

# **FRENCH BROAD RIVER**

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## **Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Agenda**

**June 2, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.**

### **Agenda**

- 1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING (5 min)**
  - A. Introductions, Approval of Agenda** Josh O’Conner
  - B. May 5, 2020 Minutes** Josh O’Conner
  
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
  
- 3. BUSINESS (60-90 min)**
  - A. 5310 Call for Projects** MPO Staff
  - B. JARC Call for Projects** MPO Staff
  - C. STBGDA/TAPDA Call for Projects** MPO Staff
  - D. Draft MTP** MPO Staff
  - E. SPOT Project Submittals Modification** MPO Staff
  - F. MTP Environmental Justice Review** MPO Staff
  
- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (3 min)**
  
- 5. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING? (3 min)**
  
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT 2**
  
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

**French Broad River MPO  
Prioritization Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes\*  
May 5, 2020**

**ATTENDING**

**Voting Members**

- Josh O'Conner, Buncombe County
- Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
- Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County
- Elizabeth Teague, Town of Waynesville
- Anthony Sutton, Town of Waynesville
- Jerry Vehaun, Town of Woodfin

**Non-Voting**

- Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
- Nick Kroncke, FBRMPO
- Emily Scott Cruz, FBRMPO
- John Ridout, FBRMPO
- Janna Peterson, Henderson County
- Dan Baechtold, City of Asheville
- Troy Wilson, NCDOT
- Hannah Cook, NCDOT
- Steve Williams, NCDOT
- Stephen Sparks, NCDOT
- Mark Gibbs, NCDOT
- George Webb, Citizens Advisory Committee
- Michael Dawson, FHWA
- Daniel Sellers, NCDOT
- Brendan Merithew, NCDOT
- Matt Cable, Buncombe County

\*Meeting held virtually via Zoom

**I. Welcome and Housekeeping**

**I-A // Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda**

Prioritization Chair, Josh O'Connor, presided calling meeting to order at 9:00am. Members gave their introduction. The Agenda was approved.

**I-B // April 7, 2020 Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Julie Mayfield made a motion to pass the minutes with an amendment to item 3A. Jerry Vehaun seconded. All approved.

**II. Public Comment**

None at this time.

**III. Business**

**III-A // MTP Fiscally Constrained Highway Project List**

Tristan Winkler discussed the financial plan in the MTP and how it reflects inflation rates over the next twenty-five years. Staff and the steering committee have been working on the larger project list and more recently applied fiscal constrained to the projects to narrow down the list. The projects were split out into categories of committed, in SPOT (currently being submitted to prioritization) and longer-range (projects not currently funded or in SPOT but considered for future submission). A few cross-sections were provided of what access management, modernization and roadway upgrade projects may look like. The entire list was provided in the packet to the group for consideration. Over \$2 billion worth of interstate projects was provided at the statewide tier. The Regional Impact list had the lowest amount of funding available and did include some funding of interstate projects that cascaded from the statewide tier, such as TIP-IDs: I-2513A (I-26) and A-0010AA (Future I-26). There are no "longer-range" projects in the Regional Impact tier because funding was already allocated towards programmed and SPOT projects. For division needs, there was a large list of projects and funding available for both NCDOT Divisions 13 and 14. This included projects programmed, projects in SPOT and longer-term projects. It was requested that the group review the entire project-list and approve the projects or make modifications as needed.

It was requested by the Town of Waynesville to remove Elysinia Avenue (HD144528) from the Division Needs list.

*Julie Mayfield made a motion approve the list as presented with the amendment as presented. Autumn Radcliff seconded. All approved.*

### **III-B // MTP Fiscally Constrained Bike/Ped Project List**

Nick Kroncke presented on the list of draft Bike/Ped projects in the MTP. The list included the approved list from the April Prioritization meeting. These are stand-alone bike/ped projects that currently have construction funding through STBGDA/TAPDA/other, projects being submitted to P6.0, and projects from local and regional bike/ped plans. \$200,000,000 was estimated to be available for Bike/Ped projects in the MTP, with a total of \$180,000,000 shown in the list presented with \$20,000,000 being reserved for the 2020 call for STBGDA/TAPDA projects. Cost estimates were derived from the TIP, from local plan estimates and/or from the P6.0 Bicycle and Pedestrian Cost Estimation Tool. The entire project list is included in the agenda and is broken out county by county.

