

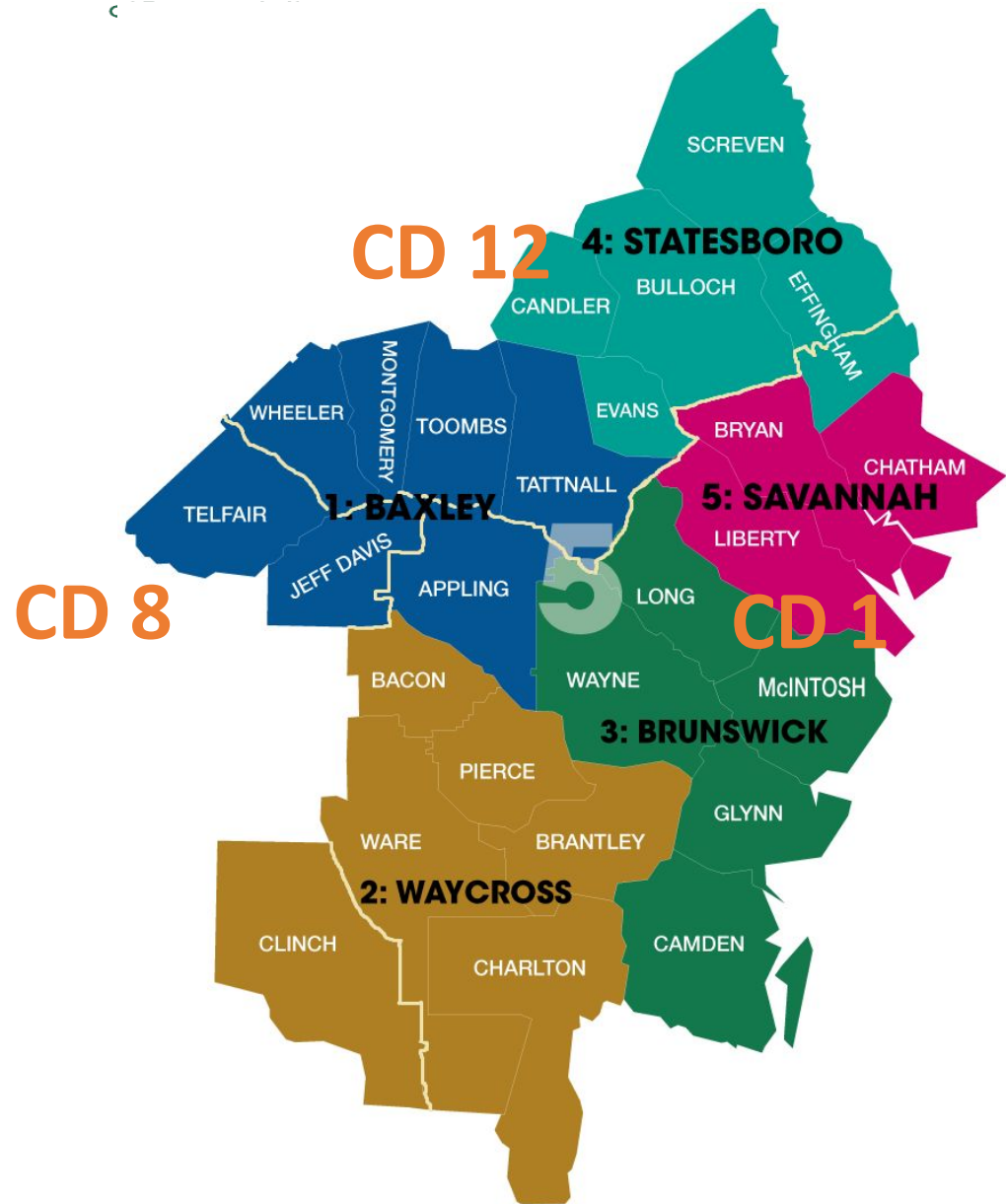


Georgia Department of Transportation District 5 Overview

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District 5 Overview

Counties: **26**

Major Interstates: **3**

Interstate Miles: **190**

Bridges: **2000**

Ports: **2**

Residents Population: **999,577**

TIA Counties: **16 (HOGA) & (SG)**

T-SPLOST Counties: **7**

Metropolitan Planning Organizations: **3**

Georgia By the Numbers

GEORGIA by the Numbers



#1 busiest airport
in the world



**Fastest Growing
Port in the U.S.**
Port of Savannah



10.91 million people



59,425 square miles



19 Fortune 500 HQs
34 Fortune 1000 HQs

Sources: Metro Atlanta Chamber, Metrostudy, Georgia Department of Economic Development

GEORGIA NO. 1 STATE FOR BUSINESS

Lifestyle and standard of living are two reasons Georgia continues to attract businesses, and our skilled, educated workforce support it.

Multiple challenges and factors associated with growth and new development in Georgia:



