## NEPA/404 MERGER TEAM MEETING AGREEMENT Concurrence Point No. 1: Purpose and Need and Study Area Defined

## PROJECT NO./TIP NO./ NAME/DESCRIPTION:

WBS Element: 34508.1.1 TIP Project Number: R-2822B

TIP Description: NC 143 Improvements, from West Buffalo Creek to NC 143 Business west of Robbinsville.

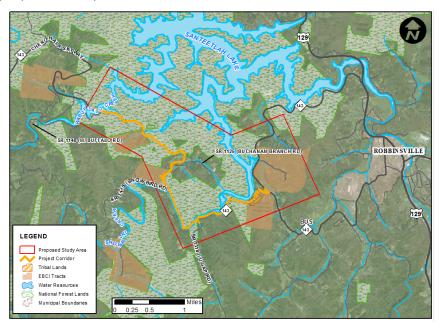
On this date of March 22, 2018, the Merger Team concurred on the following Purpose and Need Statement:

"The purpose of the project is to achieve the minimum geometric standards consistent with the facility's functional classification."

## Performance Measures

- 80% reduction in identified roadway deficiencies
- Application of the below Context Sensitive Solutions Design Controls and Criteria (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/css/design/controls/index.cfm)
  - ✓ Design Flexibility and Exceptions
  - ✓ Roadway Classification
  - ✓ Safety

**Study Area**: The proposed study area is variable in width and is shown below.



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