*Elizabeth Teague made a motion to approve the Bike/Ped list. Julie Mayfield seconded. All approved.*

### **III-C // JARC Call for Projects**



Emily Scott-Cruz presented on the JARC funding available for Haywood County and they applied for less than what they were eligible for. The other pot of funding included a regional set-aside, with three alternatives proposed. Buncombe County applied for Black Mountain Trailblazer funding and City of Asheville applied for ART's Route 170. The first alternative had Buncombe County's request fully funded, and 35% of Asheville's request. The second alternative funded both projects at 64.6%. The third alternative utilizes both FY 19 and FY 20 funds which would mean the next call for projects would be in FY 2021 (Spring 2022). Emily noted that there was differing period-of-performance timelines, submitted between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville. Julie asked if clarification could be had with the City of Asheville to align their period-of-performance with Buncombe County. Josh O'Conner asked if this item could be clarified with staff and discussed next month. Tristan Winkler said it could be delayed, but that would cause further delays in beginning the contracts. Matt Cable stated that the issue is with discrepancies in the period-of-performance. He proposed an alternative that has both entities adjusting their timeline to match together. He stated it makes sense to include more funding from future years to avoid another call for projects.

*Elizabeth Teague made a motion to approve the Haywood County projects JARC set-aside and to postpone the regional JARC funding approval until MPO staff can talk with applicants regarding period-of-performance. Anthony Sutton seconded. All approved.*

### **III-D // 5310 Call for Projects**

Emily Scott-Cruz talked about 5310 funding (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) with 55% of funding going towards traditional/capital projects and a maximum of 45% of funding towards operating. There was a scorecard used for scoring-these projects which was explained to the group. Alternative 1 funded the highest scoring projects fully and using remaining funds for the next highest scoring projects within each category. Alternative 2 funded traditional projects at 53% of their request while funding Other projects at 44.5% of their request. Alternative 3 funds traditional projects at 53% of their request and fully funding the highest scoring Other projects and funding the remaining Other projects at 37% of their request. Alternative 3A (not presented in packet) funds the top scoring "Other" projects and the second-highest scoring project in "Other" while funding the traditional projects at 53%.

Alternative 4 is funding only traditional projects and not funding Other projects.

The preferred funding alternative is Alternative 3, which funds traditional projects at 53% of the request while fully funding the highest scoring "Other/Operating" projects and funding the remaining "Other/Operating" projects at 37% of their request.

Emily asked for input from the group about what alternatives would be preferred. Elizabeth Teague asked if projects weren't to be funded, would they be able to



continue/exist without it. Emily clarified that was one of the questions on the application. Elizabeth's concern was that partially funding projects may be problematic. Matt Cable spoke about the RIDE program and how they use the 5310 funds as a 50/50 match to local funding. The group mentioned having Emily discuss with the service providers their period-of-performance and their level of need. Elizabeth Teague mentioned that all service providers should be considered and talked with given their potential reliance on this funding source. Discussion took place around period-of-performance and traditional projects funding between Buncombe County and the City of Asheville. Elizabeth echoed the request that MPO staff speak with local transit agencies and table the discussion to next month. Autumn asked if the period-of-performance was known for the smaller projects. Discussion took place around merits of fully funding projects versus partially funding smaller projects. Matt Cable proposed

*Julie Mayfield made a motion to delay action on this item and that MPO staff talk to the applicants and find consistency across period-of-performance and come back with a recommendation at the next meeting. Elizabeth Teague seconded. All approved.*

**IV. Announcement, News, Special Updates** – Discussion took place around the NCDOT cash balance and trends in vehicle miles traveled. New Board orientation was rescheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**V. Topics for Next Meeting** – STBGDA/TAPDA applications, JARC and 5310 applications, draft MTP. Julie Mayfield asked for an update regarding ongoing studies in the region. Hannah Cook mentioned adding Hendersonville Road SPOT discussion to the next meeting.

Next Meeting **June 9 at 9am.**

**VI. Public Comment II** – None.

**VII. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.



# Item 3A:

## 5310 Call for Projects

### 5310 Project Selection

Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) funds are allocated to the Asheville Urbanized Area, with the City of Asheville serving as the designated recipient for these funds. The application process for Section 5310 ran from January 31<sup>st</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Additional information about Section 5310 is available at: <http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/5310-and-jarc/>.

