



NORTH CAROLINA
Department of Transportation

Transportation Mobility and Safety Division

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Transportation Mobility and Safety Division

MOBILITY

TSMO

Work Zone Traffic Control

Congestion Management

Oversize & Overweight

SAFETY

Traffic Safety

Regional Traffic Engineers

Signing and Delineation

Governor's Highway Safety
Program

FY27 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Pedestrian Safety Improvements Process and Timeline

Open Call for Projects – Closes August 28, 2026

- Local Agencies to submit a project request and any supplemental information
- Project submittal link is live on the webpage:
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/safety/Pages/Pedestrian-Safety-Project-Call.aspx>

Evaluation and Award

- Review project submittals – September/October 2026
- Develop project designs and estimates – November 2026 to April 2027 / April 2028
- Notify recipients – November 2026
- Obligate funds for construction – June 2027 and June 2028

Project Delivery

- Project Delivery by NCDOT Divisions – After June 2027 / June 2028

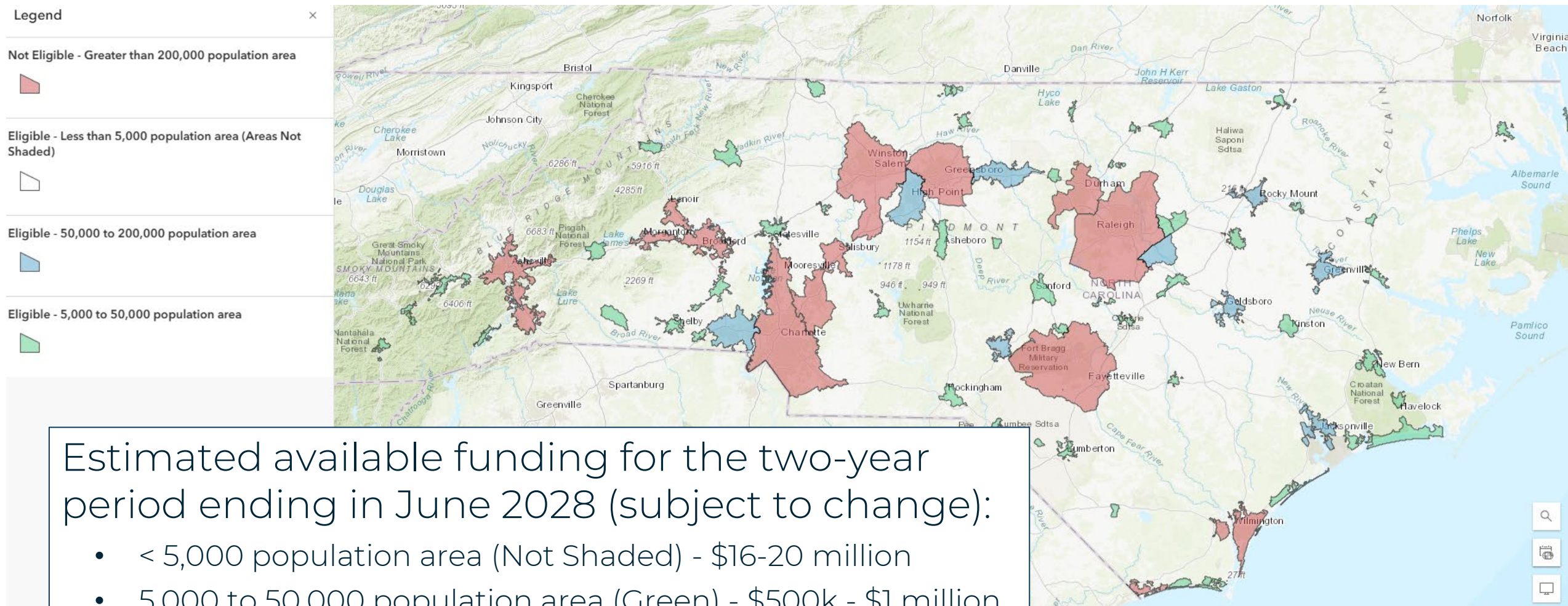
FY26 TAP Call for Projects Summary



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- The types of projects awarded included:
 - High visibility crosswalks
 - Curb ramps
 - Pedestrian countdown signals
 - Leading pedestrian interval (LPI)
 - Rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFBs)
 - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (PHB) a.k.a. HAWK signal
 - Filling a small sidewalk gap related to a crossing

