

## Technical Coordinating Committee

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May 12, 2022 – 11:00 A.M., Hybrid Meeting via Zoom or at Land of Sky Regional Council

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Meeting ID: 82329308398

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### Agenda

1. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING (10 min)**

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  - A. Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda Autumn Radcliff
  
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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3. **CONSENT AGENDA** Autumn Radcliff

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  - A. April, 2022 TCC Minutes
  - B. Modification to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  
4. **BUSINESS (10-20 min)**

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  - A. New LAPP Projects Approval MPO Staff
  
5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (45-60 min)**

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  - A. Draft 2024-2033 STIP NCDOT Staff
  - B. STIP Project Changes NCDOT Staff
  - C. Chestnut Mountain Nature Park Nick Scheuer, Town of Canton
  - D. Corridor Studies MPO Staff
  
6. **REGULAR UPDATES (15 min)**

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  - A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates Mark Gibbs/Wanda Austin 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
  
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (5 min)**

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8. **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING (June 9<sup>th</sup>)**

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9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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# FRENCH BROAD RIVER

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# Item 3:

## Consent Agenda

Item 3A: April, 2022 TCC Minutes

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# Item 3A:

## April, 2022 TCC Minutes

### French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization

Minutes from the TCC Zoom Meeting on April 14, 2022

#### ATTENDANCE:

##### In-person and remote via Zoom:

Elizabeth Teague	Tristan Winkler	John Ridout
Jane Pies (minutes)	Troy Wilson	Steve Williams
Nathan Bennett	Hannah Cook	Stephen Sparks
Daniel Sellers	David Uchiyama	Kim Roney
Matt Baker	Cole Sutton	Adrienne Isenhower
Mark Gibbs	Matthew Cable	Jessica Trotman
Joel Setzer	Chris Medlin	Hannah Bagli
Marshall Williams	Janna Bianculli	Michael Dawson
Daniel Cobb	Steve Cannon	

#### WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Elizabeth Teague called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 11:00 AM. A roll call followed, and quorum was established for conducting the business of the TCC.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Teague called for public comments. No public comments were received.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Elizabeth Teague indicated that the consent agenda included the March 2022 TCC minutes and the Amendment to the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She requested approval of the TCC agenda, as well.

***Janna Bianculli motioned to approve the consent agenda and the TCC agenda, as presented. Steve Williams seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, and without further discussion.***

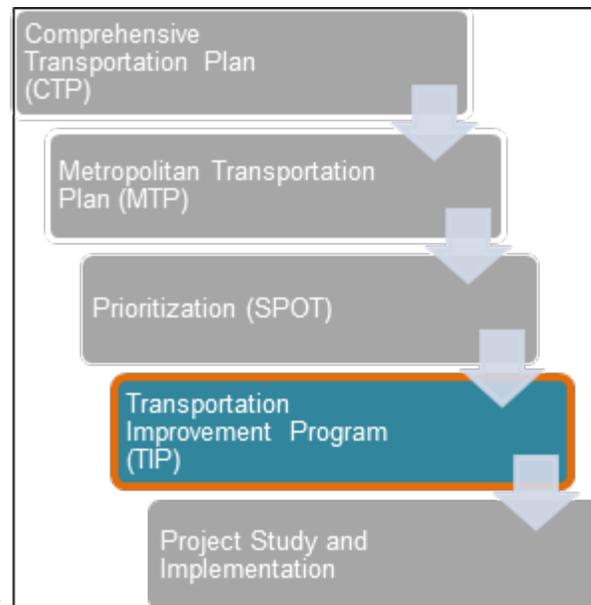
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### BUSINESS

#### Amendments to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



#### Overview

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is our region's document that reflects planned transportation investments over a ten-year period and is required to be in conformity with North Carolina's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The TIP describes each project, a schedule for implementation, funding sources, and estimated costs.

#### TIP Amendments #10 Overview

This round includes amendment delays allowing for additional time for right-of-way and construction, add delays for planning and design and construction, delays for additional time for preliminary engineering, delay construction, add utilities not previously programmed, cost increases in excess of \$2 million (\$2,000,000) threshold. In addition, there are amendments for additional funds for transit projects, modify funds for transit projects as well as program bridge repair projects. New projects are currently being added in this round.

These amendments are currently posted for public review and comment on the [TIP page](#) of the MPO website.

