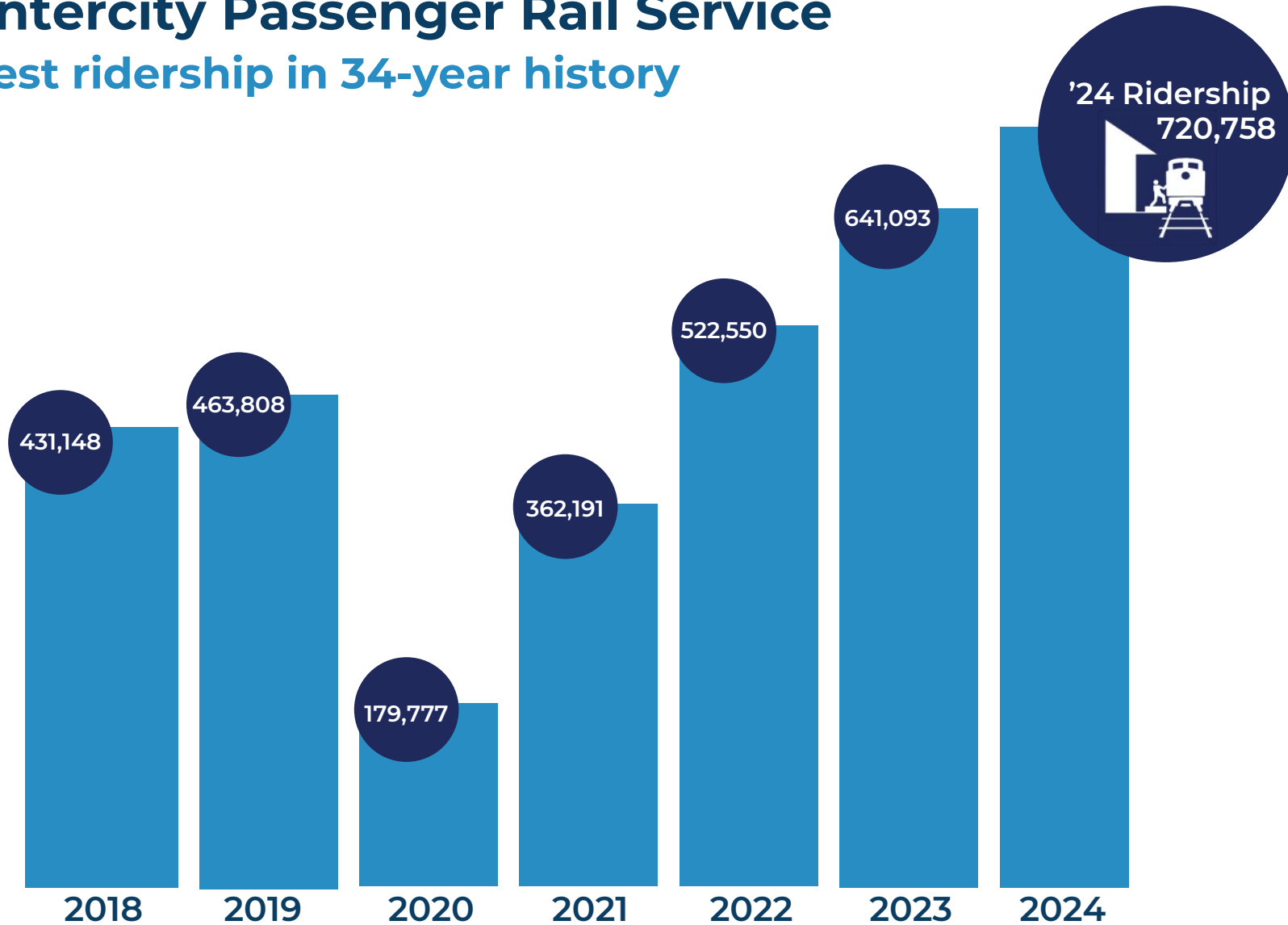
# NC Intercity Passenger Rail Service



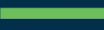
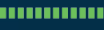