Existing bottlenecks and lack of capacity on major interstates and highways



Continued freight and logistics growth



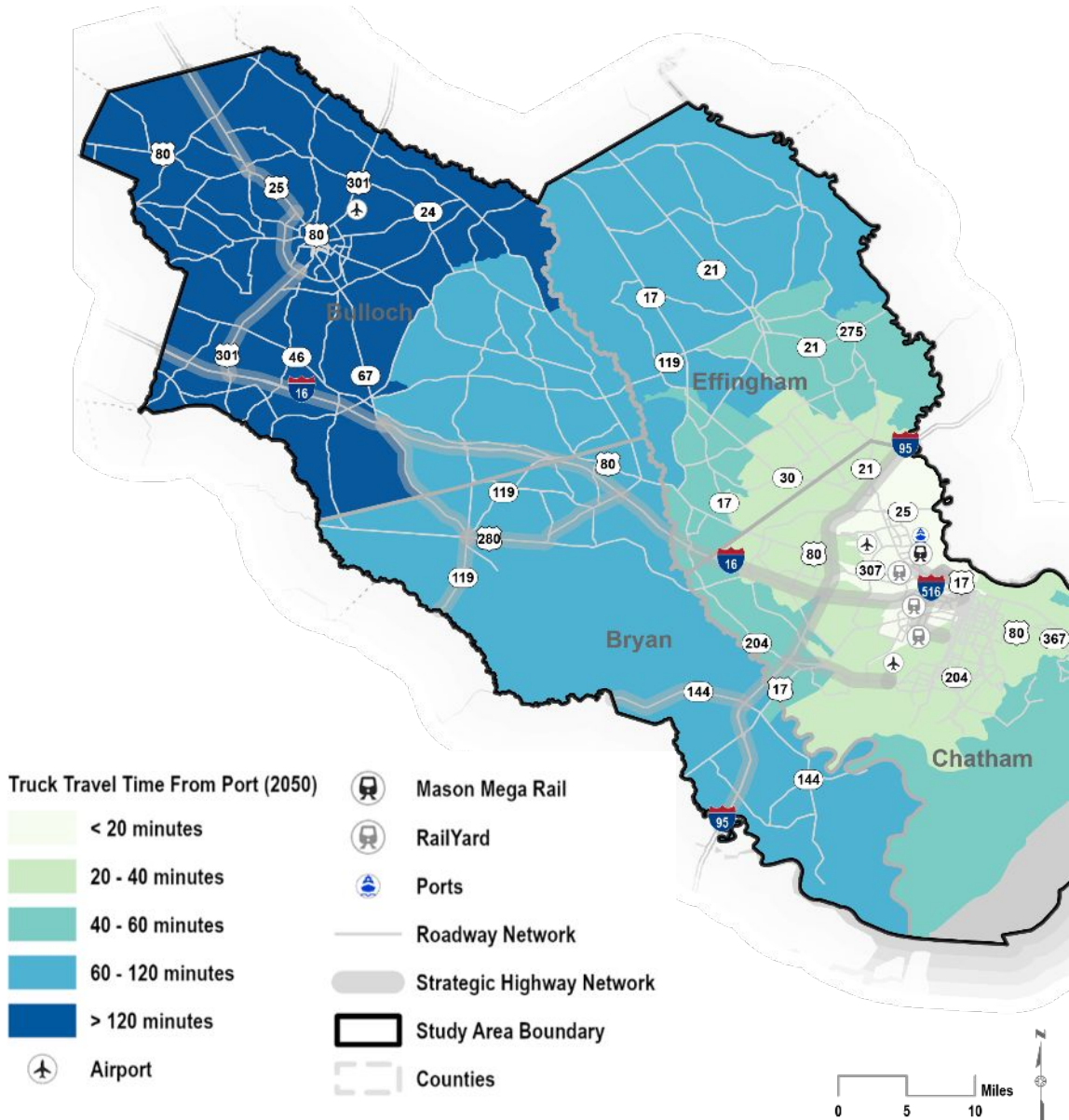
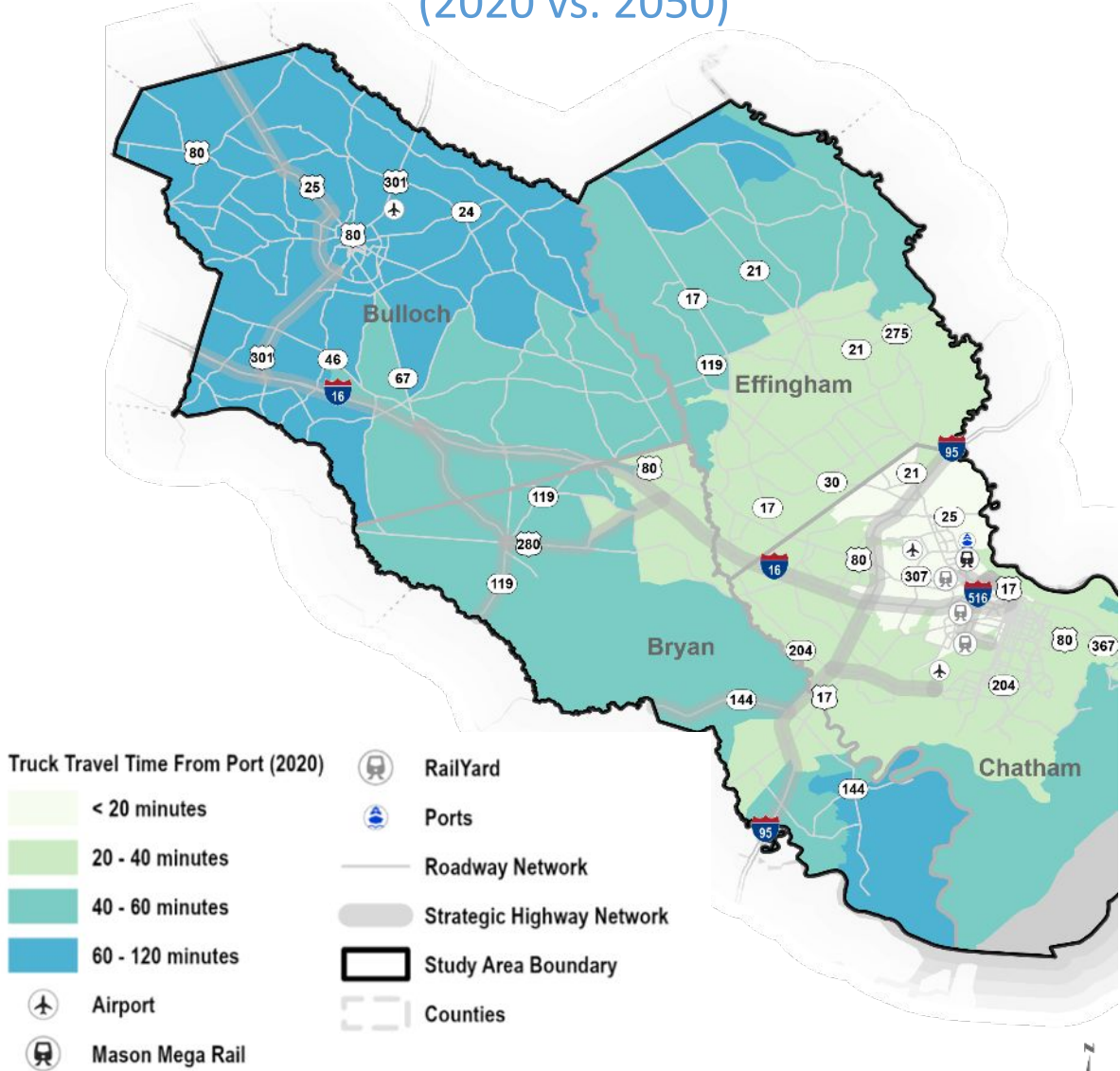
Focus on safety and operational improvements for drivers

