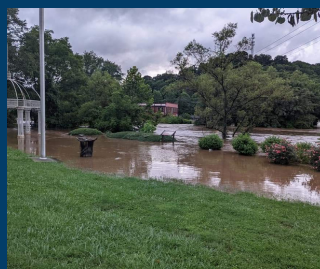


# Transportation Matters: FBRMPO Monthly Update

## Haywood Flood

On August 17, 2021, Haywood County faced some of the worst flooding it's experienced in modern history. The Pigeon River and its tributaries surged in the midst of rain from Tropical Storm Fred. Six people lost their lives; in the unincorporated town of Cruso, 10-15 bridges were damaged or destroyed. According to NCDOT, over 150 sites were damaged. At this time, almost 70% of repair work has been completed, with virtually every site being temporarily or partially permanently repaired. Four bridges will require permanent replacement. Three bridges have been temporarily replaced with pipe culverts and one has been repaired enough to reopen. With the exception of replacement bridges which take time to acquire design and right-of-way for, close to 90% of the damage will be addressed by the first of October. Thank you, NCDOT, for your speedy and thorough emergency response in Haywood County!



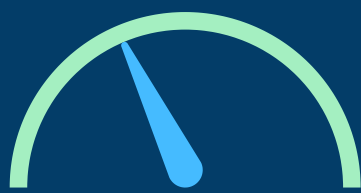
## GET INVOLVED!

The French Broad River MPO is committed to reaching and engaging the public. Stay up-to-date on transportation planning news in the region by following us on Facebook, attending our TCC and Board Meetings, and signing up to be on our "Interested Citizens" list. If you'd like to receive monthly updates or know anyone who might like to, please visit:

<http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/mpo-agenda-signup/>

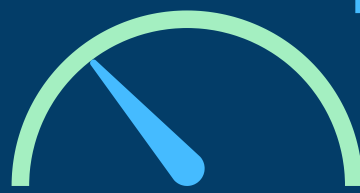


## I-26 Construction Update



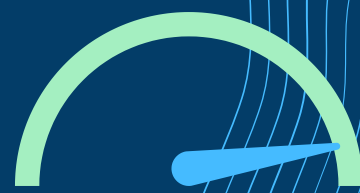
**I-4400BB and I-4400C** : from .05 miles N of US-64 to NC-280 (exit 40)

37% Complete -- 5/31/24 Completion



**I-4700** : from NC-280 (exit 40) to I-40

28.83% Complete -- 4/29/24 Completion



**I-5504**: I-26 / Brevard Rd Interchange modifications and I-26 widening and pavement reconstruction

92.26% Complete -- Summer 2021

## Around the Region

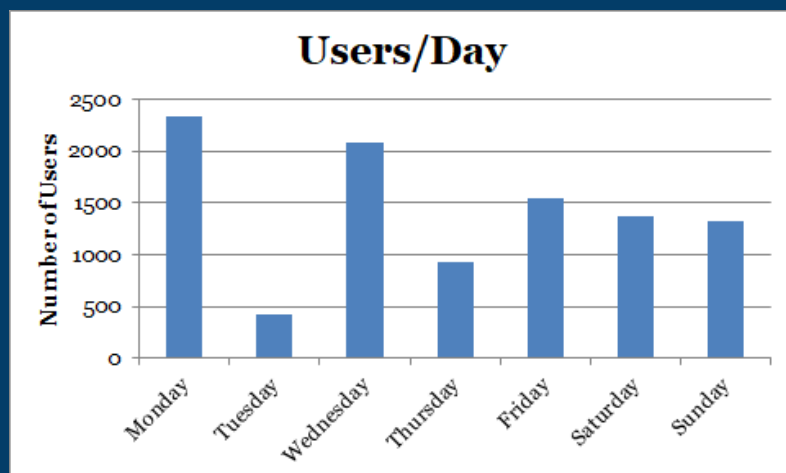
### Fall 2021 Calls for Projects

There will be two opportunities for transit funding this fall. **Section 5310** funds Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities. Eligible applicants include local/state governments, private nonprofits, and public transportation operators. **JARC (Jobs Access Reverse Commute)** provides funds for transportation for low-income individuals to employment. Please visit our [Transit Grants Opportunities](#) page for more information.

Fall 2021 Call for Projects Timeline	
September 27, 2021	5310 and JARC call for projects opens
October 29, 2021	5310 and JARC applications due to FBRMPO
November 2021	FBRMPO Prioritization Subcommittee meets to review the 5310 and JARC applications
November 2021	TCC approves 5310 and JARC project selection
November 2021	MPO Board votes on 5310 and JARC project selection
November 2021	MPO Board approves TIP Amendments for 5310 and JARC projects

### Pedestrian Counters

Over the last few months, the MPO has taken advantage of the summer weather to collect updated pedestrian counts around the region. We have been setting up our Eco-Counter on greenways for weeklong periods to gauge usage on these pathways. So far this summer we have recorded counts in Buncombe, Henderson, and Haywood counties with some interesting counts coming from each area. One of our largest and most surprising counts was in Mills River Park, with the weeklong count being 10,000 users during the last full week of August. Check out the graphic below, showing usage patterns on this popular lunchtime trail. If you ever see our ped counter on your greenway adventures, snap a selfie and tag us @StriveBeyondDrive!



## Upcoming Meetings

- **FBRMPO TCC Meeting:** October 14th at 11am
- **FBRMPO Board Meeting:** October 28th at 1pm
- **CAV Workshop:** December 9th from 1-3pm

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