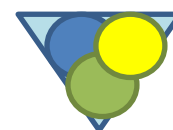
The 5310 Grant has two categories for funding:

- Traditional/Capital projects: at least 55% of the total funding amount has to go to “traditional” projects
- Other/Operations type projects: no more than 45% of the total funding amount can go to those projects.

<b>FY 2019 5310 Funding Available</b>	<b>\$ 337,035</b>	<b>55% of Funds* (Traditional)</b>	<b>\$185,369</b>
<b>Admin</b>	<b>\$ 33,704</b>		
<b>After 10% Admin</b>	<b>\$ 303,332</b>	<b>*note percentage divisions were calculated before 10% admin</b>	

\*It is important to note that 10% of the original allocation is set aside for Administrative funds for the City of Asheville, so “Other” projects will only receive up to 35% of total funding as a result since Traditional projects are required to receive a minimum of 55% of the allocation before administrative costs are considered.

MPO staff reviewed 5310 applications, rating them based on a scorecard. The following pages show recommendations for awarding 5310 funds based on scores. This year, for the 5310 projects, there was a quantitative scoring methodology devised. The final scorecard is included in this agenda, and score justifications are available in a separate attachment.



Revisions were made to the original funding recommendations after applicants were asked to adjust their budgets to only show the FY21 Period of Performance and also were asked what the impact of receiving less than they requested would be. This informed the following revised funding alternatives and recommendation.

Both lowest scoring projects, Senior Companion Program and URBAN Fixed Route Paratransit assured MPO staff that they would be able to operate using different funding sources if their request was only partially funded. The other projects clarified that this funding was either necessary for the continuation of their program or for their programs to start in a timely fashion.

**The preferred funding alternative is ALTERNATIVE 1: Fund highest scoring projects in full, fund lowest scoring two projects at 52.45% of their request**

These preliminary recommendations are subject to modifications that might be recommend by this Subcommittee.

Project Overview		High (5), Mid (3), Low (1), Non-Compliant (0)				
Non-Compliant - 0		Ineligible Project, Undetermined Mobility Improvements, and Low Utilization	Not Aligned	No Match, Unrealistic Budget	No Support	Undetermined
Lowest Priority - 1	<u>Tier 1 Eligibility</u> 1. Eligible Applicant 2. Complete Application Package	New Service, Low Mobility, & Average Utilization	Some Alignment	Anticipated Match and Attainable Budget	County Shared-Ride Support	Poor Grant Administration, Financial, & Technical
Mid Priority - 3	3. Eligible Project 4. Secured Match	Expansion, Average Mobility, & High Utilization	Average Alignment	Identified Match and Feasible Budget	County Shared-Ride and Stakeholder Support (<2)	Average Grant Administration, Financial, & Technical
High Priority - 5		New Service, Replacement, High Mobility, High Utilization, RELIES on 5310 Funding	Strong Alignment	Secured Match and Strong Budget	County Shared-Ride and Stakeholder Support (2 or more)	Strong Grant Administration, Financial, & Technical



Applicant	Project Title	Total Cost	Tier 1 Eligibility Yes/No Fulfills the Listed Eligibility Requirements	Project Needs and Goals (30%)	Aligns with Locally Coordinated Plan (15%)	Financial Need and Project Budget (20%)	Coordination and Outreach (15%)	Managerial Capacity (20%)	TOTAL SCORE (Out of 50)
Buncombe County	SEDAP (Supplemental Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program)		Yes	5	5	5	3	5	47
City of Asheville	City of Asheville Paratransit Service	\$166,832.00	Yes	5	5	3	5	5	46
Buncombe County	RIDE (Ridership Independence for the Disabled and Elderly) Voucher Program	\$13,508.00	Yes	5	5	5	3	5	47
Council on Aging	Call-A-Ride	\$15,196.00	Yes	5	5	5	5	5	50
Madison County	Mars Hill Transportation	\$17,426.00	Yes	5	5	5	5	5	50
Madison County	Nutrition Access	\$14,745.00	Yes	5	5	5	5	5	50
Mountain Projects	URBAN Fixed Route Paratransit	\$86,272.00	Yes	5	5	3	5	5	46
Land of Sky Regional Council	Senior Companion Program	\$22,527.00	Yes	5	5	3	5	5	46

See *Scoring Justification* packet for detailed explanation regarding scores.





## Alternative 1

Fund all highest scoring projects fully and reduce funding for lowest scoring projects.

\*Note that in order to reach the 55% Traditional Project requirement, Buncombe County will be given funding that is not needed for FY21 to apply towards FY22.