Travel Time from
Port of Savannah
(2020 vs. 2050)

Under no build conditions, in 2050:

- >5% of available industrial space would be within a 20-minute drive from the Port.
- ~40% of the available industrial space would be a 1+ hour drive from the Port.

Source: CORE MPO TDM



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Total: \$1B+
Planning-Level Estimate (2022\$)

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- Rail Yard
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- Ports
- Roadway Network
- Fort Stewart
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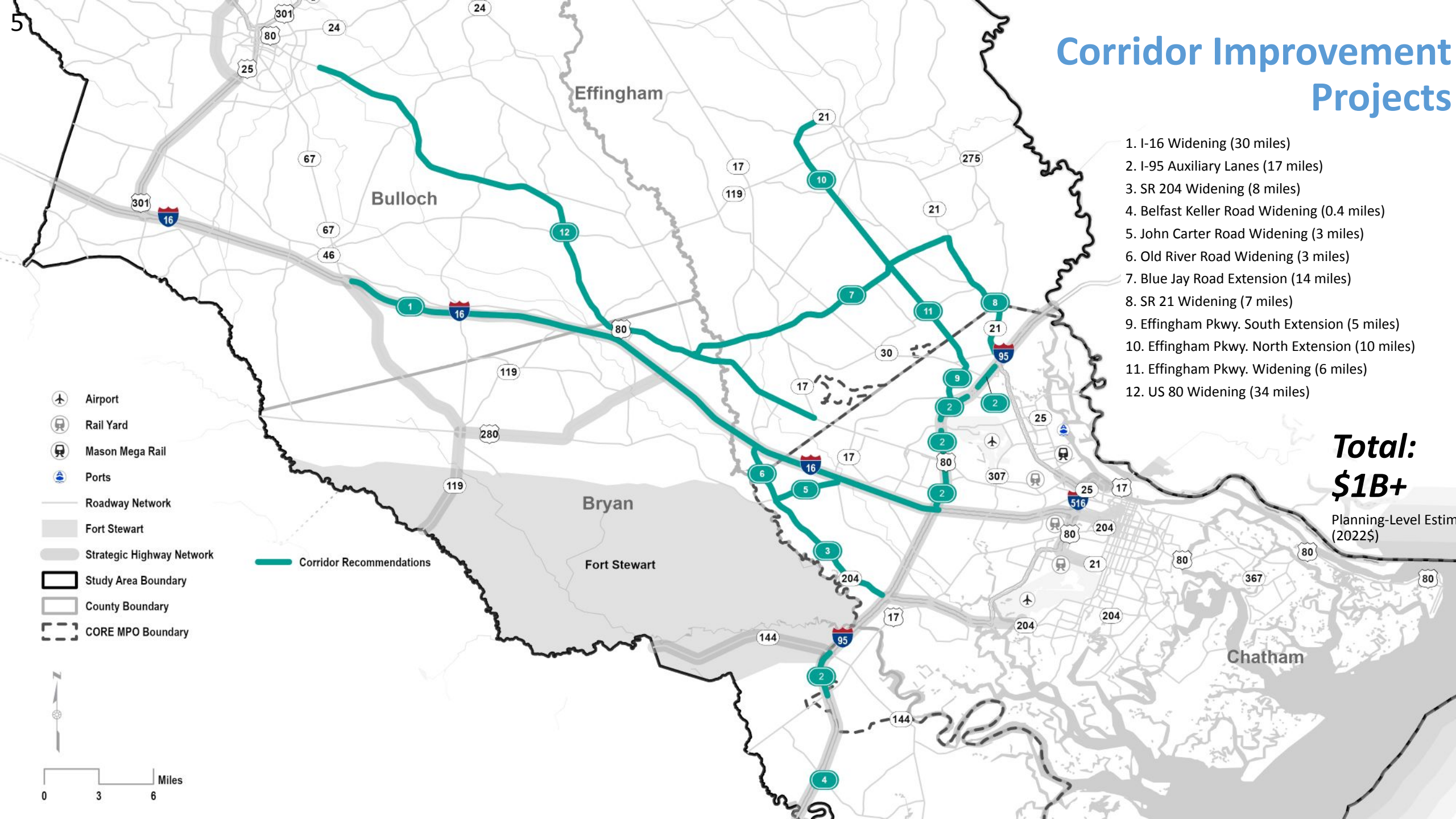
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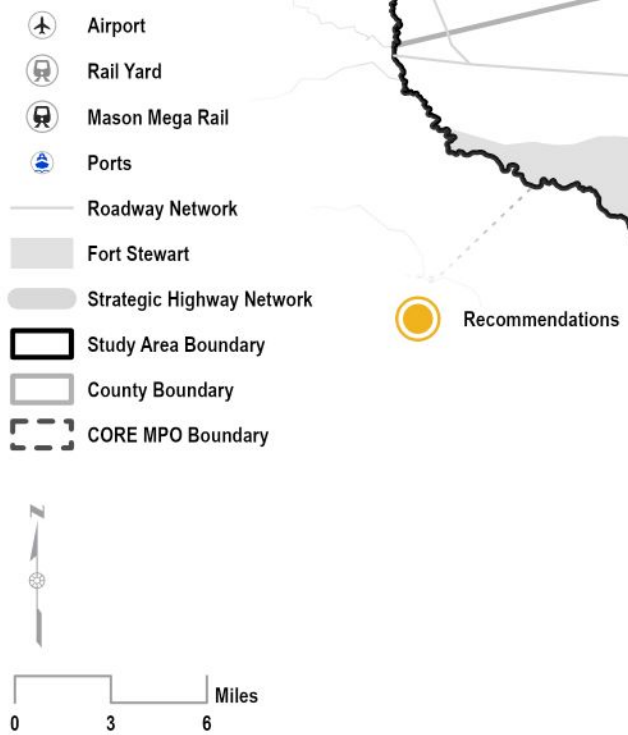
Counties: Bulloch, Effingham, Chatham

