

# CCX Transportation and Freight Master Plan

## Background and Objectives

The Carolinas Gateway Partnership (CGP), the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC) are partnering with CSX to develop the Carolina Connector Intermodal Facility (CCX) in Edgecombe County that will provide intermodal access to Rocky Mount, the Twin Counties (Nash and Edgecombe County), the Triangle, and all of eastern North Carolina. The construction of CCX will also provide rail intermodal access to the Port of Wilmington. In order to maximize the number of jobs created by CCX, the area around the site and transportation connections between the site and other potential freight nodes need to be planned.

## Project Scope

The CCX Freight and Transportation Master Plan is intended to complement and support the mission of project partners to maximize long-term economic benefits that can be realized from public and private investments in and around CCX. The planning process will integrate strategic, transportation, and freight land use considerations around the site and along transportation corridors that link CCX to regional freight nodes. This effort includes:

Development of a **Strategic Plan** to establish the vision, potential, goals and activities required to realize statewide and regional benefits from supportive investments around CCX. The study team will evaluate freight nodes along the CSX rail network, regional highway transportation corridors, industry trends and freight forecasts to identify industries that may benefit from site locations near or connected to the CCX facility. Recommended strategic actions will be defined to address corridor-level freight transportation needs and to attract target industry users to sites served by CCX.

A **Master Plan** of transportation corridor improvements and conceptual land uses surrounding CCX will be prepared. Focusing on targeted industries identified in the Strategic Plan, the team will develop conceptual freight use development scenarios and identify critical highway and railroad links between markets and freight nodes. Recommended transportation capital improvement projects will be identified. Available developable land, transportation access, and utility services needed to attract industry investment will also be identified. A benefit-cost analysis will be performed for each proposed project or program of projects as input to the STI Prioritization 5.0 process. The team will further evaluate projects for eligibility and likely competitiveness under available federal grant programs.

## Stakeholder Coordination

The plan will be developed with input from a Stakeholder Advisory Group and include the following entities:

CAMPO	Edgecombe County	NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	North Carolina Chamber
Carolinas Gateway Partnership	Global TransPark	NC Farm Bureau	Rocky Mount Urban Area MPO
City of Rocky Mount	Military Growth Task Force	NC Ports	Upper Coastal Plan RPO
CRTPO	Mt. Olive University, Agribusiness Center	NC State Poole College SCRC	Virginia Port Authority
CSX	Nash County	NCDOT	Wilmington Urban Area MPO
Economic Development Partnership of NC	NC Commerce		