MPO Staff presented on the amendments to the 2020-2029 TIP. Tristan Winkler asked if there are any specific items causing the cost increases with the I-2513 project or if they are just general cost increases. Steve Cannon with NCDOT Division 13 shared that they are mostly general increases such as right-of-way and real estate costs trending upward.

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***Daniel Sellers moved to accept the Amendments to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and request approval by the Board as presented. Hannah Cook seconded the motion with passed unanimously by a roll call vote.***

### Amendments to the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

#### **What is a UPWP?**

The UPWP is a federally mandated document for MPO's to produce that serves the MPO's budget. This includes line items of work for MPO staff, planning work planned by the region's designated recipient for FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds (City of Asheville), as well as studies being carried out using federal planning funds, and any programmatic support or planning being funded by FTA 5307 Support.

#### **Amendment Summary**

This amendment to the FY 2023 UPWP would add two special studies at the recommendation of the Prioritization Subcommittee:

- Patton Avenue Corridor Study (City of Asheville, \$222,000 in federal funds)
- Fonta Flora Greenway Study (Town of Black Mountain, \$28,000 in federal funds)

These studies would be in addition to other special studies already programmed:

- 2050 Regional Socio-Economic Projections (FBRMPO)
- Buncombe County Multimodal Master Plan (Buncombe County)
- Reed Creek Greenway Extension Study (City of Asheville)
- Haywood County Greenway Master Plan (already started)

NOTE: NCDOT has requested additional conversations about the Patton Avenue Corridor Study take place before initiating the study. Approval of these amendments should not conflict with that request.

***Lucy Crown moved to recommend for approval by the Board the Amendments to the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as presented. Janna Bianculli seconded the motion which passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.***

### Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) – Additional Funding

#### *What is JARC?*

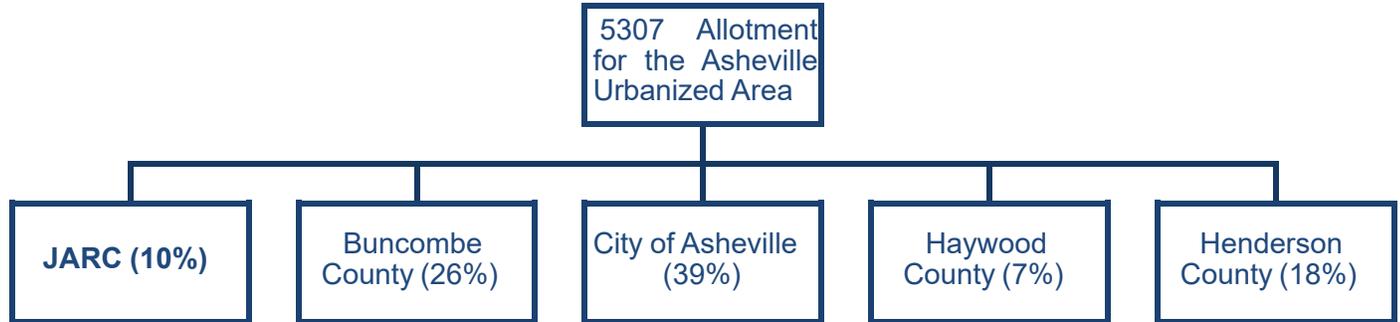
Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) is a former stand-alone FTA program that provided transit funding for projects connecting urban workers with suburban and rural employment opportunities via transit. The JARC program was consolidated with FTA 5307 (Urban Transit Formula Funds) as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) transportation law that was passed in 2012. Since then the French Broad River MPO has elected to set-aside 10% of the region's 5307 allotment to hold a call for JARC projects.

### *5307 Transit Funding Distribution in the French Broad River MPO*

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### Funding Item

The MPO TCC and Board previously passed the allotment of JARC funds for projects requested from the City of Asheville for its Route 170 to Black Mountain as well as another project from Friends of Land of Sky to start a Recovery to Work Vanpool program that would provide rides from halfway homes and recovery centers to employment opportunities not currently on a transit line.

However, what was approved did not program the full amount of JARC that was available. The Prioritization Subcommittee and Regional Transit Operators met and recommended that the remaining funding of \$82,404 be programmed to the two projects to the extent they could be utilized. At its April meeting the Prioritization Subcommittee recommended the MPO's JARC funding be programmed as follows:

Program	Initial Award	Additional Award	Total Allotment
City of Asheville JARC Program	\$231,558	\$72,404	\$303,962
Friends of Land of Sky Vanpool Program	\$30,000	\$10,000	\$40,000

This programming would allow Friends of Land of Sky to purchase additional insurance coverage for the vanpool program and provide greater flexibility for the City of Asheville to utilize the funding for qualifying routes rather than one specific route.