Fort Stewart



1. Improvements near Bryan County Mega Site
2. US 80 at US 280
3. State Route 21 at Old Augusta Road
4. US 80 at SR 17
5. I-95 at Airways Avenue/Pooler Parkway
6. SR 204 at Old River Road
7. I-16 at Pooler Parkway
8. US 80 at Chatham Parkway
9. US 17 at Chatham Parkway
10. Truman Parkway at East Bay Street
11. US 17 at Belfast Keller Road

Planning-Level Estimate
(2022\$)



Georgia By the Numbers



**Airport
Aid**

\$98M



**Local Roads
Funding**

**\$250M
\$250M**



**Freight
Program**

**\$500M
\$500M**



**Capital
Construction**

\$593M

(58% increase
in budget)



**Capital
Maintenance**

\$50M

(32% increase
in budget)

A photograph of a highway construction site, overlaid with a green tint. In the foreground, a worker in a yellow shirt and white hard hat is pushing a large wooden spool of steel cable. Another worker is visible further back near another spool. A yellow tractor is parked nearby. In the background, several white trucks are on the highway, including one with 'HAVERTT'S' on its side. The scene is set on a dirt shoulder next to a concrete barrier.

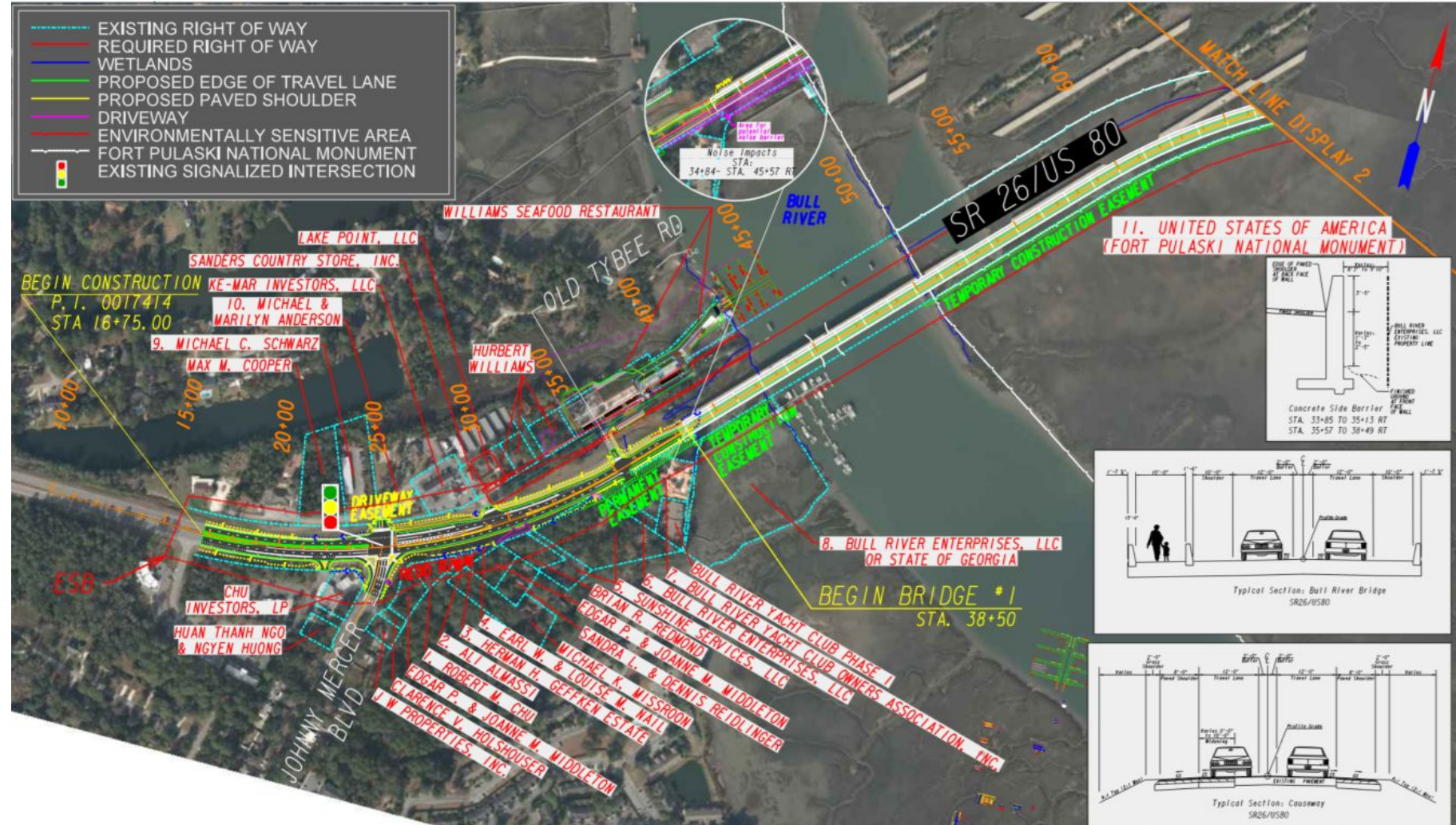
PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