Eligibility - TAP Funding Areas



Eligibility

Project Eligibility

- Does the local government support and agree to submit the project?
- Is the project type consistent with the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) pedestrian safety program goals?
 - Signalized intersection: marked crosswalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signals.
 - Unsignalized intersection or mid-block location: marked crosswalks, curb ramps, crossing enhancements such as RRFB or PHB/HAWK
- Is significant right-of-way or utility relocation required to install the project?
- Can a planning level cost estimate be developed based on field review?
- Can the funds be obligated by June 2027 or June 2028?

After review, If we feel that it might be a good match for other funding that the department has available, such as state spot safety or federal HSIP funds, we will pursue those avenues as well.

What is the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)?:

- ❑ Core Federal-aid program aimed at reducing fatal and serious injury crashes on all public roads
- ❑ Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)
- ❑ State HSIP
 - ❑ Safety Data
 - ❑ Network Screening
 - ❑ Project Development
 - ❑ Project Selection
 - ❑ Project Construction
 - ❑ Safety Evaluation



Safety Specific Funding Sources

HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program)	Spot Safety
\$85.0M Per Year	\$12.1M Per Year
Federal Funds	State Funds
Soft cap of \$1M per project (>\$1M requires advance approval from State Traffic Engineer)	\$400K cap per project
B/C based prioritization with systemic investments and VRU index (15% of funding)	Prioritization is based on the Spot Safety Index
Selected quarterly	Selected quarterly

Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Special Rule

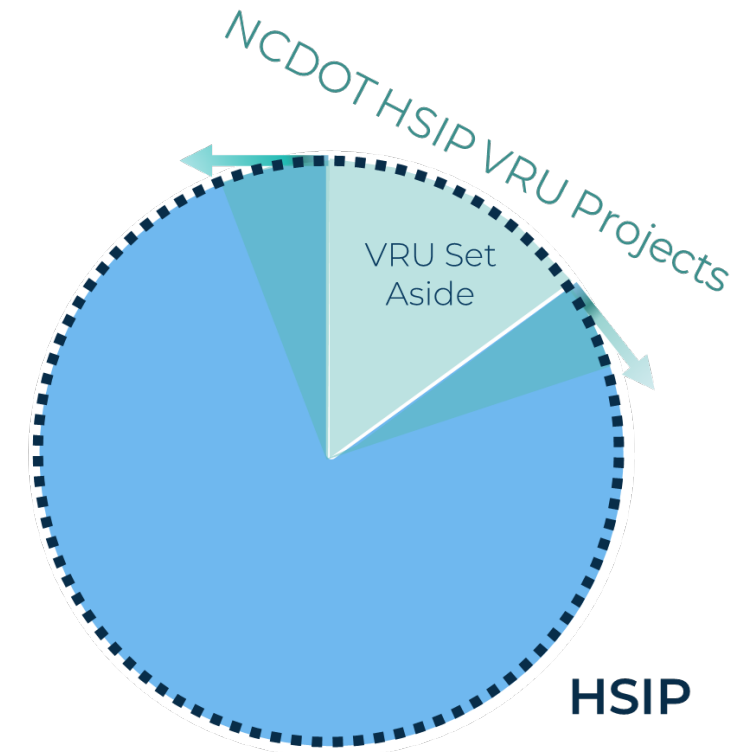
❑ Key Points

- ❑ North Carolina is subject to the VRU special rule (>15% of total fatalities are VRU involved)
- ❑ This is not new funding, but a set-aside of existing HSIP funds
- ❑ NCDOT HSIP funding model implemented before VRU special rule in line with this approach
- ❑ This process is separate from SPOT and other FHWA funding programs

