

5310 and JARC Call for Projects: Winter 2020

November 19, 2020

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5310 and JARC Call for Projects, winter 2020

Deadline: December 31, 2020 (Thursday)

5310 Urban Funds

- \$346,676 (FY2020 Asheville area apportionment)
- **\$312,008** after admin

Regional JARC

- \$324,069 (FY2020 Asheville area apportionment plus remaining funds from Spring 2020 Call for Projects)
- **\$290,514** after admin

Who can apply for 5310 and JARC?

- State or local government authority
- Private nonprofit organization
- An operator of public transportation
- Project that serves the Asheville Urbanized Area

FTA Section 5310 Funds

- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- Federal funding administered by FTA
- City of Asheville is the direct recipient
- MPO is responsible for holding call for projects and recommending selected projects

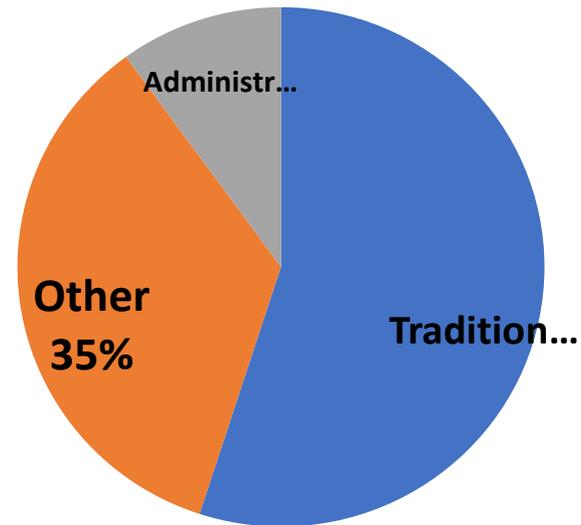


What are 5310 funds?

- The goal of the Section 5310 program is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation and expanding transportation mobility options available.

Types of Projects

- Traditional 5310: at least 55% of projects
- Administration: 10% of total allocation
- Other 5310: up to 45% (only 35% if 10% is set aside for administration)



Traditional 5310

- Rolling stock and related activities for Section 5310-funded vehicles
- Passenger facilities related to Section 5310-funded vehicles
- Lease of equipment when lease is more cost effective than purchase
- Support for mobility management and coordination programs among public transportation providers and other human service agencies providing transportation
- Purchase of transportation service under contract/lease/other



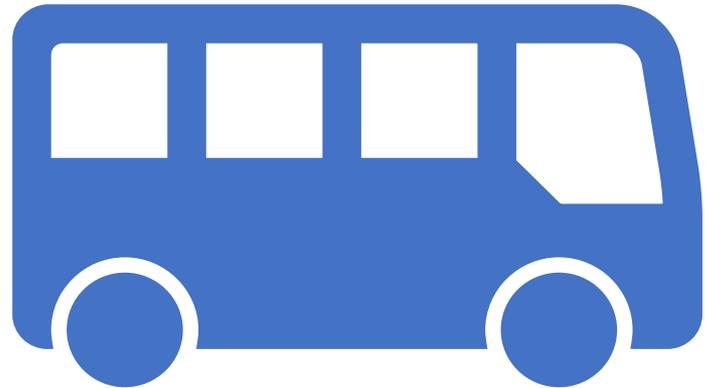
Other 5310

- Public transportation projects that exceed ADA requirements
- Projects that improve accessibility
- Public transportation alternatives that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation



5310 Locally Coordinated Plan Requirement

- All projects must be identified in the Coordinated Public transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (i.e. Locally Coordinated Plan/LCP)
- FBRMPO and LOSRPO 2018 Plan
- State Locally Coordinated Plan may be used as well



CPT-HST Plan Recommendations

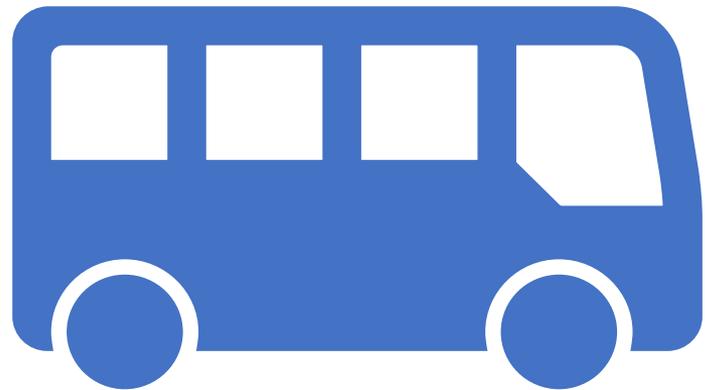
SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

A - 1	Extend hours of service to cover nights, weekends, and holidays
A - 2	Provide short-notice on-demand trips: immediate transportation for non-emergency medical trips
A - 3	Increase the number of bus shelters and/or maintain existing shelters
A - 4	Expand transit service area
A - 5	Increase frequency on fixed routes and develop new fixed route and deviated fixed route service
A - 6	Improve transit facilities (stations and operations facilities)



JARC (Jobs Access Reverse Commute)

- Transportation funds geared towards low-income individuals to jobs and job training.
- Eligible expenses include transit capital and operating expenses with local match required (20% for capital and 50% for operating)
- JARC was consolidated into FTA Section 5307 urban transit funding in 2012, and the FBRMPO Board has approved a 10% JARC set-aside as part of 5307 funds allocated to the Asheville Urbanized Area.