SR 26/US 80 @ Bull River (PI 0017414)

This project replaces the bridge at Bull River with a two-lane bridge that includes pedestrian improvements. The project widens the roadway from Johnny Mercer Boulevard to the tie-in location east of the Bull River Bridge

ROW Proposed: FY 2027

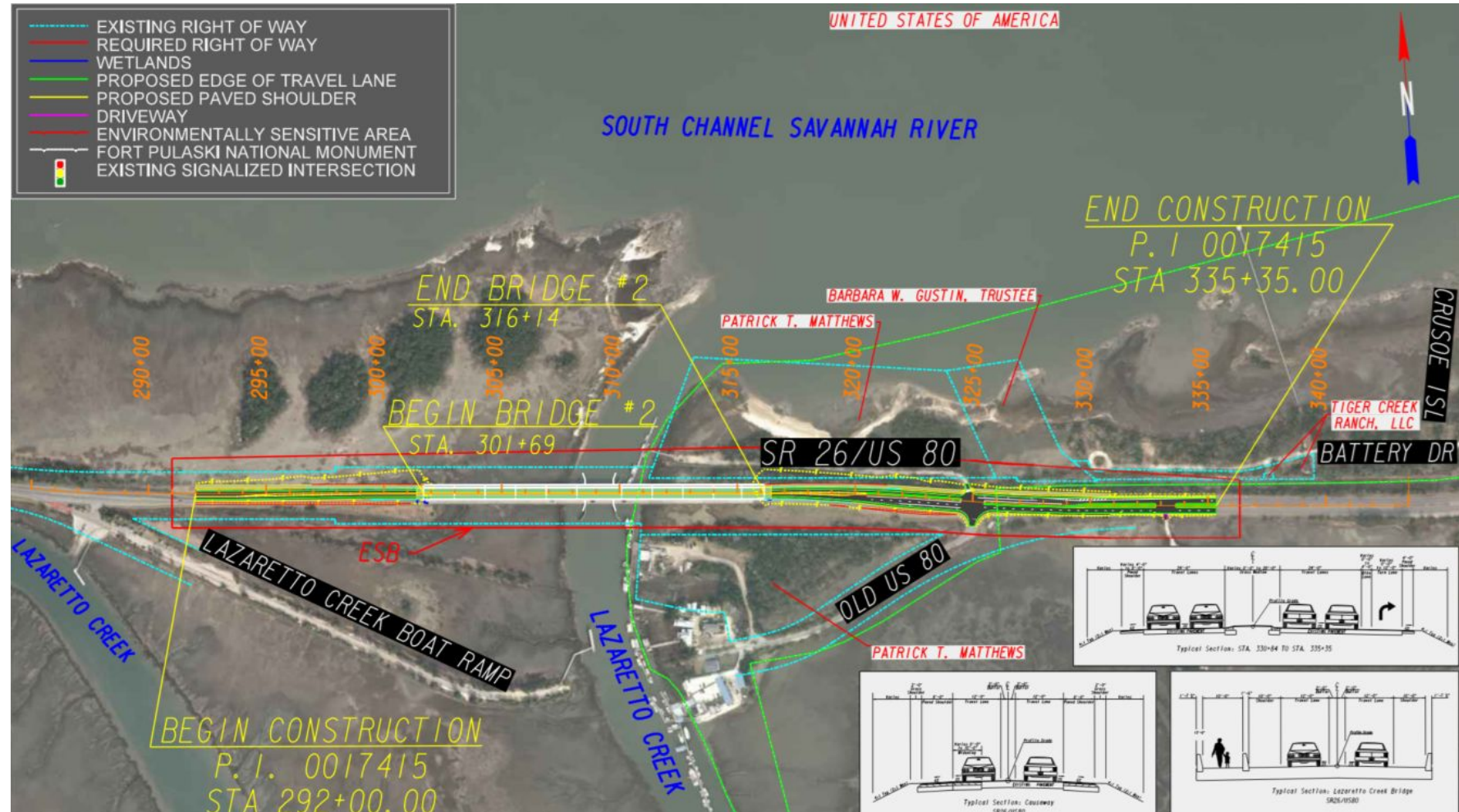
CST Proposed: FY 2029



This project replaces the bridge at Lazaretto Creek with a two-lane bridge that includes pedestrian improvements. The project widens the roadway from 1,000 feet west of the bridge to the tie in location east of the bridge

ROW Proposed: FY 2027

CST Proposed: FY 2028



SR 21 From Cook ST/Chatham To McCall RD/Effingham (P.I. 0020172)

