

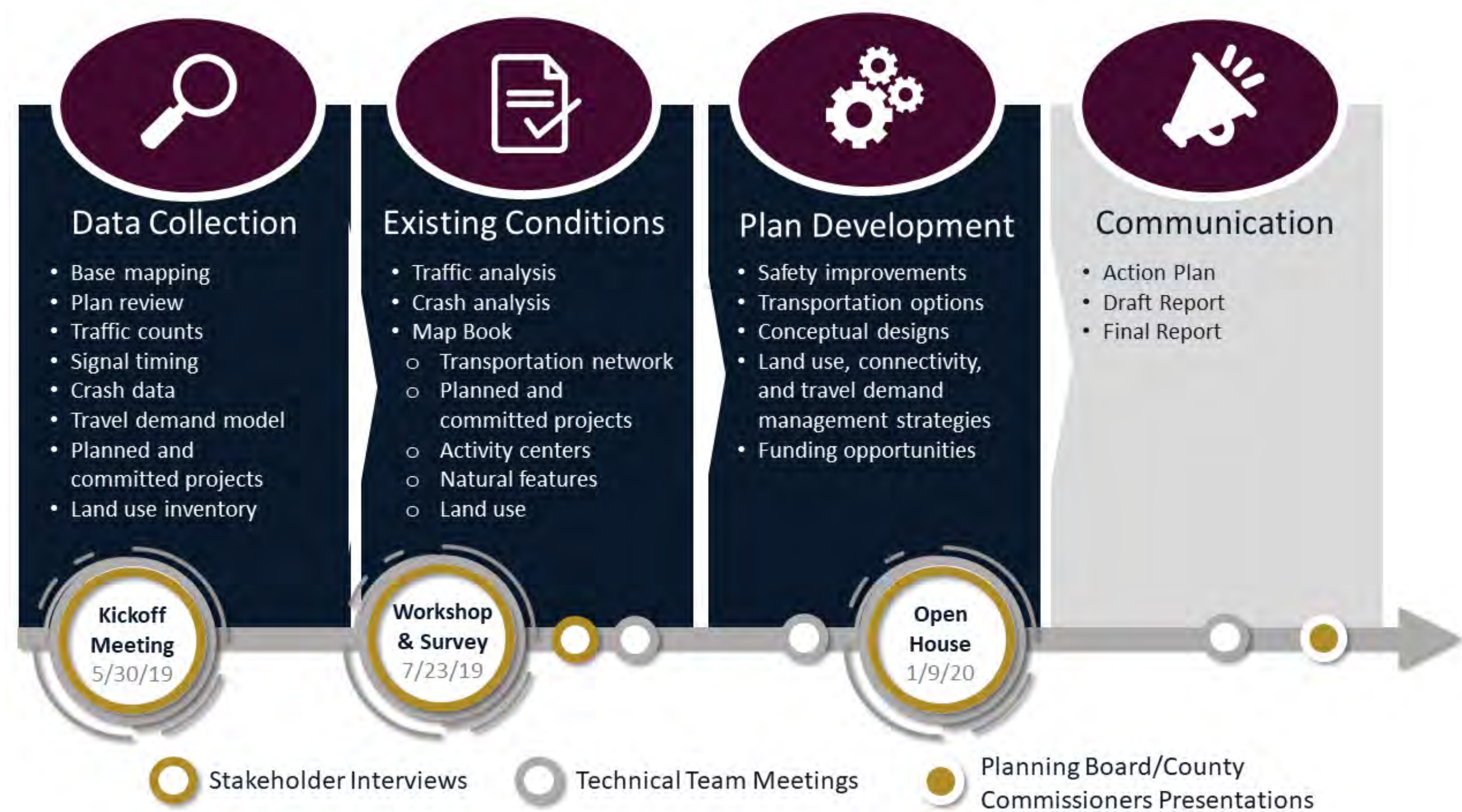
Project Overview

Lincoln County launched the Eastern Lincoln Mobility Study in summer 2019 to better understand transportation needs--today and in the future. Thank you for visiting with us tonight!

The Eastern Lincoln Mobility Study is an important step in making the area a better place to live, work, and relax. So far, we have reviewed existing and projected traffic, analyzed crash data, and heard from the public. Your input from the public meetings and online survey is reflected in the initial set of recommendations on view tonight. Thank you for continuing the conversation!

The Process

The study process includes four steps, and we're in step 3: **Plan Development**. Since we last met, the project team took a deeper dive into transportation conditions and considered public input to develop a preliminary set of recommendations. At tonight's open house, you'll learn more about the process, see a summary of community engagement activities, and view short- and long-term recommendations. We want your input! Please fill out a comment form.



FAQs

How will this study make a difference?

The study is an important way for Lincoln County to clearly state its transportation needs. These types of studies have helped other communities position themselves for more funding. The study will include a combination of short- and long-term recommendations and an action plan that identifies potential funding sources.

What data are you collecting? How are you analyzing it?

Traffic data was collected for 29 intersections, mostly along NC 16 Business, NC 16 Bypass, NC 73, and North Little Egypt Road/St. James Church Road. A traffic model has been created to analyze the data for existing and future year conditions. Visit the traffic station at tonight's meeting for more information.

How are transportation improvements funded?

From planning and design to right-of-way acquisition and construction, it can take years for larger transportation projects to be funded. An important first step is showing local priorities and community support. The Eastern Lincoln Mobility Study is designed to accomplish that. It's also important that smaller projects be identified so local funds can be set aside or private dollars can be requested during the development process.

Are any transportation projects on the horizon?

Yes! Some big projects are on the horizon, including a new interchange on the NC 16 Bypass and improvements to NC 16 Business and NC 73. The study will take into consideration several projects that have been approved and are in various stages of design and implementation.

How is recent (and upcoming) development being considered?

Eastern Lincoln County continues to be an attractive place for newcomers. The traffic model takes into account recent and upcoming development when forecasting future traffic.

Who is going to fund the transportation improvements?

Potential projects will be prioritized and placed in implementation tiers for funding by the County, state, and developers. That's why it's important that the process include representatives from the County, NCDOT, and the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization. We've also involved a variety of local stakeholders.

What are the next steps?

We'll use feedback received at the workshop to finalize the recommendations. Then, we'll create a prioritize list of improvements and identify ways to potentially speed up implementation. Finally, we'll create a report, which will be presented to the County Commissioners for adoption.