## NC Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Highest ridership in 34-year history



# Connecting the Southeast to D.C. and the Northeast Corridor

-  Southeast Corridor
-  CID Existing Service
-  CID Planned Service
-  Existing Service



# North Carolina Intercity Rail Expansion Opportunities

## Seven Corridors Awarded

- ✓ Charlotte to Washington, DC
- ✓ Salisbury to Asheville
- ✓ Raleigh to Wilmington
- ✓ Charlotte to Kings Mountain
- ✓ Raleigh to Fayetteville
- ✓ Raleigh to Winston-Salem
- ✓ Charlotte to Atlanta

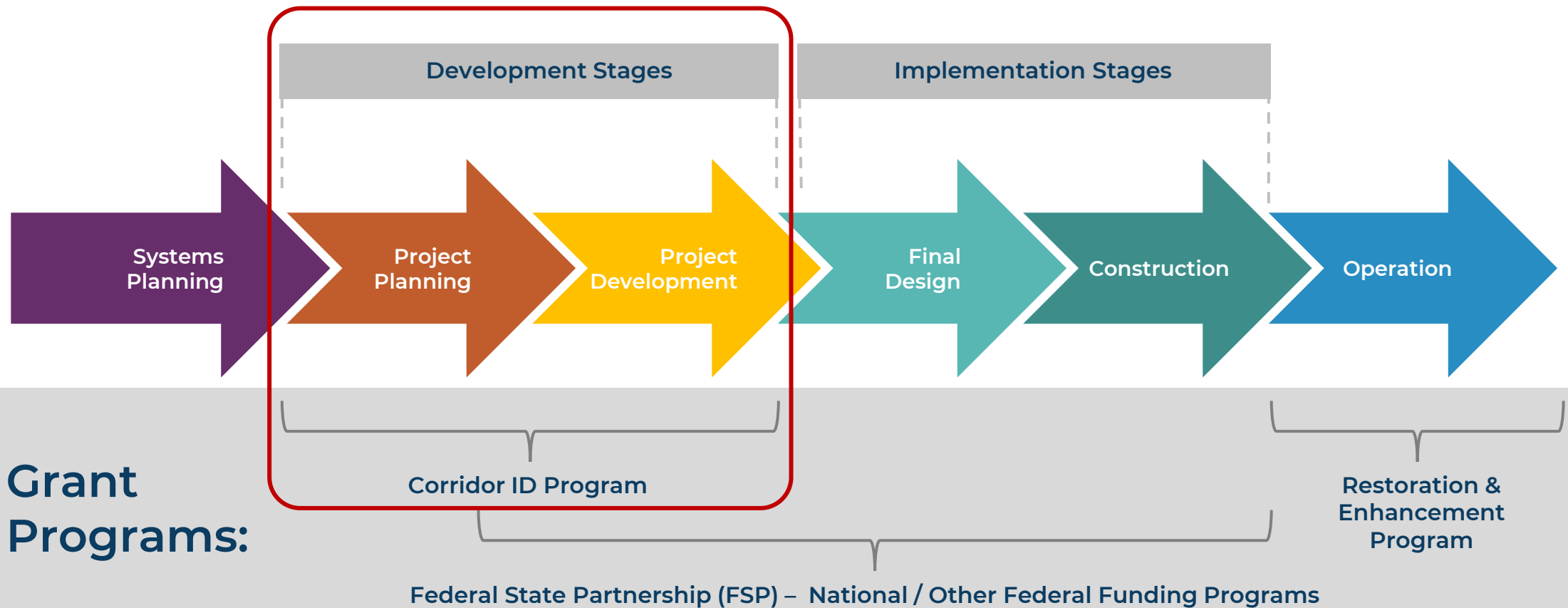
## Future CID Applications:

