

## Technical Coordinating Committee

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March 12, 2020 – 11:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

### Agenda

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING (10 min)

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    - A. Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda Josh O’Conner
  
  2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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  3. CONSENT AGENDA Josh O’Conner

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    - A. February 13, 2020 Minutes
  
  4. BUSINESS (45-60 min)

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    - A. Final FY 2021 PWP & MPO Self-Certification MPO Staff
    - B. Amendments to the FBRMPO CTP MPO Staff
    - C. Final Project Submittal List for Prioritization (SPOT) MPO Staff
    - D. Access Management Projects MPO Staff
  
  5. REGULAR UPDATES (15 min)

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    - A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates Mark Gibbs/Brian Burch or Designee
    - B. Transportation Planning Branch Daniel Sellers
    - C. FHWA/FTA Updates Michael Dawson
    - D. Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports, Staff Updates, and Housekeeping MPO Staff
    - E. Legislative Updates MPO Staff
  
  6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (15 min)

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  7. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

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  8. PUBLIC COMMENT

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  9. ADJOURNMENT

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# FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 3:

## Consent Agenda

Item 3A: February, 2020 TCC Minutes

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# Item 3A:

## February 13, 2020 Minutes

### French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization

Minutes from the TCC meeting on February 13, 2020

#### ATTENDANCE:

Josh O'Conner	Tristan Winkler	Zia Rifkin	Nick Kroncke
Eric Rufa	Vicki Eastland	Janna Peterson	Mike Dawson
Jodie Ferguson	Emily Scott-Cruz	Autumn Radcliff	William High
Brian Burgess	Chris Medlin	Lonnie Watkins	Dan Baechtold
Stephen Sparks	Hannah Cook	Daniel Heyman	Troy Wilson
James Voso	Joel Setzer	Daniel Sellers	Elizabeth Teague
Garrett Higdon	Lori Boyer		

#### WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Josh O'Conner opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and introductions followed.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Josh O'Conner indicated that the Consent Agenda included the January 9, 2020 minutes and the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Applications. He requested approval for the Agenda at this time, as well.

**Janna Peterson moved to approve the previous minutes and the Agenda. Jodie Ferguson seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.**

**Brian Burgess moved to discuss the CAC applications under business, which received a second and an affirmative vote, and placing it on the business agenda.**

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No one made any public comments.

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### BUSINESS

#### Citizen's Advisory Committee Applications

Nick Kroncke provided background information on the CAC applications received from LeeAnne Tucker, Director of Land of Sky's Area Agency on Aging and Tim Barrier from Morganton, which is in another MPO region.

Brian Burgess shared his concern with having a CAC member from outside the FBRMPO region. Discussion occurred that usually, community members should live or work in the region where they want to serve. Chair O'Conner noted that the objective of the CAC is to provide a conduit for citizen participation in the transportation planning process.

**Brian Burgess moved to accept the CAC applications as presented. William High seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

#### Draft Project List for Prioritization

The Prioritization Process (aka, SPOT) is the process in which the majority of funding decisions are made for transportation improvement projects. North Carolina has a relatively unique process for prioritizing projects that is data-driven and transparent, as mandated by the Strategic Transportation Investments law, which was enacted in 2012. MPOs, RPOs, and NCDOT Divisions work together to develop and prioritize projects across the state with the goal of efficiently using transportation funds to enhance infrastructure while supporting economic growth and local needs.

MPO staff assembled a Draft SPOT Project list from meetings with local government staff as well as the Henderson TAC. Projects that are submitted in the SPOT process would be under consideration for funding for the 2023-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This list of projects would go before the TCC and Board in February, go out for public comment in February, and go back to the TCC and Board for final approval in March. Submittals are due to the SPOT office by the end of April. This is the first major step in the prioritization process to determine which projects would get funded. Tristan Winkler noted that a few projects modifications occurred since local meetings were held.

Discussion occurred regarding modernization projects and attempts by the MPO to have those types of projects have separate criteria including roadway upgrades, along with safety and congestion factors.

Discussion occurred regarding road diets. A road diet is not trying to improve travel time, the goal is to increase safety. Tristan Winkler shared about the Merrimon Avenue project for a road diet and it was noted that the roadway also has another project for modernization, which has not scored well.

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MPO staff reviewed new project submittals for highway projects including: Biltmore Avenue/McDowell Road, which was modified to become a combined project.

Projects that are either in the Developmental portion of the TIP (funded for right-of-way in FY 2026 or later) or are considered a “Sibling” of a project in the TIP are automatically resubmitted into the next round of prioritization, unless requested otherwise. Carryover projects do not count towards the MPO’s 25 submittals for each mode.

**Brian Burgess moved to recommend the Draft Project Submittal List to the MPO Board for consideration of approval. Eric Rufa seconded and the motion carried upon a vote.**

### Safety Performance Targets

As part of MAP-21 requirements in 2012, safety performance measures became a requirement for MPOs and DOTs. Beginning in 2017, as part of the FAST Act, states established annual targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) report. Safety targets are established annually, based on the calendar year, are set for all five performance measures based on five year rolling averages of data, and require coordination between state DOTs and MPOs. The five performance measures include: 1) number of fatalities, 2) rate of fatalities per 100 Million VMT, 3) number of serious injuries, 4) rate of serious injuries per 100 Million VMT and, 5) number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

NCDOT has submitted statewide safety performance measure targets in August 2019 to FHWA. FBRMPO has 180 days (until February 27, 2020) to establish safety targets by either agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of NCDOT’s safety target for that performance measure; or committing to a different set of quantifiable targets for safety performance measures for the FBRMPO region. NCDOT’s 2020 safety targets that were provided to FHWA in the 2019 HSIP report are listed below.

For the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to **reduce total fatalities** by 6.23 percent each year from 1,396.4 (2014-2018 average) to 1,227.8 (2016-2020 average) by December 31, 2020.

