• Good Morning
• Thank you for inviting me to be part of this panel.
• When first invited, I thought – what am I going to discuss?
• I had my own ideas, but wanted to make sure I was better representing our state. I solicited input from my colleagues.
• What is the interstate in NC?
  o All of the above
  o Serves too many masters. Trying to be everything to everyone, but has become subpar in many roles.
• Concerns about current/future interstate?
  o Accessibility vs. Mobility
  o Autonomous vehicles
  o Freight movement
  o Maintenance funding (Over 1200 miles)
  o Funding major improvements – tolling; public/private partnerships
• What impact?
  o Impacts on neighborhoods in urban areas
  o New impacts to neighborhoods that were impacted when system was built (especially low income/minority)
  o Noise impacts on current and proposed projects are increasing – public is getting more involved
  o Divided ecosystems /reduced habitat for species
  o Cut off animal migration corridors
- Impacted stream and wetlands

- **Vision**
  - Multi-modal corridors
    - Freight and passenger rail
    - High speed rail, truly high speed
    - Separate bicycle commuting facility in the same corridor
    - Fully integrate with all modes
  - Declassify some interstates and focus on truly interstate corridors
    - Example – NC Strategic Highway Corridors – 55 corridors
    - Became NC Strategic Transportation Corridors – 25 corridors
  - Plan and fund interstates at a more regional level
    - State funding is more local & state centered
    - I-95 as an example
    - I-85/Yadkin River crossing
  - Land use planning needs to play a larger role
  - Increased use of design and material technologies to reduce traffic noise impacts
  - More focus on maintaining/enhancing the facilities we already have
    - Find sustainable funding models covering day-to-day maintenance as well as state of the art safety, mobility and congestion relief strategies
  - Greater use of autonomous vehicles