***Lucy Crown moved to recommend for approval by the Board the additional funding for the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) projects. Nathan Bennett seconded the motion which passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.***

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### Changes to TIP/STIP Projects

As a result of TIP/STIP projects being overprogrammed, NCDOT engaged the MPO and local partners last fall to determine any projects that could be scaled back in scope or segmented in order to reduce costs and potentially give projects a better chance of remaining committed in the upcoming 2024-2033 TIP/STIP. NCDOT is currently in the process of getting approvals and/or

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updated cost estimates to proceed with scope changes and segmentation for consideration in developing the new (S)TIP.

Steve Cannon, NCDOT, Division 13, started a presentation with the background of the 2024-2033 STIP and its being overprogrammed. As of October 2021, Statewide programs are overbudgeted \$4.07B, Region G projects are overbudgeted by \$1.07B and Division 13 programs are overbudgeted \$389.9M. To bring down budgets, NCDOT reviewed scope and cost estimate goals in order to reduce costs for Division 13 projects by approximately \$330M (minimum), to allow additional new projects in SPOT 7.0 (STIP 2026-2033), and to make them subject to STI Prioritization Workgroup recommendations for developing the 2024-2033 STIP. The Division held scope and estimate review meetings (including participation by local Municipalities, MPO/RPO/s and NCDOT) for 29 projects, 13 of which are in the FBRMPO area. Three of the projects with revised estimates have a combined savings of \$53.6M.

The following lists the FBRMPO Projects Reviewed:

A-0010AA	I-26	Anticipate new estimate June 2022
B-4442	I-26 Bridges over Reems Creek	\$4.6M in savings
I-4409	Blue Ridge Rd interchange	Anticipate new estimate June 2022
U-2801A	Sweeten Creek Rd	Anticipate new estimate June 2022
U-3403B	NC 191	Maintaining current estimates due to project estimates
U-4739	Amboy Rd	\$37.3M in savings
U-5832	Swannanoa River Rd	Anticipate new estimate December 2022
U-5837	Riceville Rd	\$11.9M in savings
U-5972	New Leicester Highway	Estimate in process
U-6046	Swannanoa River Rd	Estimate in process, low priority given project schedule
U-6047	Sardis Rd	Anticipate new estimate April 2022
U-6162	North Louisiana Avenue	Maintaining current estimates due to project schedule
U-6163	Mills Gap Rd at Cane Creek Rd	Maintaining current estimates due to project schedule

Tristan Winkler asked about proposed changes to U-2802A (Sweeten Creek Rd), A-0010A (I-26) and U-3403B (Brevard Rd) projects. Per NCDOT, for Sweeten Creek Road one of the primary items being looked at is to reduce the typical section. Is a 4-lane divided highway needed now or could it be reduced to a 3-lane with a center turn lane? Currently the latter doesn't look feasible, but it is being reevaluated and discussions are continuing. A-0010A doesn't have as much flexibility in design as it has to meet interstate standards. Estimates will hopefully be revised after a closer look is taken at more current information. With U-3403B, there are environmental constraints.

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Discussion occurred as to if Division 13 is looking at any infrastructure grants from the Federal Government to help with projects such as I-26. Per NCDOT, not currently, but they will be. Tristan Winkler stated that NCDOT will be potentially going after a mega-grant for at least part of the I-26 project. The question was asked if as the Complete Street policies roll out, how will this impact the cost of existing projects. Steve Cannon stated that revisions at this point should not change the scope of these projects, as multi-modal information was already considered for these projects.

Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14 Engineer, spoke on changes for two projects: U-6172 and R-5921. For U-6172, the change is from a proposed third lane on the west-bound side to going back to what was originally there, two lanes east-bound and two lanes west-bound. Focus will be placed on addressing safety of crossovers. Attention is also being placed on splitting projects up within this main project, namely splitting off the Blue Ridge Parkway section and focusing on crossings and left turns on the Parkway. With R-5921, a roundabout that was proposed near Cove Creek Road has been eliminated and project limits were pulled back slightly, saving \$1.75M. Tristan Winkler asked about the change of limits in the R-5921 project and feedback that was received. Steve Williams stated that the decision was made by upper NCDOT management and that there has been some negative feedback.