For the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to **reduce the fatality rate by 5.39 percent each year** from 1.211 (2014-2018 average) to 1.084 (2016-2020 average) by December 31, 2020.

For the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to **reduce total serious injuries by 8.54 percent each year** from 3,362.6 (2014-2018 average) to 2,812.8 (2016-2020 average) by December 31, 2020.

For the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to **reduce the serious injury rate by 7.64 percent each year** from 2.886 (2014-2018 average) to 2.462 (2016-2020 average) by December 31, 2020.

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For the 2020 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to **reduce the total non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries by 7.13 percent each year** from 494.6 (2014-2018 average) to 426.6 (2016-2020 average) by December 31, 2020.

Discussion occurred regarding the general metrics of the trends seen on the roadways in the state. Nick Kroncke explained that the HSIP outlines some of the measures to achieve the goals. Tristan Winkler noted that roadway design is part of the metrics for the safety measure targets. Hannah Cook communicated that the HSIP is similar to the STIP in the sense that the goal is to increase safety over time. Nick Kroncke noted that the FBRMPO is agreeing to the safety measure targets provided by NCDOT. He also noted that the FBRMPO region might have a higher rate on some targets, which leads to the region needing higher reduction targets to meet the state's targets. Additionally, it was noted that reporting parameters may lead to a measure being higher or lower than average. Nick Kroncke noted that from staffs' perspective, the best way to move forward is to agree with NCDOT targets and then to work with collaborative partners in the planning processes to obtain better data, leading to better recommendations in plans. Daniel Sellers shared his perspective that the safety measure targets are mainly aspirational and the goal is to show movement towards the targets.

Additional safety and crash data is available here:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/safety/Pages/Crash-Data.aspx>.

**William High moved to recommend the MPO Board adopt a resolution supporting NCDOT Safety Measure Targets. Brian Burgess seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

### Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2045 Updates

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a federally required planning document that MPOs are required to update and maintain to reflect planned transportation investments in the region over the next twenty-five years. The MTP is required to be fiscally constrained, meaning that projects in the MTP have to be reasonably expected to work within projected revenues. The French Broad River MPO is required to update its MTP every five years with the next update due in September 2020.

French Broad River MPO staff reviewed what the Prioritization Subcommittee has been working on for the MTP including: Finalizing Goals and Objectives, Financial Plan Assumptions, and Project Selection. In addition, MPO staff plan to hold three public workshops around the region in March. These include: March 2nd: Henderson County Public Library (Hendersonville); March 5th: Waynesville Public Library (Waynesville); and March 11th: Pack Memorial Library (Asheville). Workshops are planned from 12 to 3pm.

**Informational item. No action requested.**

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### **REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

Regular updates included NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates, TPB updates and FHWA/FTA updates. MPO Subcommittees, Legislative, and Staff updates were also presented.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Josh O'Conner adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.

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# Item 4A:

## Final FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program

The French Broad River MPO is required to develop a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) by March, 2020. A draft was previously brought before the TCC and Board in January. The MPO is also required to consider a self-certification resolution that reflects that the MPO is following federal requirements.

### What is a UPWP?

The UPWP is a federally mandated document for MPO's to produce that is, essentially, the MPO's budget. This includes line items of work for MPO staff as well as studies being carried out using federal planning funds.

### Major Changes between the FY 2020 and FY 2021 UPWP

- The 2045 MTP is expected to be completed early in the fiscal year so less funding will be put towards developing the MTP
- More funding is being put towards TIP Development/Prioritization to go along with P 6.0
- More funding is being put towards Special Study Coordination with the Regional Transit Study and Corridor Studies expected to be on-going.
- More funding is being put towards Statewide Coordination with MPO Staff on the Statewide Resiliency Workgroup, SPOT Workgroup, Non-Motorized Planning Workgroup, and Data Users Workgroup.
- Less funding is being put towards "Regional Planning" with the 2045 MTP expected to be adopted in August, 2020.
- The Regional Transit Study, Richland Creek Greenway Study, and Asheville Bike/Ped Count Equipment have all been moved to FY 2021

Action: Recommend Board Approval for the FY 2021 UPWP and MPO Self-Certification

**FY 2021**

**French Broad River MPO  
Unified Planning Work Program**

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**Fiscal Year 2021 Unified Planning Work Program  
for the  
French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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# INTRODUCTION

In compliance with Federal law and guidelines, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) has developed a Unified Planning Work Program (PWP) for Fiscal Year 2021 that will help to carry out a cooperative, comprehensive, and continuous transportation planning process for the FBRMPO Planning Area.

In general, the PWP is the FBRMPO's budget for personnel tasks and planning studies, either carried out by the MPO or studies using MPO planning funds carried out by member governments. The PWP is largely funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA), with reimbursements managed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. PWP's can have five general funding sources:

**-Statewide Planning and Research Program (SPR)-** These funds are used by NCDOT to conduct work for the French Broad River MPO. (No SPR funds are programmed in FY 2021 PWP)

**-FHWA Section 104(f) Funds-** These funds are dedicated to MPO planning areas to perform metropolitan transportation planning tasks. A 20% local match is required.

**-FTA Section 5303 Funds-** These funds are used for transit planning in the MPO planning area by the region's 5303 Direct Recipient, the City of Asheville. The FTA provides 80% of these funds, NCDOT provides 10%, and the City of Asheville provides the 10% local match

**-FHWA Surface Transportation Block Grant Program- Direct Attributable Funds-** The funds are dedicated to Transportation Management Areas and these funds can be used for transportation planning. A 20% local match is required.

The local match requirements are shared by dues paying members of the French Broad River MPO in direct proportion to population within the MPO, per the 2010 US Census.