- Raleigh to Greenville
- Raleigh to Hamlet
- Raleigh to Morehead City
- Winston-Salem to Charlotte
- Raleigh to Weldon



# Corridor ID Process

## FRA Project Lifecycle Stages and Corresponding FRA Funding Programs



# Service Development Plan (SDP) Outcomes

## Results of Study

Operational Plans  
for how  
service works

List of projects  
that must be built

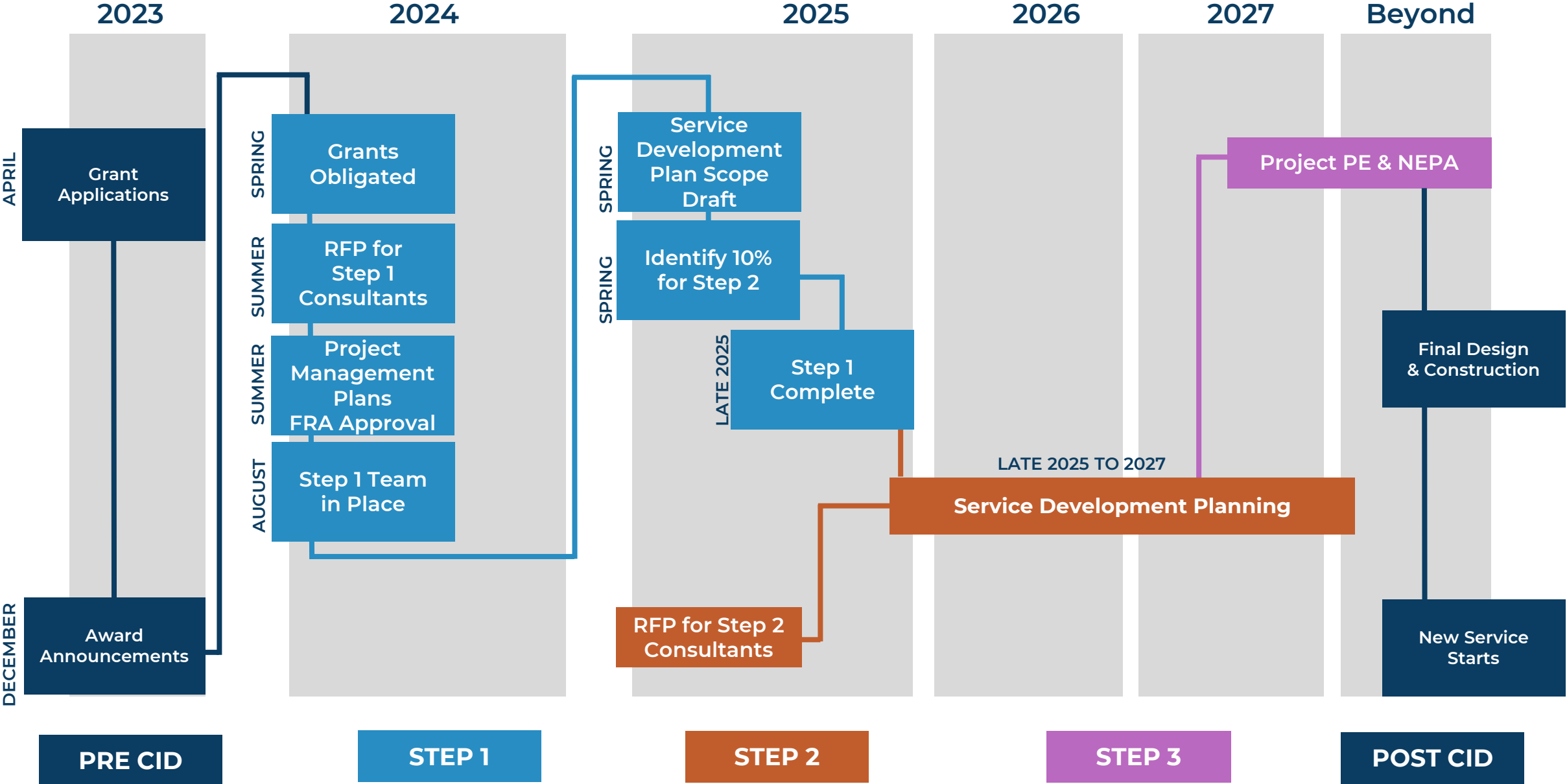
Feeds the next  
steps for NEPA



List of projects and  
cost estimates

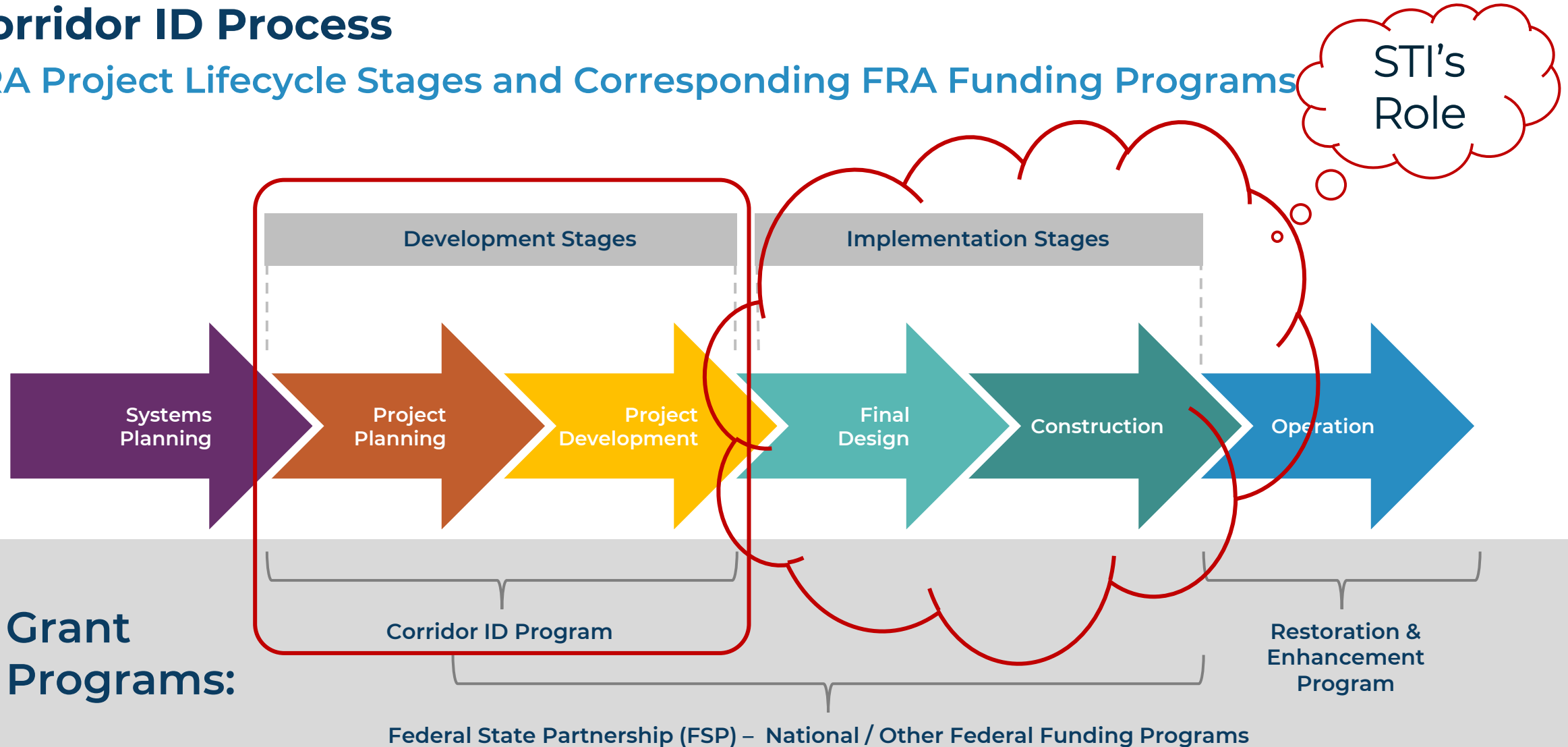


# Timeline



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# Corridor ID Process