***Information only. No action required***

### Merrimon Avenue Proposed Road Diet

Tristan Winkler presented that the Complete Streets Policy was initially adopted in 2012 and further refined in 2019. "The purpose of this policy is to guide existing decision making and design processes to ensure that all users are included during the planning, design, construction, funding, operation and maintenance of North Carolina's transportation network, and will not create barriers or hazards to the movements of those users."

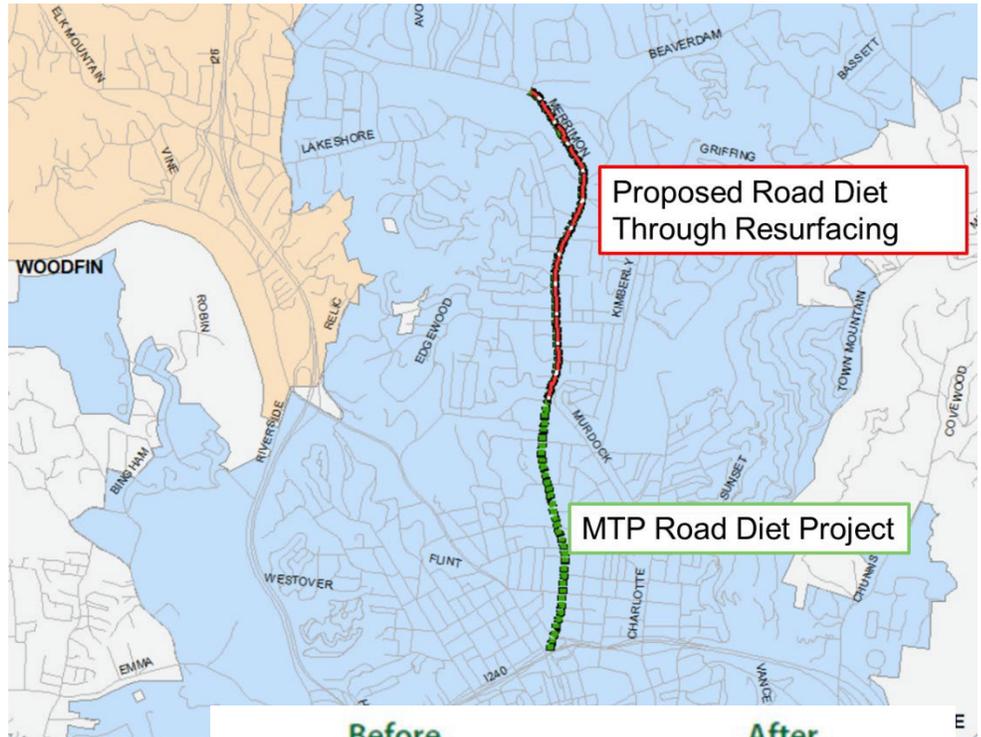
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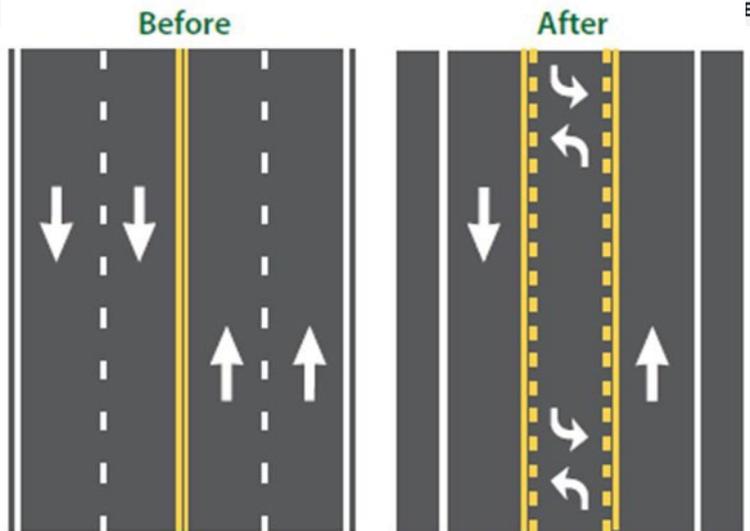
### Summary

- NCDOT plans to resurface US 25 through Asheville from Southside Avenue to Midland Drive
- A road diet is being considered to be implemented as part of the resurfacing from WT Weaver Boulevard to Wembley Drive (the current termini of the four-lane cross-section.)