## NARRATIVE OF SECTION 104(f) WORK TASKS TO BE PERFORMED

II-A Data and Planning Support		
II-A-1	<b>Networks and Support Systems</b>	MPO staff will maintain spatial data related to the planning area including roadway network changes, bike/ped infrastructure network changes, parking inventory changes, traffic volumes, crashes, bike/ped counts, other data related to Vehicle Miles Traveled and roadway capacity deficiencies.
II-A-2	<b>Travelers and Behavior</b>	MPO staff will begin to plan and develop updating base year data information for population, housing, and employment in the five-county area for the 2050 MTP, as well as collecting data related to travel-time and congestion-related data.
II-A-3	<b>Transportation Modeling</b>	<p>MPO staff will work with NCDOT TPD staff to maintain the region’s travel demand model, look at potential changes to the model’s TAZs, and researching potential for the development of an active transportation model.</p> <p><b><u>WORK PRODUCT:</u></b> Updated TAZs for the Travel Demand Model</p>
II-B Planning Process		
II-B-1	<b>Targeted Planning</b>	MPO staff will continue coordination activities with the region’s Clean Air Campaign, Clean Vehicle Coalition, and Land of Sky Resiliency efforts; begin more coordination with NCDOT Freight Planning efforts in the region; develop updated congestion and growth reports; participate in continued FAST Act and other planning training and workshop efforts.
II-B-2	<b>Regional Planning</b>	<p>Complete the 2045 MTP and make amendments as necessary, continue to develop the Regional Trail effort, work with transit providers on implementing the 5307 sub-allocation study; amend the CTP, as necessary.</p> <p><b><u>WORK PRODUCT:</u></b> The 2045 MTP</p>
II-B-3A	<b>Special Studies Operations</b>	MPO staff will continue to provide support and oversight of on-going special studies in the region, including special studies managed in-house (TDM)

II-B-3B	<b>Corridor Studies Operations</b>	MPO staff will manage the corridor studies that will continue from FY 2020, including the Hendersonville Road Corridor Study and the Tunnel Road Corridor Study.
II-B-3C	<b>Special Studies Pass-Through</b>	Special Studies pass-through for FY 2021 is expected to only include the on-going TDM program, but several studies are expected to continue from the 2020 PWP, including the Hendersonville Road and Tunnel Road Corridor Studies.
<b>III-A Planning Work Program</b>		
III-A-1	<b>Planning Work Program</b>	<p>The MPO will develop a Planning Work Program in accordance with Federal requirements, with the guidance of the Technical Coordination Committee and MPO Board, a 5-year work plan, and maintain MPO certification.</p> <p><b>WORK PRODUCT:</b> FY 2022 PWP</p>
III-A-2	<b>Metrics and Performance Measures</b>	<p>MPO staff will prepare quarterly reports to NCDOT Transportation Planning Division as well as prepare for and hold the MPO’s certification review with FHWA and FTA, scheduled for the fall of 2020.</p> <p><b>WORK PRODUCT:</b> Quarterly Reports and Certification Review Findings</p>
<b>III-B Transportation Improvement Program</b>		
III-B-1	<b>Prioritization</b>	<p>The MPO will continue to participate in the Statewide Prioritization Process as mandated by the Strategic Transportation Investments Act of 2012. In FY 2021, the MPO expects to engage the public in P 6.0 activities, prioritize Regional Impact and Division Needs Local Input Points, provide guidance to local boards, local officials, and the public on the prioritization process.</p> <p><b>WORK PRODUCT:</b> Local Input Point Methodology, Public Survey for P 6.0, and Local Input Point Assignment Documents</p>

<b>III-B-2</b>	<b>Metropolitan TIP</b>	<p>The MPO will maintain the TIP in coordination with NCDOT, transit providers, and local governments, and provide any remaining work tasks for the programming of STBGDA, TAPDA, 5310, and JARC funds.</p> <p><b>WORK PRODUCT:</b> Amendments to the 2020-2029 TIP and required public input and documentation.</p>
<b>III-B-3</b>	<b>Merger/Project Development</b>	<p>THE MPO will continue to participate in project development meetings, including major projects in the Merger Process as well as local projects, as needed.</p>
<b>III-C Civil Rights Compliance (Title VI) and Other Regulatory Requirements</b>		
<b>III-C-1</b>	<b>Title VI Compliance</b>	<p>The MPO will maintain Civil Rights statistics to maintain compliance with FTA and other agency requirements and work to improve current documents and processes related to Title VI Compliance.</p>
<b>III-C-2</b>	<b>Environmental Justice</b>	<p>The MPO will continue to provide analysis of projects to assure compliance with Environmental Justice requirements to work towards having historically underrepresented populations more aware and involved in the transportation planning process and to provide a planning overview of benefits and burdens from planned transportation projects.</p>
<b>III-C-3</b>	<b>Minority Business Enterprise Planning</b>	<p>Nothing programmed for FY 2021.</p>
<b>III-C-4</b>	<b>Planning for Elderly</b>	<p>Coordinate with the Area Agency on Aging, AARP, County Agencies on Aging, and other stakeholders to identify and further engage on topics relevant to the aging/transportation nexus.</p>
<b>III-C-5</b>	<b>Safety/Drug Control Planning</b>	<p>Nothing programmed for FY 2021.</p>
<b>III-C-6</b>	<b>Public Involvement</b>	<p>Work to involve the public at all stages of the transportation planning process, including long-range and more immediate transportation planning efforts; coordinate the Citizens Advisory Committee to advise on public participation efforts at the MPO and work on amending and updating the MPO's Public Involvement Plan.</p>
<b>III-C-7</b>	<b>Private Sector Participation</b>	<p>Nothing programmed for FY 2021.</p>