Applicant	Project Name	Project Score (out of 50)	Total Recommended Funding Level	Local Match based on funded amount	Recommended Funding Level	Federal Funding Amount Requested	Amount recommended for funding vs. applied for
<b>Traditional Projects: Fully Fund Asheville--remaining funds to Buncombe County</b>							
Buncombe County	Supplemental EDTAP	47	\$ 18,559.00	\$ 4,640		\$ -	\$ 18,559.00
City of Asheville	ADA Paratransit	46	\$ 166,832.00	\$ 41,708	100%	\$ 166,832	\$ -
Total			\$ 185,391			\$ 166,832	
<b>Other projects : Fund Other Projects in Full, reducing lowest scoring two projects request</b>							
Buncombe County	RIDE Voucher Program	47	\$ 13,508	\$ 13,508	100.0%	\$ 13,508	\$ -
Council on Aging of Buncombe County, Inc.	Call-A-Ride Program	50	\$ 15,196	\$ 15,196	100.0%	\$ 15,196	\$ -
Madison County	Mars Hill Transportation	50	\$ 17,426	\$ 17,426	100.0%	\$ 17,426	\$ -
Madison County	Nutrition Access	50	\$ 14,745	\$ 14,745	100.0%	\$ 14,745	\$ -
Land of Sky Regional council	Senior Companion Program	46	\$ 11,815	\$ 11,815	52.45%	\$ 22,527	\$ (10,712)
Mountain Projects	URBAN Fixed Route Paratransit	46	\$ 45,250	\$ 45,250	52.45%	\$ 86,272	\$ (41,022)
Total Other Projects			\$ 117,940			\$ 169,674	

5310 Federal Funding Allocated, Spring 2020 5310 Call for Projects	\$ 303,331	Percentage of Total Funding Traditional (min. 55%) vs. Other (max. 45%)	
Total Traditional Projects funding-federal FTA 5310	\$ 185,391	55.0%	Required 55% or higher
Total Other Projects funding-federal FTA 5310	\$ 117,940	35.0%	
Total Admin (10% of Total Allocation)	\$ 33,704	10.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 337,035</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	



## Alternative 2:

Reduce the funding for the lowest scoring project with the highest requested funding. This recommendation follows discussions with Mountain Projects regarding their ability to fund the project through other sources.

Applicant	Project Name	Project Score (out of 50)	Total Recommended Funding Level	Local Match based on funded amount	Recommended Funding Level	Federal Funding Amount Requested	Amount recommended for funding vs. applied for
<b>Traditional Projects: Fully Fund Asheville--remaining funds to Buncombe County</b>							
Buncombe County	Supplemental EDTAP	47	\$ 18,589.00	\$ 4,647		\$ -	\$ 18,589.00
City of Asheville	ADA Paratransit	46	\$ 166,832.00	\$ 41,708	100%	\$ 166,832	\$ -
Total			\$ 185,421			\$ 166,832	
<b>Other projects : Fund Other Projects in Full, reducing lowest scoring project's request</b>							
Buncombe County	RIDE Voucher Program	47	\$ 13,508	\$ 13,508	100.0%	\$ 13,508	\$ -
Council on Aging of Buncombe County, Inc.	Call-A-Ride Program	50	\$ 15,196	\$ 15,196	100.0%	\$ 15,196	\$ -
Madison County	Mars Hill Transportation	50	\$ 17,426	\$ 17,426	100.0%	\$ 17,426	\$ -
Madison County	Nutrition Access	50	\$ 14,745	\$ 14,745	100.0%	\$ 14,745	\$ -
Land of Sky Regional council	Senior Companion Program	46	\$ 22,527	\$ 22,527	100.00%	\$ 22,527	\$ -
Mountain Projects	URBAN Fixed Route Paratransit	46	\$ 34,509	\$ 34,509	40.00%	\$ 86,272	\$ (51,763)
Total Other Projects			\$ 117,911			\$ 169,674	

5310 Federal Funding Allocated, Spring 2020 5310 Call for Projects	\$ 303,332	Percentage of Total Funding Traditional (min. 55%) vs. Other (max. 45%)	
Total Traditional Projects funding-federal FTA 5310	\$ 185,421	55.0%	Required 55% or higher
Total Other Projects funding-federal FTA 5310	\$ 117,911	35.0%	
Total Admin (10% of Total Allocation)	\$ 33,704	10.0%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 337,035</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	