### Road Diet Benefits & Considerations

- Generally, a reduction in vehicular travel lanes to make room for other purposes or modes
- FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasure
  - 19-47% reduction in total crashes
  - Reduction of rear-end and left-turn crashes due to the dedicated left-turn lane
  - Reduced right-angle crashes
  - Fewer lanes for pedestrians to cross
  - Opportunity to add bike lanes, parking, additional pedestrian space
  - More consistent speeds
  - Mitigate queues associated with left turning
- Typically implemented on roads with 25,000 AADT or less



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Tristan Winkler shared that in 2020, the section north of WT Weaver had 31 recorded bicycle and pedestrian crashes, a 150% crash rate of similar roadway segments. Several intersections on Merrimon with safety issues were identified in NCDOT HSIP reports between 2017-2021 including just north of Beaverdam, Ottari Road, Maney Avenue, Edgewood Road, Westall Drive, Murdock Avenue, Coleman Avenue, Hillside Drive, Woodrow Avenue and Merrimon Drive.

### Planning Background

- 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
  - HR4519- Road Diet on Merrimon Avenue from I-240 to Wembley Drive
  - 2045 Travel Demand Model includes Merrimon Avenue as a three-lane roadway
  - Adopted in 2020
- Congestion Management Process
  - Recommends improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure for Merrimon
  - Recommends a relaxed level of service for evaluating congestion (Level of Service E)
  - Identifies the area around Merrimon Avenue as a “Walkable Urban Place”
  - Adopted in 2018
- Safety Performance Targets
  - The MPO and NCDOT are not meeting targets for reducing roadway fatalities, roadway fatality rate, roadway serious injuries, roadway serious injury rates, or non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries
  - (Re)adopted in 2022

### Background & History

Two intersection improvement projects were funded at WT Weaver Boulevard and Edgewood Drive (U-5781 & U-5782) in 2014 as part of SPOT 3.0. These projects were initially programmed to add and extend turn lanes to each of the intersections to alleviate congestion. Public meetings were held in 2018 that revealed a need to extend turn lanes from Edgewood and WT Weaver Boulevard that essentially created a five-lane cross-section between the two intersections. The public response was not positive, and the projects were later removed from the (S)TIP in 2020.

Out of the two deprogrammed intersection improvement projects, NCDOT initiated a study to look at the feasibility of a road diet on Merrimon Avenue, engaging City of Asheville staff, MPO staff, members of the Asheville Multimodal Commission, and other community stakeholders to look at issues and opportunities. An [express design](#) and [traffic forecast](#) were completed as part of the study.

For public information and feedback, a public meeting was held by City of Asheville staff and NCDOT in March 2022. An online survey was provided as well. In total, the feedback was generally split with somewhat more positive than negative feedback for implementing a road diet.

Discussions are continuing between NCDOT and the City of Asheville regarding funding needs and other considerations to implement a road diet on Merrimon as part of a resurfacing project.

### Potential Delay

As part of the traffic forecast completed by NCDOT, estimated intersection delay was evaluated with three different scenarios: no-build, road diet without additional improvements, and a road diet

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with additional improvements (to be completed at a later time.) Below shows the estimated overall intersection delay at key intersections along the corridor (in seconds) for traffic in 2045.



Source: [Storymap via City of Asheville](#).

Hannah Cook stated the primary goal of the department is to make transportation safer. Complete Streets aims to aid safety across all transportation modes. Implementing a road diet in conjunction with a resurfacing project provides an opportunity to install a low-cost solution rather quickly but there are limitations as it is a maintenance project. NCDOT is in support of pursuing capital funding for additional improvements that need to be made.

### **Next Steps**

Hannah Cook shared that NCDOT and the City of Asheville are continuing to collaborate on reaching a decision of whether to implement a road diet through resurfacing or not. There was great participation in the public survey following the public open house at the end of February. NCDOT is still working to compile the data that was gathered and anticipate releasing the results in the next week or two. Decisions made by the department are a combination of public input, data driven analysis, shared goals with the MPO and the City. Scheduling issues may delay the decision on the project until mid-May.

Discussion occurred that if the road diet doesn't happen, would there still be consideration for fixing the sidewalks with the resurfacing? Per Hannah Cook, it would have to come from an additional funding source or as it is outside of the scope of the maintenance project. The question was asked if consideration was given to possibly lowering the speed limit on Merrimon as a safety measure for pedestrians and cyclists. It has come up in meetings, but no decision has been made. It would most likely happen after implementing the road diet, Hannah Cook stated.