III-D Statewide and Extra-Regional Planning		
III-D	<b>Statewide and Extra-Regional Planning</b>	Continue to coordinate with other regional, state, and federal agencies involved in transportation planning activities; monitor legislation relevant to the transportation planning process; coordinate activities with the Land of Sky RPO and local transit agencies; participate in the North Carolina Association of MPOs; participate in working groups and committees at the state including, but not limited to the SPOT Working Group, Traffic Data Users Group, Non-Motorized Statewide Planning Group, Freight and Freight Parking Planning Groups, and the Complete Streets Working Group; attend professional conferences and other training opportunities as appropriate for professional development and peer-exchanges.
III-E Management and Operations		
III-E	<b>Management, Operations, Program Support Administration</b>	Provide direct support to the MPO Board, TCC, Prioritization Subcommittee, Citizens Advisory Committee, Transit Operators Workgroup, 5307 Sub-Recipients Workgroup, and any other group requiring MPO staff for agenda, minutes, and meeting logistics; procure supplies related to planning activities; any direct costs associated with MPO administration; maintain files and records for the MPO; maintain the MPO website; support staff training and development.  <b><u>WORK PRODUCT:</u></b> Meeting Agendas, Website Updates

# TABLES OF UPWP FTA SECTION 5303 WORK TASKS TO BE PERFORMED

II-A Data and Planning Support		
II-A-1	<b>Networks and Support Systems</b>	<p>The Transit Division of the City of Asheville collects and analyzes various data related to the operation and maintenance of the transit system. This includes ridership data collected with our Automatic Passenger Counter, Fare data collected by our fareboxes, performance data, collected by our real-time GPS and AVL system, etc. The data is used to report on current system function, analyze the impact of system changes, and to plan future improvements to the system to increase ridership.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> Monthly ridership reports, on-time-performance reports, fare revenue reports, etc.</p>
II-A-2	<b>Travelers and Behavior</b>	<p>The Transit Division of the City of Asheville utilizes land use and demographic data in partnership with the MPO and the City's Planning and Urban Design department to coordinate land use and transportation decision-making, as well as to plan improvements to the transit system and ensure that it connects to other modes of transportation.</p>
II-A-3	<b>Transportation Modeling</b>	
II-B Planning Process		
II-B-1	<b>Targeted Planning</b>	
II-B-2	<b>Regional Planning</b>	<p>City of Asheville will continue to implement the recommended service improvements in the transit master plan. Implementation of the Multimodal Transportation Plan vision/long range plan. Meet with Regional Transit Operators to prioritize regional transit projects. Participate in the MPO's regional transit study to be conducted over the next two fiscal years. Attend TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee), and other transit advisory board meetings.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> Implementation of new service per the Transit Master Plan; MPO Regional Transit Study</p>
II-B-3A	<b>Special Studies Operations</b>	
II-B-3B	<b>Corridor Studies Operations</b>	
II-B-3C	<b>Special Studies Pass-Through</b>	

III-A Planning Work Program		
III-A-1	<b>Planning Work Program</b>	<p>Program Administration encompasses a multitude of reporting and managerial functions. Program administration includes monitoring subrecipients planning activities and reporting requirements (drug/alcohol, NTD, FTA, etc.), working with the MPO to develop the UPWP per federal and state requirements, and administering the City's own grants and FTA compliance/reporting, as well as monitoring and overseeing the operations and maintenance contract for fixed-route and paratransit service.</p> <p><b>Work Products:</b> Quarterly and Annual FTA Reports, Completed NTD; Subrecipient Agreements and reports; Drug and Alcohol Reports, etc.</p>
III-A-2	<b>Metrics and Performance Measures</b>	
III-B Transportation Improvement Program		
III-B-1	<b>Prioritization</b>	
III-B-2	<b>Metropolitan TIP</b>	
III-B-3	<b>Merger/Project Development</b>	
III-C Civil Rights Compliance (Title VI) and Other Regulatory Requirements		
III-C-1	<b>Title VI Compliance</b>	<p>Title VI analysis will be conducted for route and fare changes. The City's Title VI plan will be updated in 2020. The City will continue to implement the DBE plan, which includes closely coordinating with the Small and Minority-Owned Business Program. Individual projects involving land use and site design will be evaluated with public mobility issues in mind. Prepare DBE goals and Master Agreement federal requirements for all FTA funded bids.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> 2020-2022 City of Asheville Title VI Plan; DBE project analyses and reports</p>
III-C-2	<b>Environmental Justice</b>	
III-C-3	<b>Minority Business Enterprise Planning</b>	
III-C-4	<b>Planning for Elderly</b>	
III-C-5	<b>Safety/Drug Control Planning</b>	
III-C-6	<b>Public Involvement</b>	
III-C-7	<b>Private Sector Participation</b>	
III-D Statewide and Extra-Regional Planning		
III-D	<b>Statewide and Extra-Regional Planning</b>	

III-E Management and Operations		
III-E	Management, Operations, Program Support Administration	