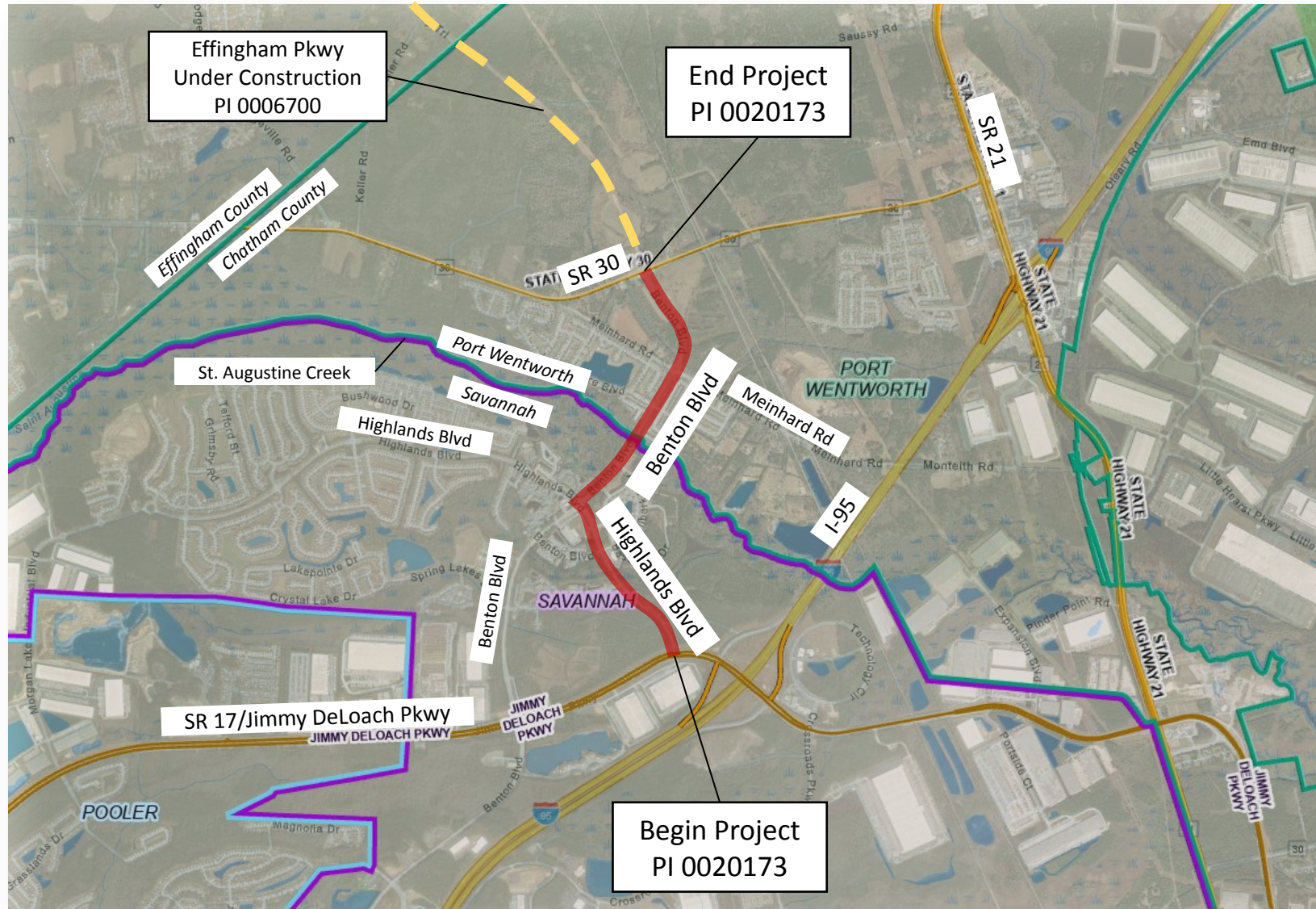
This project proposes the widening and reconstruction of SR 21 into a six-lane, median-divided highway with intersection improvements

- Utilizes inside widening where feasible to reconstruct the existing 44-ft depressed median to a 24-ft raised concrete median, which will allow for a more concise footprint with the least amount of ROW and environmental impacts to the surrounding parcels and environmental resources
- **State General Funds**
- **PE Authorized**
- **ROW Proposed FY 2027**
- **CST Proposed FY 2029**



Chatham County Connector from SR 17 to SR 30 (P.I. 0020173)

- This project proposes to reconstruct and widen Benton Highlands Boulevard and Highlands Benton Boulevard from two lanes to four lanes from SR 17/Jimmy DeLoach Parkway to SR 30
- **State General Funds**
- **PE Authorized**
- **ROW Proposed FY 2026**
- **CST Proposed FY 2028**



SR 307 from GC # 635909H To Old Louisville Road (P.I. 0020282)

The project proposes a grade separation between SR 307/Dean Forest Rd and US 80/Louisville Rd. Project will also extend to Norfolk Southern Rail crossing and Old Louisville Road

- State General Funds
- PE Authorized (Concept Spring 2027)
- ROW TBD
- CST TBD



SR 307 at SR 21 and at CSX 632473Y (P.I. 0020770)

The project consists mainly reconfiguring the existing at-grade intersection to an overpass. Since the railroad crosses SR 307 and is close to SR 21, the assumption was made that SR 307 would bridge over the railroad and SR 21