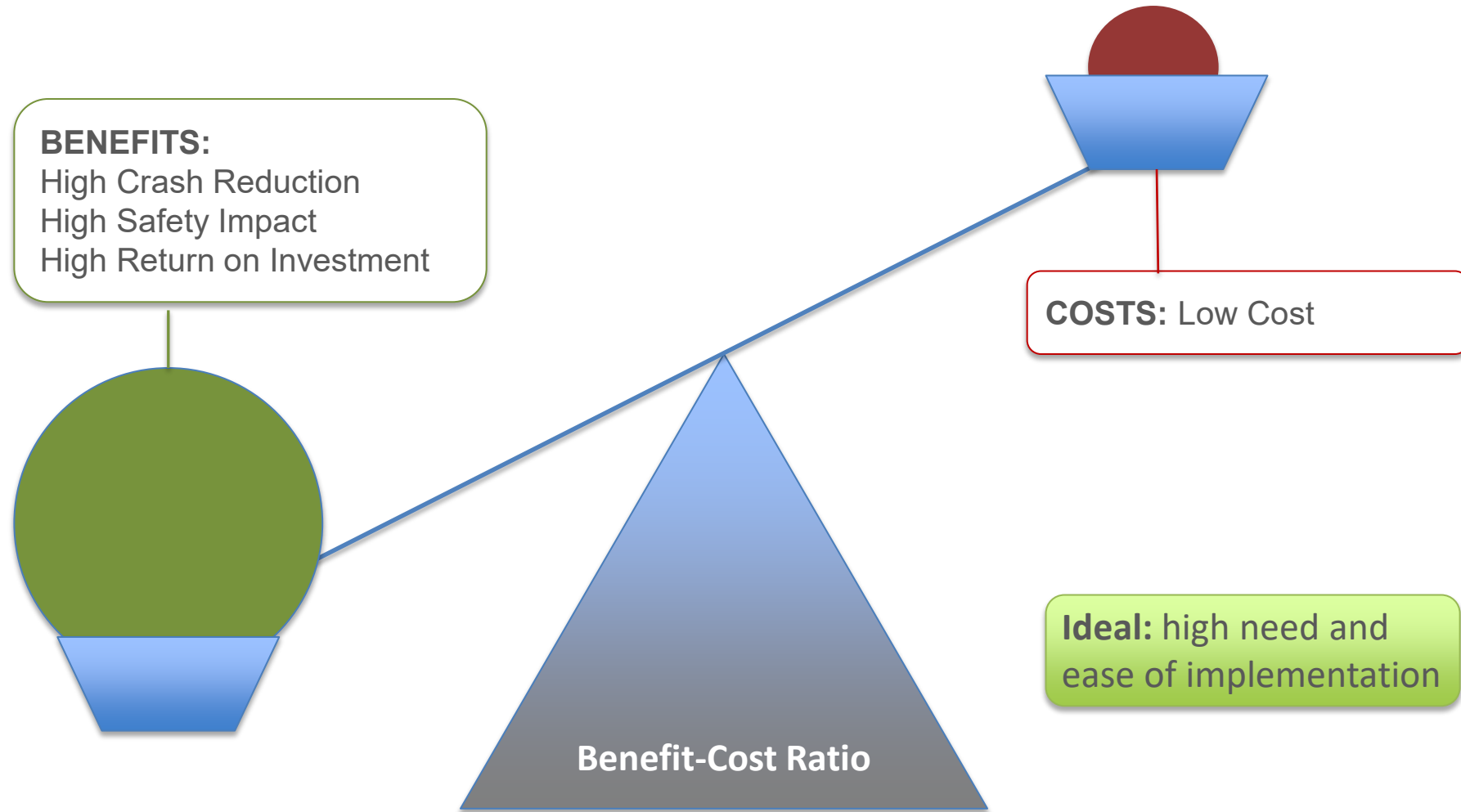
Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Special Rule

Statutory Reference

The new VRU Special Rule at 23 U.S.C. 148(g)(3) provides: "If the total annual fatalities of vulnerable road users in a State represents not less than 15 percent of the total annual crash fatalities in the State, that State shall be required to obligate not less than 15 percent of the amounts apportioned to the State under section 104(b)(3) for the following fiscal year for highway safety improvement projects to address the safety of vulnerable road users."