FTA CODE	TASK CODE	TASK DESCRIPTION	MPO Planning and Admin - PL104			Transit Planning - 5303				STBGDA (Flexed to PL)			FY 2021 STBG Flex Funds for Special Studies			
			Local 20%	Federal 80%	TOTAL	Local (10%)	State (10%)	Federal (80%)	Fund Total	Local	Federal	STBGDA	Project	Local	Federal	Total
	II-A	<b>Data and Planning Support</b>	\$ 7,305	\$29,221	\$ 36,526	\$2,363	\$2,362	\$18,900	\$23,625	\$ 6,566	\$ 26,266	\$ 32,832	TDM Coordinator	\$ 11,935	\$ 47,741	\$ 59,676
44.24.00	II-A-1	Networks and Support Systems	\$ 1,623	\$6,494	\$ 8,117	\$1,890	\$1,890	\$15,120	\$18,900				Regional Transit Feasibility Study	\$ 20,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 100,000
44.23.01	II-A-2	Travelers and Behavior	\$ 2,435	\$9,740	\$ 12,175	\$473	\$472	\$3,780	\$4,725				Asheville Bike Ped Count Equip.	\$ 12,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 60,000
44.23.02	II-A-3	Transportation Modeling	\$ 3,247	\$12,987	\$ 16,234					\$ 6,566	\$ 26,266	\$ 32,832	Waynesville Grnway Feas. Study	\$ 14,400	\$ 57,600	\$ 72,000
													<b>FY 2021 STBG Flex Spec. Studies T</b>	<b>\$ 58,335</b>	<b>\$ 233,341</b>	<b>\$ 291,676</b>
	II-B	<b>Planning Process</b>	\$ 17,046	\$68,182	\$ 85,228	\$740	\$740	\$5,920	\$7,400	\$ 3,283	\$13,133	\$ 16,416				
44.23.02	II-B-1	Targeted Planning	\$ 9,740	\$38,961	\$ 48,702											
44.22.00	II-B-2	Regional Planning	\$ 4,870	\$19,481	\$ 24,351	\$740	\$740	\$5,920	\$7,400							
44.27.00	II-B-3A	Special Studies Operations	\$ 2,435	\$9,740	\$ 12,175					\$ 1,642	\$ 6,566	\$ 8,208				
44.27.00	II-B-3B	Corridor Studies Pilot Operations	\$ -	\$0	\$ -					\$ 1,642	\$ 6,566	\$ 8,208				
44.27.00	II-B-3C	Special Studies Pass-Through	\$ -	\$0	\$ -											
	III-A	<b>Planning Work Program</b>	\$ 3,247	\$12,987	\$ 16,234	\$202	\$203	\$1,620	\$2,025	\$ 3,283	\$ 13,133	\$ 16,416				
44.23.02	III-A-1	Planning Work Program	\$ 2,435	\$9,740	\$ 12,175	\$202	\$203	\$1,620	\$2,025	\$ 1,642	\$ 6,566	\$ 8,208				
44.24.00	III-A-2	Metrics and Performance Measures	\$ 812	\$3,247	\$ 4,058					\$ 1,642	\$ 6,566	\$ 8,208				
	III-B	<b>Transp. Improvement Plan</b>	\$ 16,234	\$64,935	\$ 81,169	\$540	\$540	\$4,320	\$5,400	\$ 8,208	\$32,832	\$ 41,040	Hendersonville Road Corridor Stud	\$ 31,500	\$ 126,000	\$ 157,500
44.25.00	III-B-1	Prioritization	\$ 9,740	\$38,961	\$ 48,702					\$ 6,566	\$ 26,266	\$ 32,832	Tunnel Road Corridor Study	\$ 31,500	\$ 126,000	\$ 157,500
44.25.00	III-B-2	Metropolitan TIP	\$ 1,623	\$6,494	\$ 8,117	\$540	\$540	\$4,320	\$5,400							
44.25.00	III-B-3	Merger/Project Development	\$ 4,870	\$19,481	\$ 24,351					\$ 1,642	\$ 6,566	\$ 8,208				
	III-C	<b>Cvl Rgts. Cmp./Otr .Reg. Reqs.</b>	\$ 8,117	\$32,468	\$ 40,585	\$1,675	\$1,675	\$13,400	\$16,750	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Biltmore Ave Feasibility Study	\$ 40,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 200,000
44.27.00	III-C-1	Title VI Compliance	\$ 1,623	\$6,494	\$ 8,117	\$1,675	\$1,675	\$13,400	\$16,750				Ashev. Pedestrian and Greenwys	\$ 135,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 275,000
44.27.00	III-C-2	Environmental Justice	\$ 812	\$3,247	\$ 4,058								Mud Creek Greenway Feas. Study	\$ 10,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000
44.27.00	III-C-3	Minority Business Enterprise Planning	\$ -	\$0	\$ -											
44.27.00	III-C-4	Planning for the Elderly	\$ 1,623	\$6,494	\$ 8,117											
44.27.00	III-C-5	Safety/Drug Control Planning	\$ -	\$0	\$ -											
44.27.00	III-C-6	Public Involvement	\$ 4,058	\$16,234	\$ 20,292											
44.27.00	III-C-7	Private Sector Participation	\$ -	\$0	\$ -											
	III-D	<b>Statewide &amp; Extra-Regional Planning</b>	\$ 9,740	\$38,961	\$ 48,702	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ 4,925	\$ 19,699	\$ 24,624				
44.27.00	III-D-1	Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning	\$ 9,740	\$38,961	\$ 48,702					4,925	19,699	24,624				
	III-E	<b>Management Ops, Program Suppt Admin</b>	\$ 19,481	\$77,922	\$ 97,403	\$1,980	\$1,980	\$15,840	\$19,800	\$ 19,699	\$26,266	\$32,832				
44.27.00		Management Operations	\$ 19,481	\$77,922	\$ 97,403				\$0	\$ 19,699	\$ 26,266	\$ 32,832				
44.27.00		Program Support Administration	\$ -	\$0	\$ -	\$1,980	\$1,980	\$15,840	\$19,800							
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$81,169</b>	<b>\$324,677</b>	<b>\$ 405,846</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$45,965</b>	<b>\$131,329</b>	<b>\$164,162</b>	<b>FY 2021 STBG Flex Spec. Studies T</b>	<b>\$ 58,335</b>	<b>\$ 233,341</b>	<b>\$ 291,676</b>

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# FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

**WHEREAS**, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization is the regional transportation planning organization for the Asheville Urban Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Board has found that the Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 1607; and

**WHEREAS**, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Board has found the Transportation Planning Process to be in full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI Assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 and 29 U.S.C. 794; and

**WHEREAS**, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Board has considered how the Transportation Planning Process will affect the involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the FHWA and the FTA funded planning projects (Section 1003(b) of ISTEA of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-240), Sec. 105(f), Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2100, 49 CFR part 23); and

**WHEREAS**, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Board has considered how the Transportation Planning Process will affect the elderly and the disabled per the provision of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336, 104 Stat. 327, as amended) and the U.S. DOT implementing regulations (49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38); and