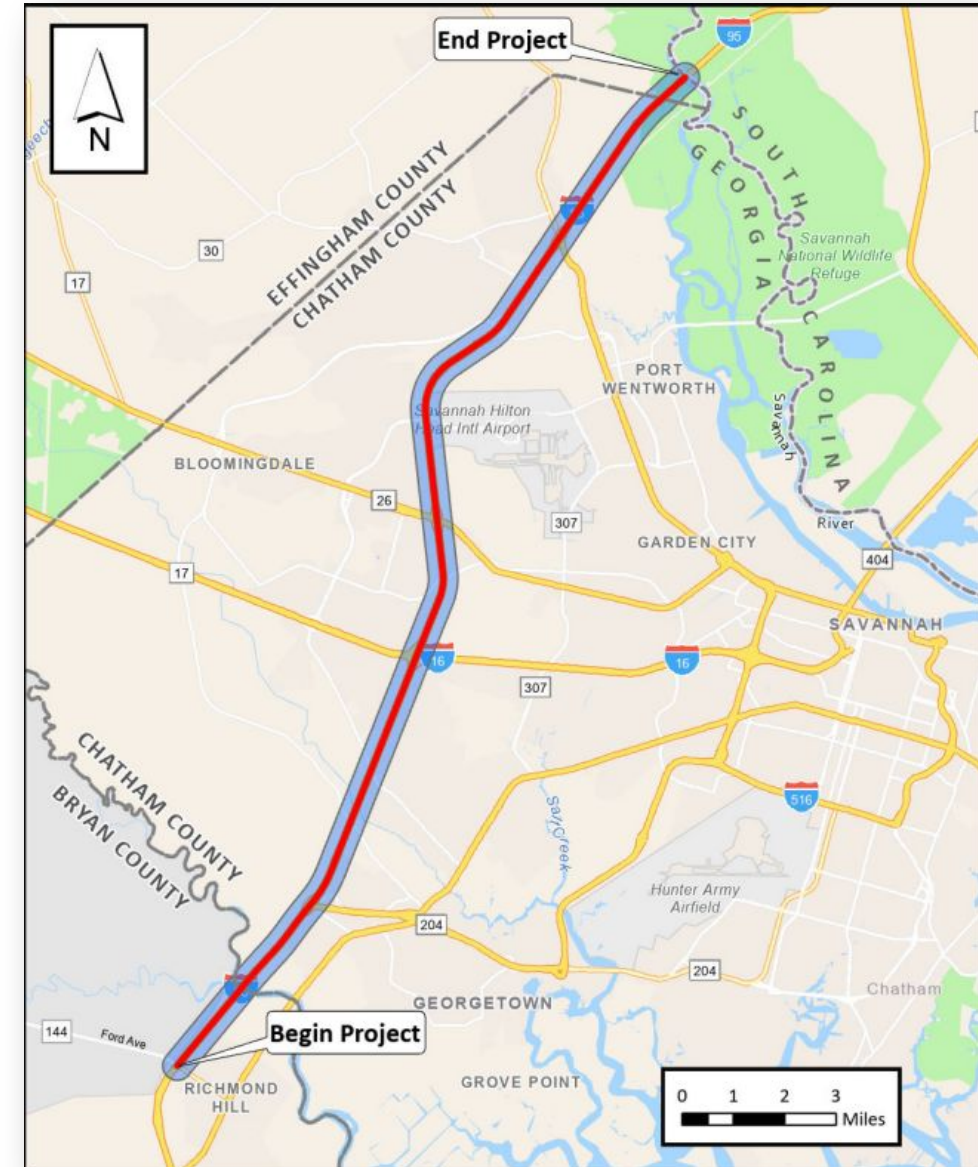
- **State General Funds**
- **PE Authorized**
- **ROW Proposed 2029**
- **CST Proposed 2032**



I-95 From SR 144/Bryan To South Carolina State Line/ Chatham (P.I. 0020169)

This project includes the widening of I-95 from six to eight lanes between SR 144 in Bryan County to SR 21 in Chatham County through Chatham County to the Savannah River (Georgia/South Carolina state line) in Effingham County. The project is approximately 22.03 miles

- **State General Funds**
- **PE Authorized**
- **CST Proposed FY 2026**



I-16 From I-95/Chatham To SR 67/Bulloch (P.I. 0020739)

The proposed project would widen I-16 from two to three lanes eastbound and westbound between I-95 and (SR) 67 in Bulloch, Bryan, Effingham, and Chatham counties. As part of the widening, 20 bridges in 10 locations will also be widened or replaced. The proposed project will improve existing substandard pavement conditions within the I-16 corridor.

- **State General Funds**
- **PE Authorized (PI 0020169)**
- **ROW Proposed FY 2026**
- **CST Proposed FY 2026**



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ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

16@95 Improvement Projects

Overview

- One of Georgia's busiest freight corridors and the gateway to the growing Port of Savannah
- Widening I-16 from two to three lanes in each direction between I-95 and I-516
- Replacing the old loop ramps with partial turbine configuration ramps for smoother, direct connections
- Adding a collector-distributor lane on I-95 northbound
- Constructing/rehabilitating 12 bridges

Status

- Final surface paving and striping are ongoing within the interchange and along I-16, with ITS work remaining.
- Finalizing the I-16 bridge over Bunger Pit Road
- Finalizing construction of I-16 over Tremont Road and CSX Railroad
- Traffic is in its final configuration.



SR 25 at the Savannah and Middle River Bridge Replacements

- **Overview and Status**

- The project replaced two bridges along SR 25 over the Savannah River and Middle River. New bridges were constructed parallel upstream to the existing structures.
- Both bridges have been completed and opened to traffic

- **Benefits**

- Replaced aged bridges that were functionally obsolete with substandard shoulder widths
- The new Houlihan bridge eliminated the need for the swing span



US 17/SR 404 Spur Bridge Major Maintenance Project

• Overview and Status

- Replaces the existing cables as part of the planned maintenance of the cable-stayed bridge
- Constructed a new glare screen along an 1,100 foot section of the main span of the bridge
- Cable replacement anticipated to begin in early 2026

• Benefits

- Extends the life of the bridge by replacing the existing cables, bridge bearings, and bridge joints
- Explores shortening the cables to reprofile the bridge to obtain a higher vertical clearance to improve ship navigation within the channel



**Project information and schedules are subject to change.*

Brampton Road Connector from SR 21 to SR 21 Spur (P.I. 0006328)

This is a 4-lane highway and SR Spur to connect Brampton Rd, GPA Gate 3, and Foundation Drive to SR 25, SR 21, and US 80. This project will provide direct access to the Interstate System for heavy commercial truck traffic