**MPO Staff is seeking a recommendation from the Prioritization Subcommittee for which alternative of funding should be supported by the TCC and Board.**

Item 3B:



## JARC Call for Projects – Selection

JARC (Jobs Access Reverse Commute) is a competitive pot of funds set aside from Section 5307 Urban Transit Formula funds to encourage regional connectivity. The FBRMPO holds a call for projects once a year, and the City of Asheville is the Designated Recipient for these funds. The application process for JARC (Spring 2020) ran from January 31<sup>st</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup>. Additional information about the program is available at: <http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/5310-and-jarc/>.

<b>FBRMPO Spring 2020 Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Call for Projects Funding Available</b>	
Regional JARC Allocation utilizing FY 2019 (estimated amount as of March 2019, based on (10% set-aside of FTA 5307 expected allocation to Asheville UZA)	\$296,270
Regional JARC-10% Administration	\$29,627
<b>Total Regional Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Available for Spring 2020 JARC Call for Projects minus Administrative Fee</b>	<b>\$266,643</b>
Haywood County JARC-FY 2019 Funding	\$221,314
Haywood County JARC-10% Administration	\$22,131
<b>Haywood County JARC Available for Spring 2020 JARC Call for Projects (FY 2019) minus 10% Administrative Fee</b>	<b>\$199,183</b>

JARC has two categories for the Spring 2020 Call for Projects:

- Haywood County dedicated funding, which was recommended by the Prioritization Subcommittee on May 5, 2020 to be funded as follows:

<b>JARC Projects Preliminary Recommendation for Funding</b>					
Projects Submitted	Recommended Funding Level	Total Recommended Funding	Local Match Based on Funded Amount	Federal Funding Amount Requested	FBRMPO Expected TIP Amendment Date
Mountain Projects (Haywood County) URBAN Fixed Route Capital	\$ 94,400	118,000	23,600	\$ 94,400	June 2020
Mountain Projects (Haywood County) URBAN Fixed Route Operations	\$ 99,000	198,000	99,000	\$ 99,000	June 2020
City of Asheville-Administrative Oversight of Mountain Projects JARC project (at 10% of funding requested)	\$ 22,131	22,131	--	\$ 22,131	June 2020
<b>Total Haywood County Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Set-Aside Including Admin. Oversight</b>	<b>\$ 215,531</b>	<b>215,531</b>	<b>122,600</b>	<b>\$ 215,531</b>	June 2020



- Regional pot of JARC funding

*MPO Staff recommends Alternative 2 as the preferred funding option for FY19 Regional JARC*

### Alternative 1 :

This alternative would fully fund FY21 needs for both the City of Asheville and Buncombe County. The leftover funding (\$23,019) will be added to the next Call for Projects.

JARC Projects Preliminary Recommendation for Funding					
Projects Submitted	Recommended Funding Level	Total Recommended Funding	Local Match Based on Funded Amount	Federal Funding Amount Requested	FBRMPO Expected TIP Amendment Date
Buncombe County Black Mountain Trailblazer Operating Assistance (two years of operations funding requested, April 2021 - June 2023).	\$ 12,066	24,132	12,066	\$ 12,066	June 2020
City of Asheville Black Mountain Transit Route 170-Continued Support for Operations, two years of funding requested, Jan 2021-June 2022.	\$ 231,558	463,116	231,558	\$ 231,558	June 2020
City of Asheville-Administrative Oversight of JARC projects (at 10% of funding requested)	\$29,627			\$ 24,362	June 2020
<b>Combined Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Regional Funding Projects Selected for Funding Including Admin. Oversight</b>	<b>\$ 273,251</b>	<b>\$ 273,251</b>		<b>\$ 267,986</b>	
Marked in green: right of first refusal (Haywood portion) projects or administrative fee					

### Alternative 2:

This alternative would fully fund City of Asheville and Buncombe County for FY21 and the remaining funds available (\$23,019) would be granted to Buncombe County, as the County graciously adjusted their original request to accommodate fully funding for each project. This alternative would allow next year’s application from Buncombe County to be less too.