Each Step will have a separate grant agreement

Step 1:  
Scoping

## Corridor ID Program Development Stages

Step 2: SDP  
Development

Step 3: Preliminary  
Engineering /  
Environmental Process

Scoping

Project  
Planning

Project  
Development

### Step 1

- *Plan the plan.*
- *2025*

### Step 2

- *What projects do we need build?*
- *What projects do we want to build?*
- *2026-2028ish*

### Step 3

- *Get the projects to be shovel ready.*

“FUNDED FOR  
PE ONLY” is  
great at this  
point!

## Evolution of Passenger Rail in STI

### P7.0 and Earlier

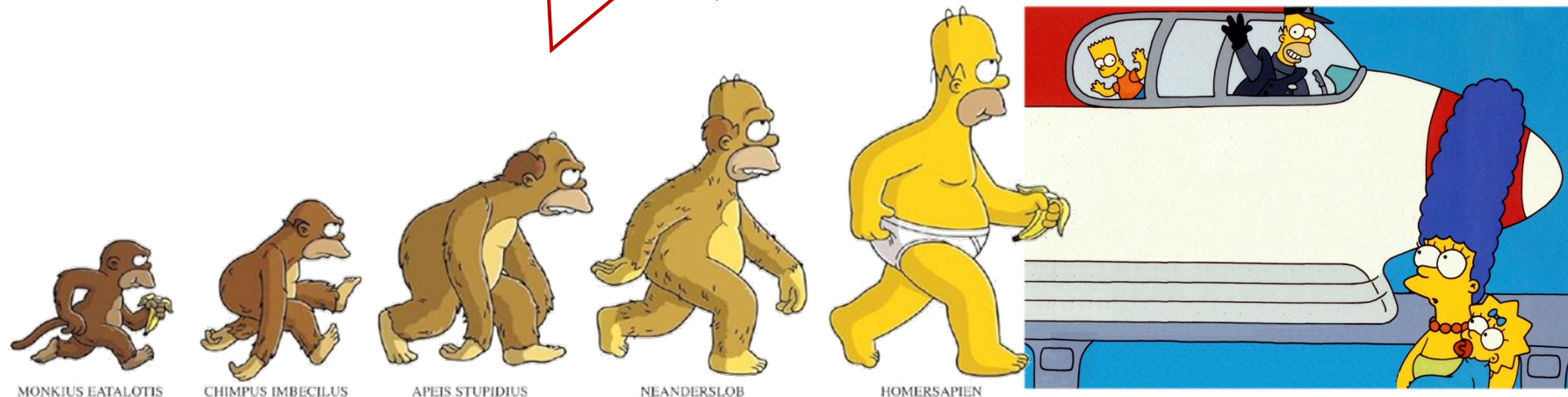
- Focus on Piedmont Corridor and S-Line
- Aspirationally submit future corridors

### P8.0

- Look to previous commuter rail studies for initial guidance.

### P9.0+

- Projects identified by Service Development Plans
- Transition to focused implementation



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## Other CID Considerations for Winston-Salem Area



Initially look to Commuter Rail MIS and LPA



Expect projects list to look very different



Work with neighboring MPOs

- Triangle West and CAMPO Strategic Investment Study
- Overlay service and station area planning



Critical projects may be elsewhere

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