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan has a planning horizon year of 2040 and meets the requirements for an adequate Transportation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization certifies the transportation planning process for the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization on this 26th day of March, 2020

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William Lapsley, FBRMPO Board Chair

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Attest, Tristan Winkler,  
FBRMPO Director

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

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**FRENCH BROAD RIVER**  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FY 2021**

**WHEREAS**, the French Broad River MPO Governing Board has found that the Metropolitan Planning Organization is conducting transportation planning in a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive manner in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C 1607; and

**WHEREAS**, the region has an adopted a 25-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan to the year 2040 that is fiscally constrained and meets federal requirements for metropolitan transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive and continuing transportation planning program must be carried out cooperatively in order to ensure that funds for transportation projects are effectively allocated to the urbanized area; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Asheville has been designated as the recipient of Federal Transit Administration Metropolitan Planning Program funds; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the French Broad River MPO Board agree that the Planning Work Program will effectively advance transportation planning for FY 2021;

**WHEREAS**, members of the French Broad River MPO Board agree that the Federal Transit Administration Narrative related to the 5303 and 5307 provides for an accurate overview of transit planning work to be undertaken with 5303 and 5307 funding in our region during FY 2021;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby adopts the Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 2021.

**ADOPTED:** This the 26th day of March, 2020.

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William Lapsley, FBRMPO Board Chair

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Attest: Tristan Winkler, Director

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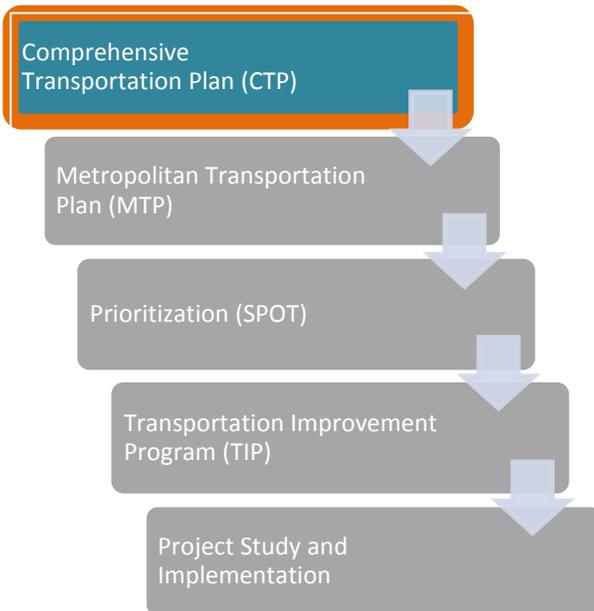
## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 4B:

## Amendments to the FBRMPO CTP

### Very Brief Overview

The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (MTP) is a state-required planning document that is created by NCDOT Transportation Planning Division in cooperation with the MPO and NCDOT Divisions. The CTP primarily lists areas with deficiencies or needs and gives preliminary purpose and needs to prospective projects.



### Update

The FBRMPO's CTP has not been updated since 2008 but a number of projects not listed in the CTP have been requested by local governments. These include:

- Modernization of Blue Ridge Road in Buncombe County
- Improving the intersection of North Main Street and US 25B (Asheville Highway) in Hendersonville
- Upgrading Woodfin Street from College Street to Lexington Avenue in Asheville

Action: Recommend Board Approval for CTP Amendments

## CTP Amendments Resulting from P6.0

The following projects are being considered for submission into the prioritization process, referred to as “SPOT”, and will be considered for funding in the 2023-2032 Transportation Improvement Program. As part of this process, it is required that projects being entered into SPOT are also in the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, or CTP. The French Broad River MPO CTP was adopted in 2008, with the most recent amendments in 2013, and the following projects were not included in the CTP. These amendments consider the need for new projects as priorities and identify needed improvements. The full list of draft SPOT projects is out for public comment from February 26 – March 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information on SPOT, go to: <http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/spot-6-0/>

### Project: Blue Ridge Road

**From:** I-40      **To:** NC 9      **Municipality (County):** Black Mountain (Buncombe)

**Improvement Type:** Modernization

**SPOT/CTP ID:** H171779

**Purpose and Need:** This two-lane facility currently provides a east-west connection in the southern part of Black Mountain, connecting NC 9 to US 70. The roadway has 12’ lanes with a minimal paved shoulder width of 1’. The 2017 AADT volumes were 4,500 with a projected 2045 AADT of 9,900.

The Blue Ridge road interchange project, TIP I-4409, will likely increase volumes on this segment and open the area to further development. The interchange project, in addition to alleviating freight traffic from navigating through Downtown Black Mountain, will include improvements of the section of Blue Ridge road from I-40 to Blue Ridge Assembly Drive. Blue Ridge road has a close proximity to a new access road serving expanding industrial and commercial industries, and there will likely be growing commuter and freight traffic.

Blue Ridge Road should be brought up to current standards with improved shoulders, sidewalks, and intersection improvements, where necessary to address safety and projected congestion concerns. The Black Mountain Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan recommends sidewalks on this section of roadway, in order to connect destinations on NC 9 to the park and destinations on US 70. The Plan also calls for a bike able shoulder (minimum of five feet) or bike lane on the entirety of this segment.

## Project: Woodfin Street

**From:** College Street    **To:** Lexington Ave    **Municipality (County):** Asheville (Buncombe)

**Improvement Type:** Roadway Upgrade

**SPOT/CTP ID:** N/A

**Purpose and Need:** This facility provides a connection between College Street on the east entrance to downtown Asheville and leads towards N. Lexington Avenue in downtown. There are multiple destinations along this corridor including hotels, apartments, churches, and multiple venues. On the eastern section from College Street to Central Avenue, the roadway is a three-lane section with a two-way-center-turn-lane and on street parking. From Central to Lexington, the roadway becomes a four-lane cross section. The road has curb and gutter, with sidewalks on both sides. The 2017 AADT volumes were 7,300.