**Information only. No action required.**

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### REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- Division 13 Updates:  
<https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/D13-Construction-April-2022-combined.pdf>
- Division 14 Updates: [https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/042022\\_Div14\\_FBRMPO\\_ComprehensiveProjDev-combined.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/042022_Div14_FBRMPO_ComprehensiveProjDev-combined.pdf)
- Transportation Planning Division updates were provided
- FHWA/FTA Updates were provided
- FBRMPO Committee & Workgroup Updates:
  - Prioritization Subcommittee – met April 6<sup>th</sup>; next meeting May 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Transit Operators Workgroup – met January 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 5307 Subrecipient– next meeting TBD
  - Citizen’s Advisory Committee – met April 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Hellbender Trail Stakeholder Group – last meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup>; next meeting May 5<sup>th</sup>

### Additional Items:

- USDOT Multimodal Discretionary Grant Open Through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/multimodal-project-discretionary-grant-notice-funding-opportunity>
- USDOT Raise Grant Open Through April 14<sup>th</sup>. Information here: <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-nofo>
- USDOT Safe Streets for All Program expected to open in May. Preliminary information here: [https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022\\_03/Safe-Streets-and-Roads-for-All-Fact-Sheet\\_March-2022.pdf](https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022_03/Safe-Streets-and-Roads-for-All-Fact-Sheet_March-2022.pdf)
- FHWA Provided a Report to Congress on Complete Streets. The report is available here: <https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-03/Complete%20Streets%20Report%20Congress.pdf>
- USDOT released the National Roadway Safety Strategy in January. The guidance is available here: <https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS>
- FTA FY 2022 Funding Apportionments available here: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/current-apportionments>
- Legislative updates were provided by MPO staff.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Teague opened the second public comment period. No public comments were received.

### ADJOURNMENT

Elizabeth Teague adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.

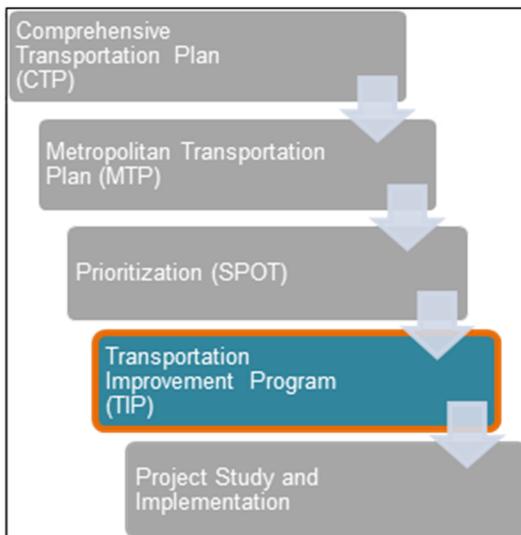
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French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization planning (PL) supplement. Increase programmed in FY23 from \$270,000 to \$560,000 and the local match from \$67,000 to \$140,000

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS IN THE 2020-2029 FBRMPO TIP - MAY 2022

PROJECT / TIP ID (Sorted A-Z)	ROUTE(S)	DIVISION(S)	COUNTY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TIP Amendment Detail	TOTAL COST (in thousands)	ACTIVITY	FUNDING	COST (in thousands)										POST YEARS		
									2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029			
U-5616		13, 14	BUNCOMBE, HENDERSON, HAYWOOD, MADISON, TRANSLYVANIA	FRENCH BROAD RIVER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION PLANNING (PL) SUPPLEMENT.	INCREASE PROGRAMMED IN FY23 FROM 250,000 TO 270,000 AND THE LOCAL MATCH FROM 65,000 TO 67,000	5	3,938	PLANNING	BGDA	587	250	250	560	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	
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(1) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
I - Interstate
R, A, X - Rural
M - Special
U - Urban
B - Bridge Replacement
AV - Aviation
E - Enhancements, Call
EB - Bicycle & Pedestrian
EL - Local
ER - Roadside
S -
EE - Mitigation
K - Rest Area
L - Landscape
P, SB - Passenger Rail
SR - Safe Routes to School
W, SI, SF - Highway Safety
Y, Z - Railroad-Highway Crossings
F - Ferry
FS - Feasibility Study
T - Public Transportation