5310 & JARC Timeline

- We need your....



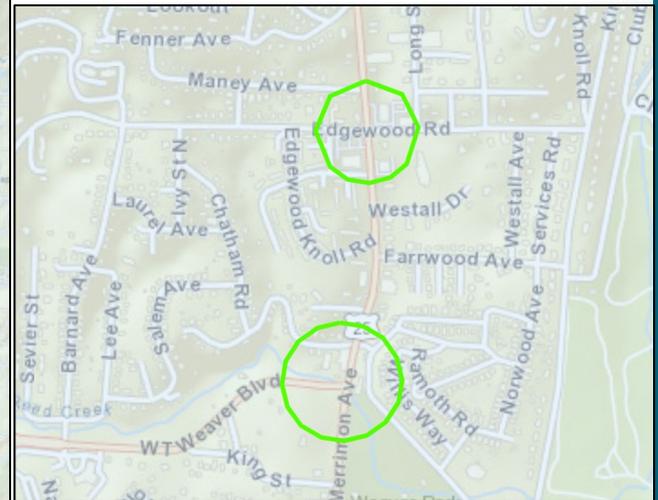
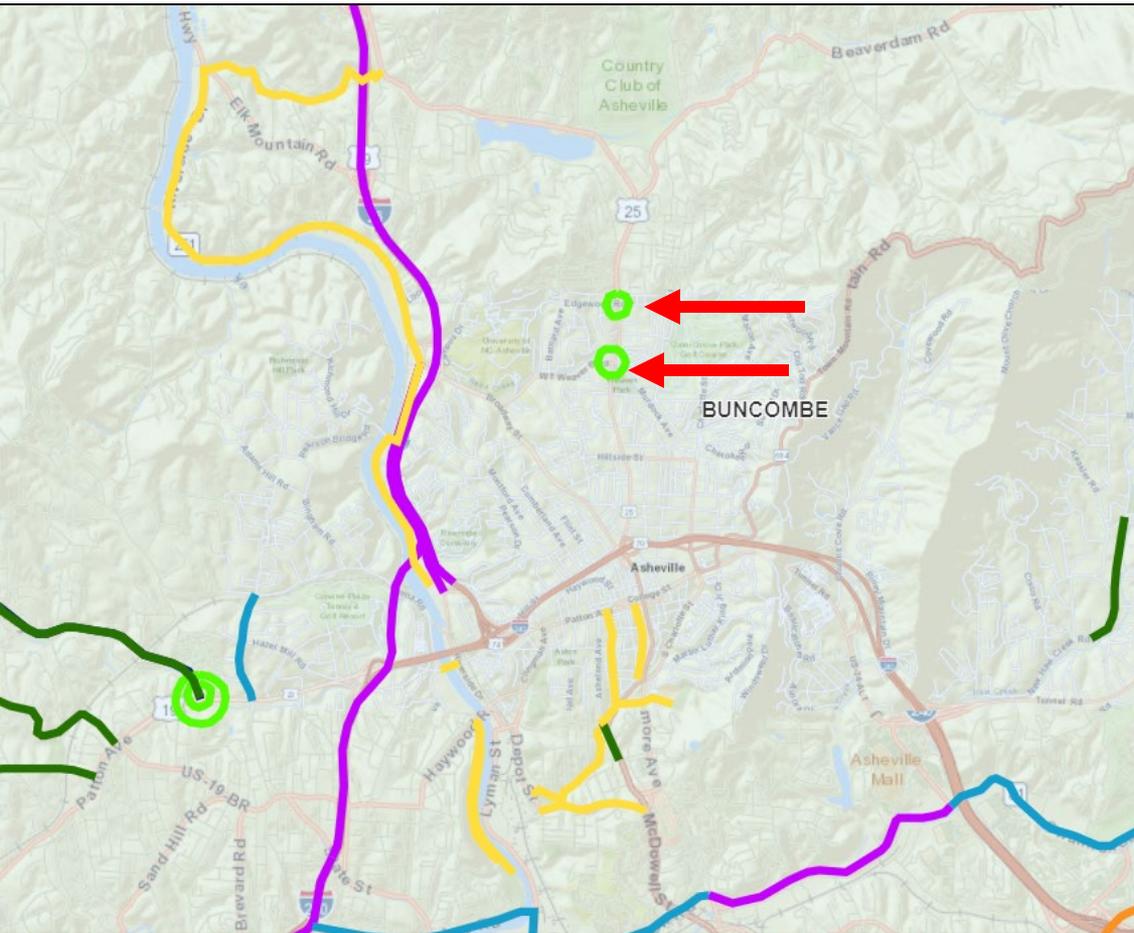
Winter 2020 Call for Projects Timeline