With volumes anticipated to increase to 13,000 by 2045, this roadway should be brought up to standards to improve safety and address congestion concerns at the intersection of Woodfin and Broadway. Improvements to this section of roadway should fit within the context of a downtown with improvements to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Between 2007 and 2018, 11 pedestrian crashes and one bicycle crash were reported along this section of roadway.

## Project: US 25B/Asheville Highway at North Main Street Intersection

**From:** --    **To:** --    **Municipality (County):** Hendersonville (Henderson)

**Improvement Type:** Intersection Improvement

**SPOT/CTP ID:** H184193

**Purpose and Need:** This intersection is at the convergence of US 25, N. Main Street and N. Church Street with a large amount of traffic being generated from Hendersonville High School. This intersection is just north of downtown Hendersonville and serves as a crucial north-south connection, with 28,500 AADT on Asheville Highway, and 10,000 AADT on N. Main Street, this intersection frequently experiences congestion and can be a major bottleneck to travel north of downtown.

With volumes anticipated to increase by roughly 40% by 2045, congestion and safety concerns at this intersection should be addressed. Given the surrounding context with a school and residential neighborhoods, sidewalk and multimodal infrastructure are important to the intersection design. This intersection is also included in the Blue Ridge Bike Plan for proposed bike lanes, connecting N. Main to US 25 and NC 191.

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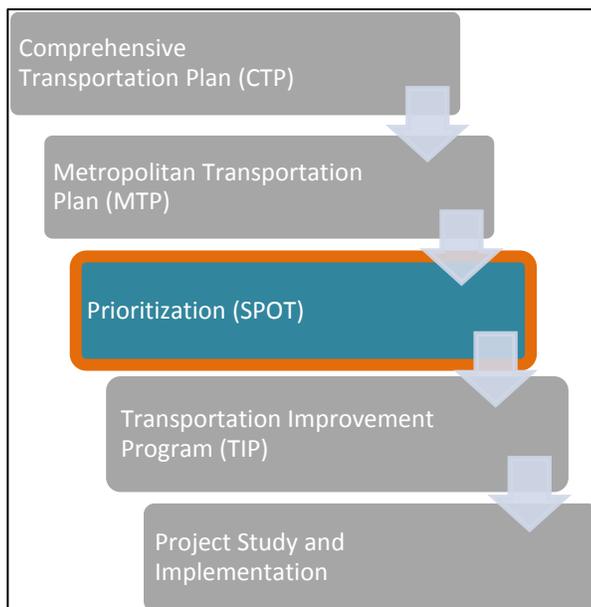
## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 4C:

## Final Project Submittal List for Prioritization

### Very Brief Overview

The Prioritization Process (aka, SPOT) is the process in which the majority of funding decisions are made for transportation improvement projects. North Carolina has a relatively unique process for prioritizing projects that is data-driven and transparent, as mandated by the Strategic Transportation Investments law. MPOs, RPOs, and NCDOT Division work together to develop and prioritize projects across the state with the goal of efficiently using transportation funds to enhance infrastructure while supporting economic growth and local needs.



### What's Happening Now

MPO staff assembled a Draft SPOT Project list from meetings with local government staff as well as the Henderson TAC. Projects that are submitted in the SPOT process will be *under consideration* for funding for the 2023-2032 Transportation Improvement Program. This list of projects will go before the TCC and Board in February, go out for public comment in February, and go back to the TCC and Board for final approval in March. Submittals are due to the SPOT office by the end of April. This is the first major step in the prioritization process to determine what projects will get funded.



### Major Actions in the Prioritization Process

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### General SPOT Schedule

Date	Action
February, 2020	MPO Board Considers Draft Project Submittal List
February 28-March 25	Public Comment on Draft Project Submittal List
March, 2020	Final Project Submittal List Approved
Fall/Winter, 2020	Public Survey on Projects
February, 2021	Project Scores Released, Statewide Mobility Projects Programmed, MPO Local Input
April-May, 2021	Local Input Points Considered for Regional Impact Points
September-October, 2021	Local Input Points Considered for Division Needs Points
February, 2022	Draft STIP Released

### New Submittals- Highway

Buncombe County			
Route	From	To	Improvement
US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	I-40	Overlook Road	Access Management
US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	NC 146 (Long Shoals Road)	NC 280 (Airport Road)	Access Management
US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	Wembley Road	I-240	Road Diet
Blue Ridge Road	I-40	NC 9	Modernization
US 70	Blue Ridge Road	NC 9	Road Diet
US 25A (Biltmore Avenue) & US 25 (McDowell Street)	Hilliard Avenue	All Souls Crescent	Roadway Upgrade
US 70 (Tunnel Road)/US 74A (South Tunnel Road)	The Tunnel	NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road)	Access Management
US 23A (Haywood Road)	State Street, N Louisiana Avenue		Multiple Intersection Improvements
Woodfin Street	College Street	Lexington Avenue	Roadway Upgrade
US 25A (Sweeten Creek Road)	I-40	US 25 (Biltmore Avenue)	Roadway Upgrade
US 70 (Tunnel Road)/US 74A (South Tunnel Road)	I-240	Blue Ridge Parkway	Access Management
US 25/US 19/23B (Weaverville Highway)	Elkwood Avenue	Reems Creek Road	Access Management
US 19/23 (Smokey Park Highway)	I-40	NC 151	Access Management

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### Haywood County

Route	From	To	Improvement
US 19/23	Chestnut Mountain Road	NC 215	Roadway Upgrade
New Clyde Highway	NC 215	Midway Crossings Drive	Access Management
Brown Avenue	Hazelview Drive	Boyd Avenue	Modernization
US 19 (Dellwood Road)	US 276 (Russ Avenue)	US 276 (Jonathan Creek Road)	Access Management

