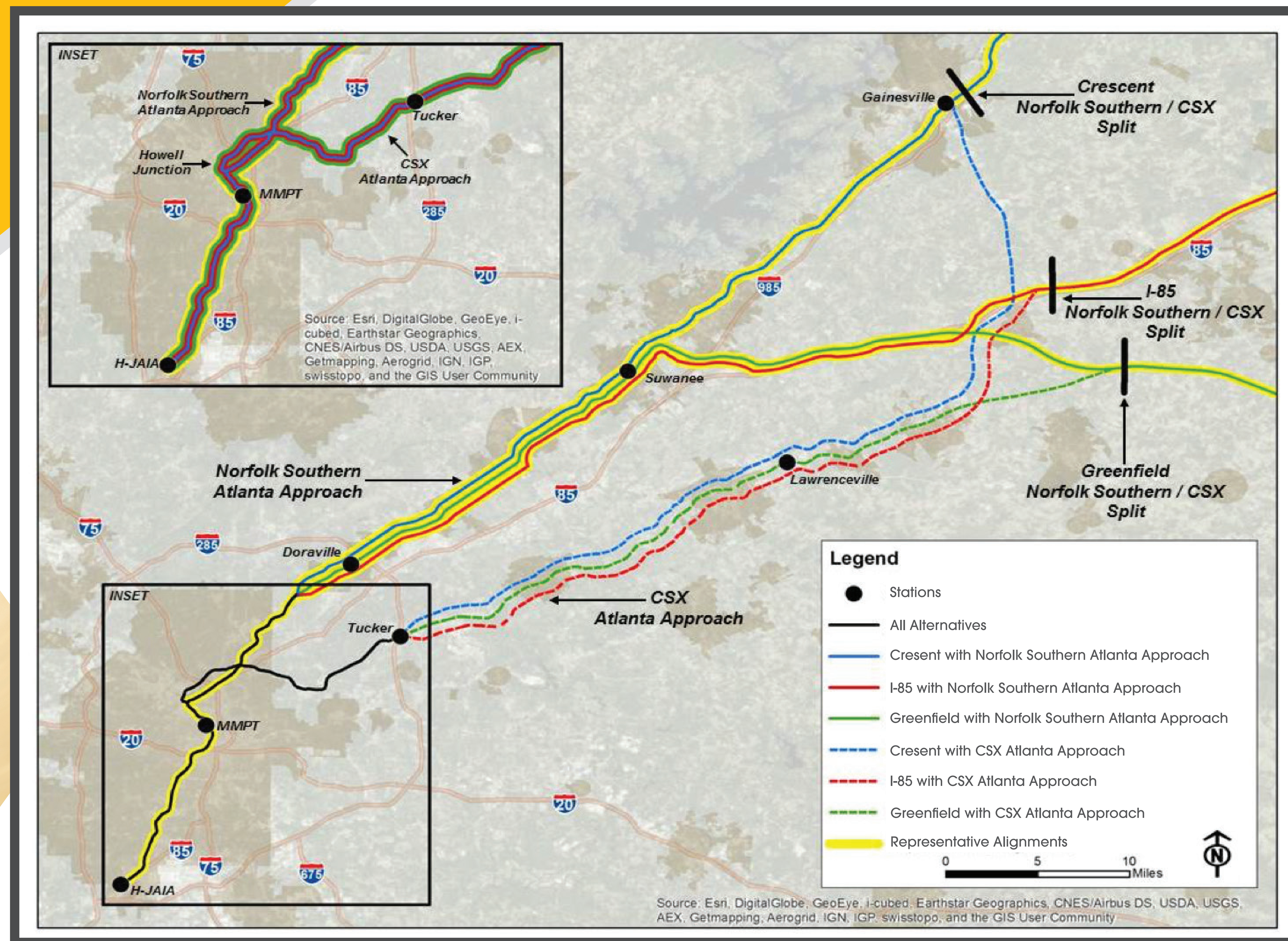


The Atlanta Approach



GDOT evaluated two options for each of the Corridor Alternatives to access downtown Atlanta: the Norfolk Southern Atlanta Approach (Southern Crescent) or the CSX Atlanta Approach, as shown in the map. Due to the complex environment of the approaches to and through Atlanta, the Tier 1 EIS defers the selection of the preferred Atlanta Approach to a future Tier 2 study. A Tier 2 study could also consider other commuter and intercity rail planning efforts and additional alignment options for the Atlanta Approach.