(2) FUNDING KEY FOR HIGHWAY FUNDING SOURCES
APD - Appalachian Development
BA - Bonus Allocation
BG - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Uncategorized)
BG5200 - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (5K - 200K)
BGAN - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Any Area)
BGBA - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Bonus Allocation)
BGDA - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)
BGIM - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Interstate Maintenance)
BGLTS - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Less than 5K)
BGOFF - Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Off System Bridge)
BOND (R) - Revenue Bond
CMAQ - Congestion Mitigation
DP - Discretionary
ER - Emergency Relief Funds
FLAP - Federal Lands Access Program
FLTP - Federal Lands Transportation Program
HFB - Highway Fund Bridge
HP - Federal-Aid High Priority
HSIP - Highway Safety Improvement Program
L - Local
NHFP - National Highway Freight Program
NHP - National Highway Performance Program
NHPB - National Highway Performance Program (Bridge)
NHPBA - National Highway Performance Program (Bonus Allocation)
NHPIM - National Highway Performance Program (Interstate Maintenance)
O - Other
S - State
S (M) - State Match
T - State Highway Trust Funds
TA - Transportation Alternatives Program (Uncategorized)
TA5200 - Transportation Alternatives Program (5K - 200K)
TAANY - Transportation Alternatives Program (Any Area)
TADA - Transportation Alternatives Program (Direct Attributable)
TALTS - Transportation Alternatives Program (Less than 5K)

(3) FUNDING CATEGORY
DIV - Division Need
EX - Exempt
HF - State Dollars (Non-STI)
REG - Regional Impact
SW - Statewide Mobility
TRN - Transition Project

(4) WORK TYPE (ACTIVITY)
A - Acquisition
C - Construction
CB - Construction (BUILD NC)
CG - Construction (GARVEE)
F - Feasibility Study
G - Grading and Structures
I - Implementation
L - Landscaping
M - Mitigation
O - Operations
P - Paving
PE - Preliminary Engineering
R - Right of Way
RB - Right of Way (BUILD NC)
RG - Right of Way (GARVEE)
S - Structure
U - Utilities

## **Staff Report & Recommendations**

# Item 4A:

## **New LAPP Project Approval**

### **LAPP Project Selection**

The initial funding amounts for the 2022 STBG-DA and TAP-DA call for projects in the French Broad River MPO region is \$11,042,000 for STBG-DA and \$2,945,000 for TAP-DA totaling \$13,987,000. Funding amounts are available for FY 2027 and FY 2028.

Since the call for projects was released, additional funding from the bipartisan infrastructure bill has increased the estimated amount of funding available for this call for projects. The new total amount available is now \$22,392,000 (17,179,000 in STBG-DA and \$5,213,000 for TAP-DA) - an increase of \$8,405,000.

#### Action Item:

1. Recommend Projects for funding to the MPO Board

Item of note: In Previous rounds of LAPP funding call for projects, previous projects that were funded for construction have been historically considered for funding prior to the scoring process (Example: NorthRAD Greenway in 2020). Thus, existing projects would receive first consideration. In this round, due to the significant funding needed (\$7.6 Million) for the Woodfin Greenway, it was requested that the Greenway undergo the application/scoring process. The Prioritization Subcommittee recommended funding the Woodfin Greenway additional funding within the confines scoring methodology.