What Types of Projects Compete Best for Safety Funds?



I Have a Potential Safety Project. Who Do I Contact?

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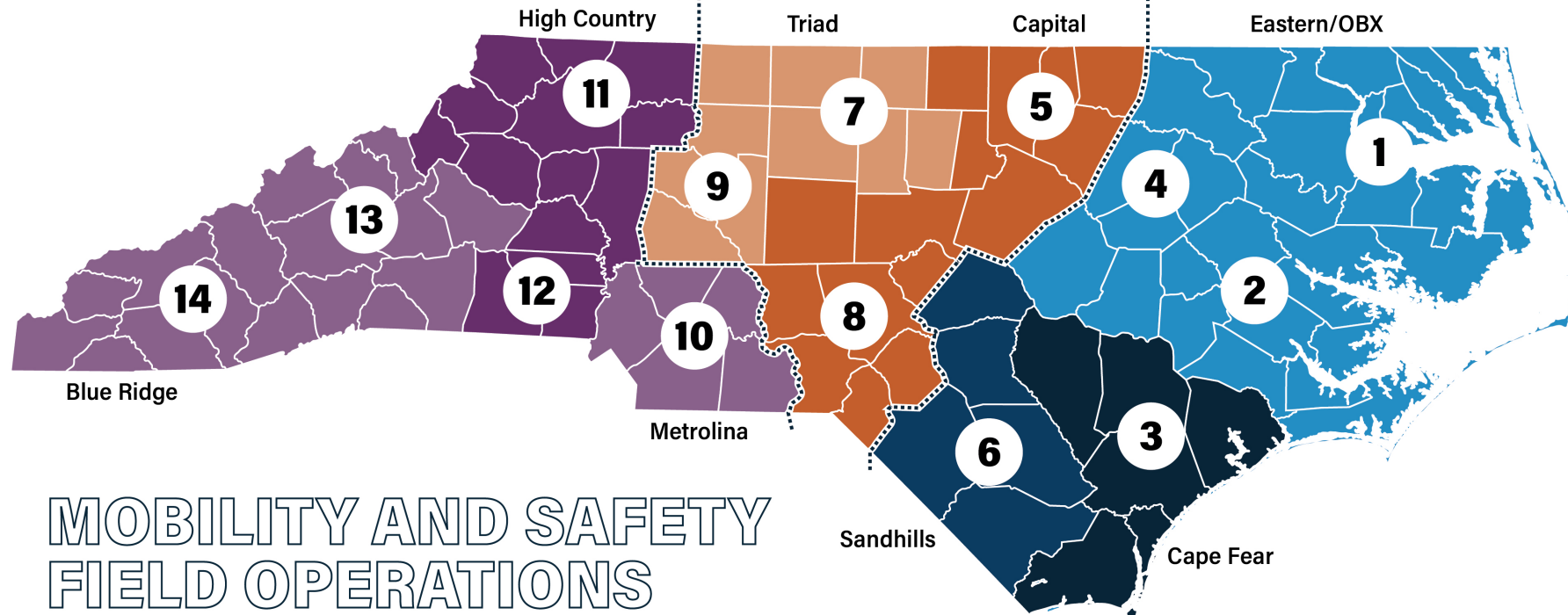
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Resources

Data and documents needed to work with the NC

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Programs, projects, crash data, policies and other safety resources for North Carolina.

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Asset Management

Utilizes various processes to ensure efficient utilization of resources.

Example Resources

- Crash Data and Maps
- Safety Planning Resources
- TEASS
- Truck Access and Route Designation

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