- Cost: \$111.3 Million
- Substantial Completion: 2026



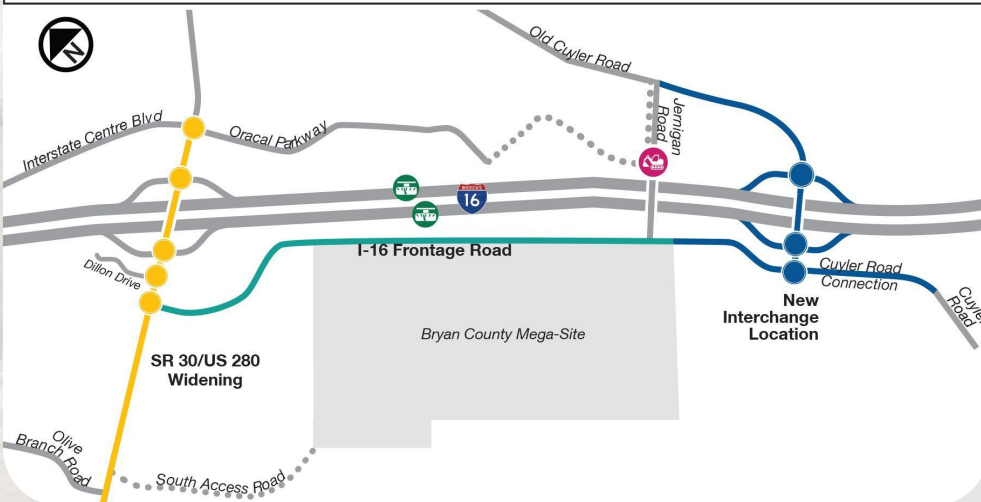
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Bryan County Mega-site Projects

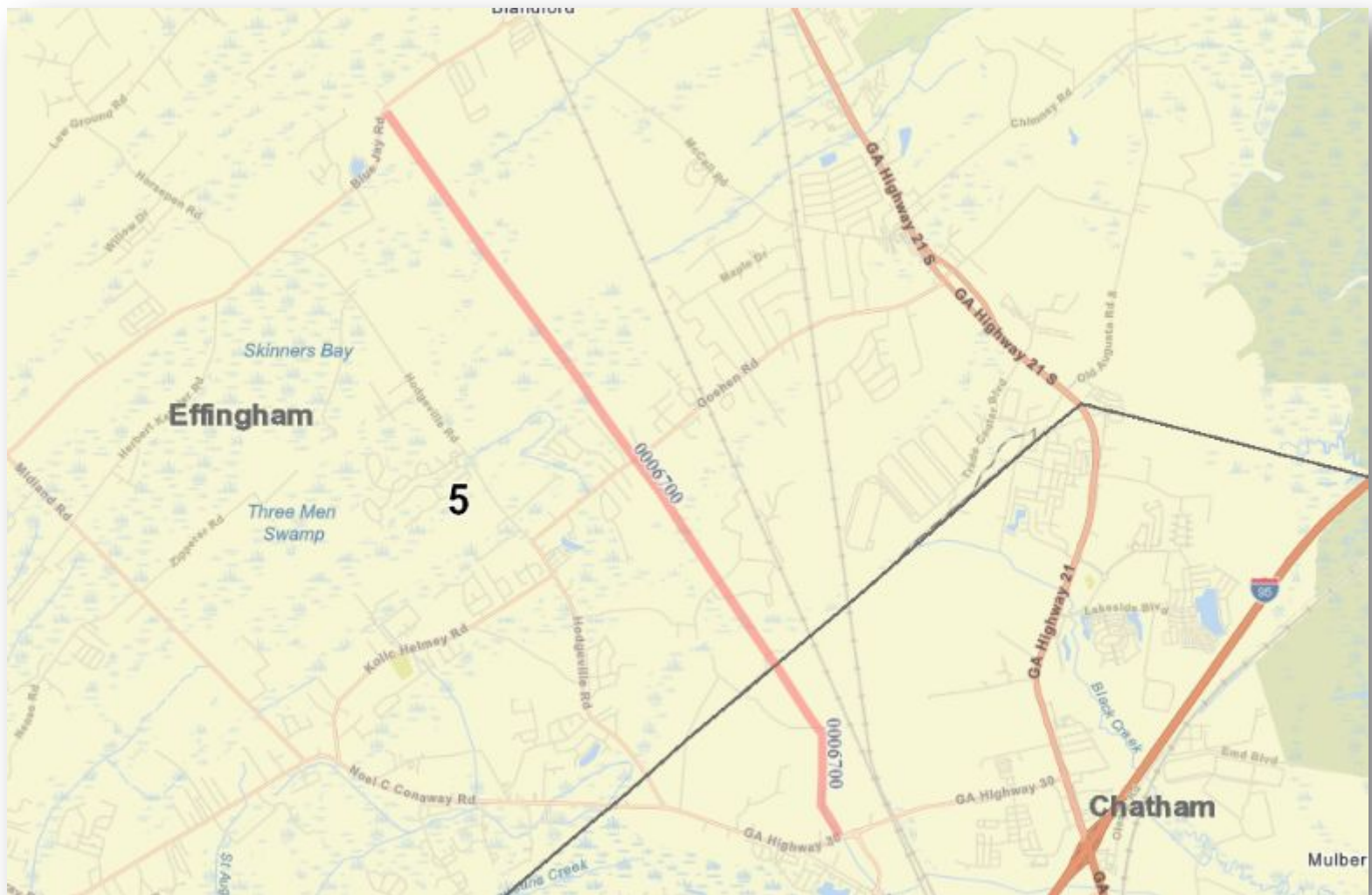


• Overview and Status

- The Bryan County Megaprojects consist of three key improvements, located in Bryan County.
- The I-16 Frontage Road project reached Substantial Completion in Q3 2024.
- Substantial Completion for the US 280 Widening project is anticipated in Q4 2025, with traffic now in its final configuration.
- Construction activities on the I-16 at Old Cuyler Road interchange began in Q2 2025. Substantial Completion is anticipated in 2027.

**Project information and schedules are subject to change.*

Effingham Parkway From Blue Jay Road To SR 30 (PI 0006700)



This project consist of constructing 6.5 miles of two-lane new location roadway from Blue Jay Road in Effingham to SR 30 in Chatham. Includes 6 bridges

\$84.8 Million

Intermediate Completion Spring 2026

Substantial Completion Summer 2026

Effingham Parkway From Blue Jay Road To SR 30 (PI 0006700)



Thank You!

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