JARC Projects Preliminary Recommendation for Funding					
Projects Submitted	Recommended Funding Level	Total Recommended Funding	Local Match Based on Funded Amount	Federal Funding Amount Requested	FBRMPO Expected TIP Amendment Date
Buncombe County Black Mountain Trailblazer Operating Assistance (two years of operations funding requested, April 2021 - June 2023).	\$ 35,085	47,151	12,066	\$ 12,066	June 2020
City of Asheville Black Mountain Transit Route 170-Continued Support for Operations, two years of funding requested, Jan 2021-June 2022.	\$ 231,558	463,116	231,558	\$ 231,558	June 2020
City of Asheville-Administrative Oversight of JARC projects (at 10% of funding requested)	\$29,627			\$ 24,362	June 2020
<b>Combined Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Regional Funding Projects Selected for Funding Including Admin. Oversight</b>	<b>\$ 296,270</b>	<b>\$ 296,270</b>		<b>\$ 267,986</b>	
Marked in green: right of first refusal (Haywood portion) projects or administrative fee					

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# Item 3C:

## STBGDA/TAPDA Call for Projects

The MPO held a call for projects to program \$25 million in STBGDA and TAPDA funds over fiscal years 2022-2026. The MPO received a number of project applications with requests for funding exceeding what is estimated to be available.

Local Government	Project	Mode	Funding Requested	Previously DA Funded
City of Asheville	Biltmore Ave @ White Fawn Drive	Highway	\$352,000	No
City of Asheville	Coxe Avenue Improvements	BikePed	\$9,040,000	Yes
City of Asheville	Page/Haywood/Flint Intersection	Highway	\$6,800,000	No
City of Asheville	Hazel Mill Sidewalks	BikePed	\$1,600,000	No
City of Asheville	School Zone Safety	BikePed	\$660,000	No
City of Asheville	NorthRAD Greenway	BikePed	\$2,000,000	Yes
Black Mountain	Bridge Replacement	Highway	\$365,600	No
Black Mountain	Riverwalk Greenway	BikePed	\$960,000	Yes
Division 13	Broadway Sidewalks	BikePed	\$310,000	No
Division 13	Bruce Road	Highway	\$5,000,000	No
Division 13	Charlotte Street Ramp	Highway	\$668,250	No
Division 13	Haywood Road Resurfacing	Highway	\$7,014,000	No
Division 13	Sand Hill/Sardis Intersection	Highway	\$296,000	No
Hendersonville	Clear Creek Greenway	Highway	\$1,960,380	No
Henderson County	Ecusta Trail Ph I	BikePed	\$1,142,038	No
Henderson County	Ecusta Trail Ph II	BikePed	\$1,518,476	No
Henderson County	Ecusta Trail Ph III	BikePed	\$2,414,705	No
Henderson County	Ecusta Trail Ph IV	BikePed	\$5,779,538	No
Henderson County	Ecusta Trail Ph V	BikePed	\$3,791,429	No



MPO staff will present on some of the complications being considered with some of these potential projects and preliminary scores.





# Item 3D:

## **Draft MTP 2045**

MPO staff will present the Draft MTP and field any questions or comments. Moving forward, the plan for the MTP is to bring it before the TCC and Board in June, public input through the summer, and final approval in September.

The Draft MTP will be attached for review.

**Action Required: Approval of the Draft MTP**



# Item 3E:

## **SPOT Project Submittals Modifications**

With the SPOT deadline extended to the end of June for submittals, two modifications have been requested:

The first is a request from the Town of Canton to replace the previously-approved sidewalk project on Old Clyde Road to replace it with a sidewalk project on Champion Drive. The Champion Drive project would overlap the STBGDA-funded section, but there is currently only STBGDA funds programmed for PE and ROW.

The second request came up in the MPO Board meeting in March. Division staff noted concern that the sections of Hendersonville Road in Buncombe County did not match with what the Division believes are more immediate concerns. After discussions with the Division and Local Government staff, we recommend that two projects still be submitted for this round of prioritization. One project will remain the same:

-US 25 (Hendersonville Road) from NC 280 (Airport Road) to NC 146 (Long Shoals Road), Access Management.

The other section would be a replacement of what was previously on the list:

-US 25 (Hendersonville Road) from NC 146 (Long Shoals Road) to the Blue Ridge Parkway, Access Management

This would remove the section from I-40 to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

**Action Required: Approval of Any Modifications to the SPOT Submittal List**



# Item 3F:

## **MTP Environmental Justice Analysis**

MPO staff will present on the environmental justice analysis as part of the MTP. This is a required section and analysis to examine whether or not benefits and burdens are being equitably distributed throughout the region.