November 20, 2020	5310 and JARC call for projects opens
December 31, 2020	5310 and JARC applications due to FBRMPO
January 2021	FBRMPO Prioritization Subcommittee meets to review the 5310 and JARC applications
January 2021	TCC approves 5310 and JARC project selection
January 2021	MPO Board votes on 5310 and JARC project selection
February 2021	MPO Board approves TIP Amendments for 5310 and JARC projects

Removal of Merrimon Avenue Intersection Projects

November, 2020

Background



AADT- 20,000 – 21,000

Background

- Funded in P 3.0 (to note: we are now in P 6.0)
- Initially envisioned as adding turn lanes to the intersection but congestion analysis led to a proposed five-lane cross-section between the intersections

Proposed Typical Sections: ●



Merrimon Avenue

Public Meeting

NCDOT puts controversial Merrimon Avenue widening on hold after public outcry

Mark Barrett The Citizen-Times

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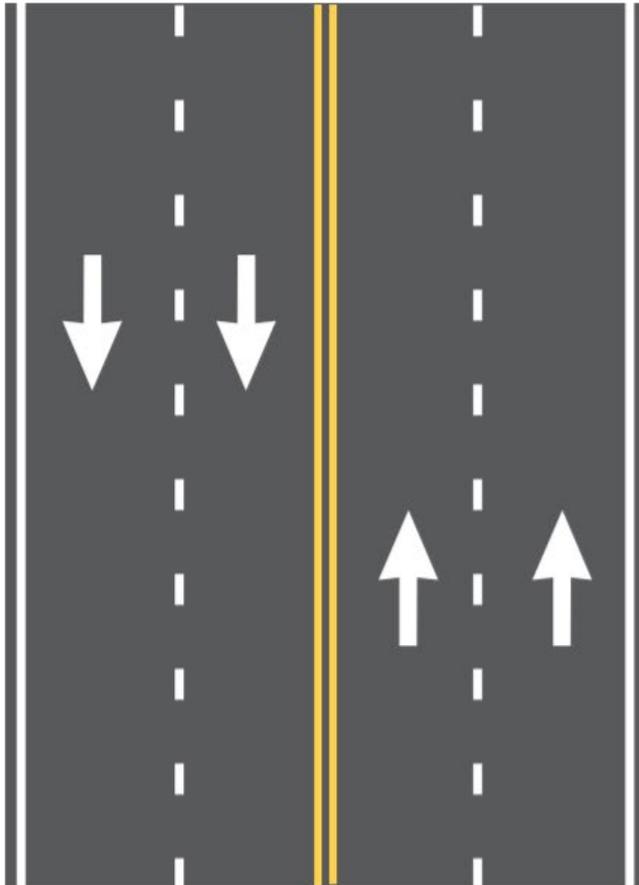
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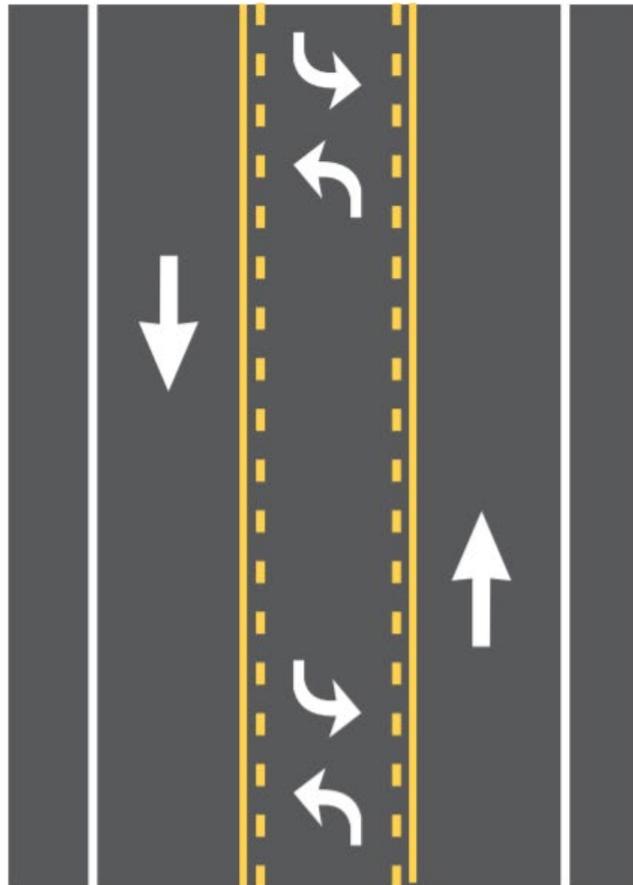
Asheville Citizen-Times

NCDOT/City Efforts

Before



After



- 19-47% reduction in all crashes

Why Remove These Projects from the TIP?

- The funding for these projects cannot just be moved to another project with a very different scope and termini
 - The projects are clearly not supported
 - Pursuing a road diet or other improvements requires more study, reevaluation in the statewide prioritization process
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- Removing These Projects is a Division 13 Recommendation
 - The City of Asheville staff have concurred with the recommendation