### Henderson County

Route	From	To	Improvement
White Pine Drive & Hebron Road	US 64	Kanuga Road	Modernization
US 25B (Asheville Highway)	North Main Street	-	Intersection Improvement
Fanning Bridge Road	US 25	NC 280	Modernization
Blythe Street	US 64	NC 191	Modernization
Butler Bridge Road	US 25	NC 280	Modernization
Thompson St/Signal Hill Rd/Berkley Rd	US 64 (Four Seasons Blvd)	US 25B (Asheville Highway)	Modernization
Duncan Hill Road	US 64 (Four Seasons Blvd)	North Main Street	Modernization

### Madison County

Route	From	To	Improvement
Bruce Road	North Main Street	Bailey Street	Modernization

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### New Submittals- Bike/Ped

Buncombe County			
Route	From	To	Improvement
Bent Creek Greenway	Hominy Creek Greenway	French Broad River Greenway	Multi-Use Path
Bent Creek Greenway	WNC Farmer's Market	Asheville Outlets	Multi-Use Path
Bent Creek Greenway	French Broad River	Lake Julian	Multi-Use Path
Reems Creek Greenway	Quarry Road	Mill Park	Multi-Use Path
Fonta Flora Trail	Yates Avenue	Black Mountain Town Limits	Multi-Use Path
North Blue Ridge Road	US 70	Fortune Street	Sidewalks
Coxe Avenue	Patton Avenue	Short Coxe	Pedestrian Improvements
Lexington Avenue	Patton Avenue	Southside Avenue	Pedestrian Improvements
Reed Creek Greenway	Magnolia Avenue	Cherry Street	Multi-Use Path
Riverside Drive	Hill Street	I-240	Improve Rail Crossing for Bicyclists
Old Haywood Road	US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	Sidewalks

Haywood County			
Route	From	To	Improvement
Champion Drive	North Canton Road	Thickety Road	Bike Lanes
Richland Creek Greenway	Recreation Park	Haywood High-Tech Center	Multi-Use Path
Allen's Creek Road	Lickstone Road	Piney Mountain Road	Sidewalks
Old Clyde Highway	Blackwell Drive	Greenberry Street	Sidewalks

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Henderson County			
Route	From	To	Improvement
Allen Branch Greenway	US 64	I-26	Multi-Use Path
NC 280	French Broad River	NC 191	Multi-Use Path
Fanning Bridge Road	US 25	Underwood Road	Sidewalks
Oklawaha Greenway Extension	Jackson Park	Blue Ridge Community College	Multi-Use Path
Brooklyn Avenue	NC 225	US 176	Sidewalks
US 64	Orrs Camp Road	Howard Gap Road	Sidewalks
Ecusta Trail	Kanuga Road	Transylvania County Line	Rail-to-Trail

Madison County			
Route	From	To	Improvement
Bailey Street	Bearwood Drive	Forest Street	Sidewalks
Banjo Branch Greenway	Hickory Drive	Banjo Branch Road	Multi-Use Path

### New Submittals- Transit

Transit Agencies	
Project	Sponsor
One expansion vehicle, Transit Station Upgrade, and Four Transit Shelters	Haywood Transit (Mountain Projects)
New Maintenance Facility, Transit Station Upgrade, Expansion Vehicles	City of Asheville

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### Carryover Projects

Projects that are either in the Developmental portion of the TIP (funded for right-of-way in FY 2026 or later) or are considered a “Sibling” of a project in the TIP are automatically resubmitted into the next round of prioritization, unless requested otherwise. Carryover projects do not count towards the MPO’s 25 submittals for each mode.

Carryover Projects in the FBRMPO for P 6.0 Include:

P 6.0 Carryover Projects				
Route	From	To	Improvement	County
I-40	I-240	US 74A	Interchange Improvement	Buncombe
I-40	Porter’s Cove Road	-	Interchange Improvement	Buncombe
I-26	US 25	US 64	Widening	Henderson
I-40	Wiggins Road	Monte Vista Road	Widening	Buncombe
I-40	US 74	NC 215	Widening	Haywood
I-40	NC 215	Exit 37 (Wiggins Road)	Widening	Haywood
Future I-26	US 25	SR 2207	Modernization	Buncombe
Future I-26	SR 2207	South of SR 2148	Modernization	Buncombe
US 19	Fie Top Road	Blue Ridge Parkway	Modernization	Haywood
NC 191	US 25	Mountain Road	Widening	Henderson
NC 191	NC 280	Ledbetter Road	Widening	Buncombe, Henderson

**Action: Recommend the Project Submittal List to the Board for Approval**

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# Item 4D:

## Access Management Presentation

Over the next several months, the MPO plans to have several presentations to go through the meanings and benefits of specific improvement types (SIT) that are submitted to SPOT for prioritization.

The first SIT we'll be discussing is Access Management. The MPO and NCDOT Divisions are planning to submit a number of Access Management projects across the region for SPOT 6.0 (as discussed in Item 4C.) Access management projects largely involve the addition of a median to a roadway to improve safety and can help to alleviate congestion in some circumstances. NCDOT Division 13 staff will present on the topic.

NO Action Required

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# Item 5A:

## Division Project Updates

Division 13 Updates: [http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/D13\\_March.pdf](http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/D13_March.pdf)

Division 14 Updates: [http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/D14\\_March.pdf](http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/D14_March.pdf)

# Item 5B:

## TPD Updates

[http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FBRMPO\\_Newletter\\_2020\\_March.pdf](http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/FBRMPO_Newletter_2020_March.pdf)

# Item 5C:

## FHWA/FTA Updates

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# Item 5D:

## Committee & Workgroup Updates

**Prioritization Subcommittee**—Met on February 4th; next meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>

**Transit Operators' Workgroup**—Met in September; next meeting February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Citizens' Advisory Committee**- Met on January 29<sup>th</sup>; next meeting in April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Recommended Actions:**

Accept the reports.

# Item 5E:

## Legislative Updates