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### 1. Recommended Projects

#### LAPP Project Selection Staff Ranking

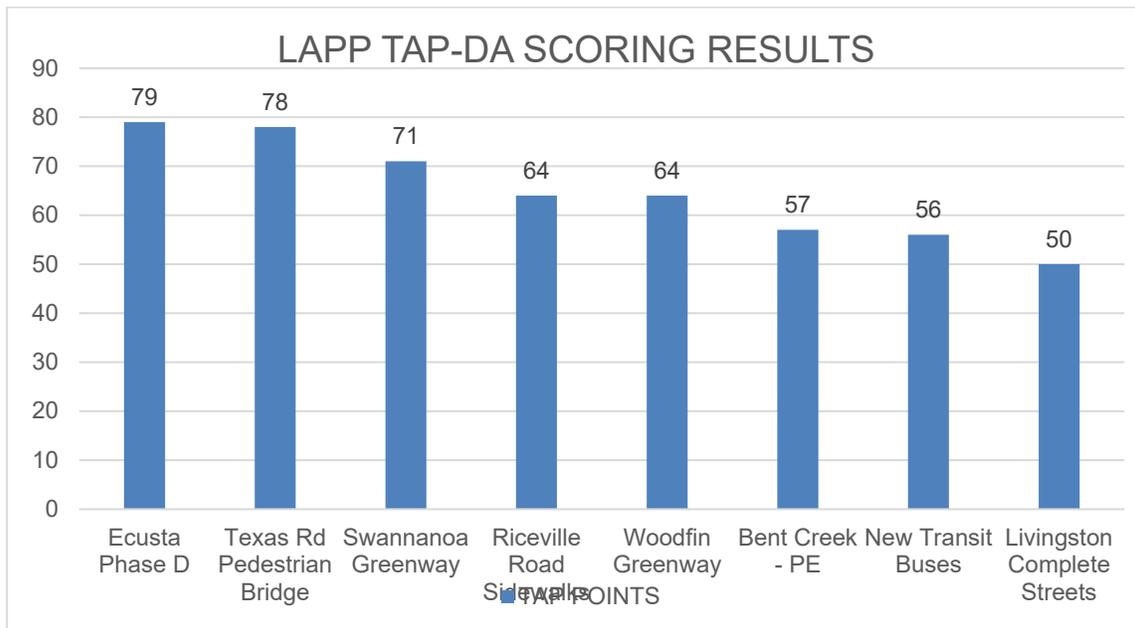
STBG Scoring Rank	Local Government	Project	Federal Funds Requested	Local Cost Share	Total
6th	City of Asheville	Transit Buses	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000
2nd	City of Asheville	Swannanoa Greenway	\$2,500,000	\$3,600,000	\$6,100,000
8th	City of Asheville	Livingston Complete Street	\$5,136,917	\$1,284,230	\$6,421,147
4th	NCDOT 13	Riceville Road Sidewalks	\$830,000	\$220,000	\$1,050,000
3rd	Town of Montreat	Texas Bridge	\$152,800	\$38,200	\$191,000
5th	Buncombe County	Woodfin Greenway	\$7,636,457	\$1,909,115	\$9,545,572
6th	Buncombe County	Bent Creek South PE	\$600,000	\$150,000	\$750,000
1st	Henderson County	Ecusta Phase D	\$10,467,234	\$2,616,809	\$13,084,043
			<b>\$29,323,408</b>	<b>\$10,318,354</b>	<b>\$39,641,762</b>

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LAPP Project Selection based on the TAP-DA methodology resulted in Ecusta Phase D as the highest scoring project (Ecusta is also the highest scoring STBG-DA project). Since Ecusta Phase D exhausts the TAP-DA funding, staff recommends funding part of Ecusta with the entire of the TAP-DA allotment and fund the remaining through the STBG-DA funding pot and then rank/score the remaining projects through the STBG-DA scoring method.

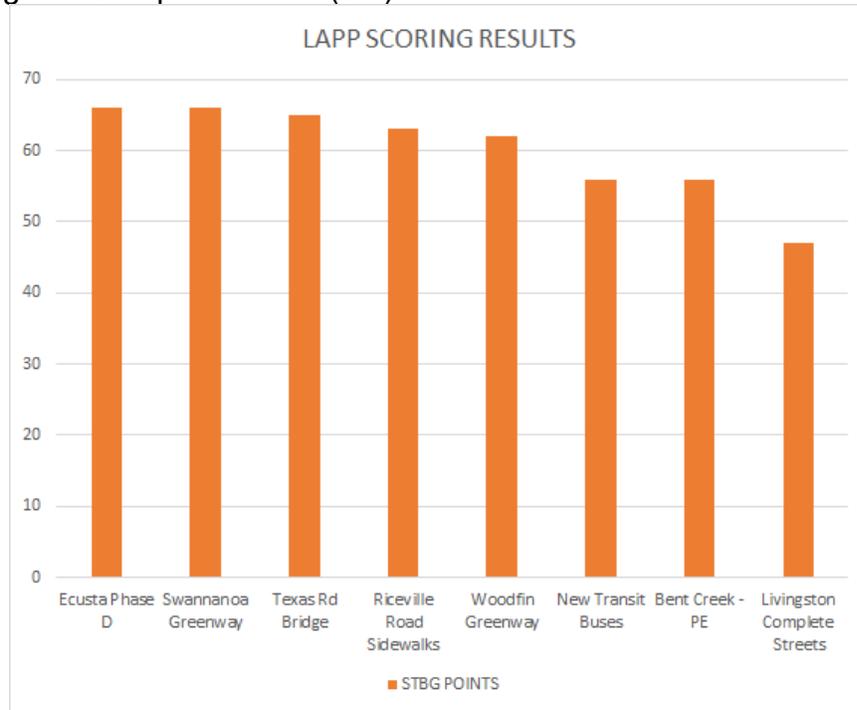


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The STGB-DA scoring methodology resulted in Ecusta Phase D And Swannanoa Greenway being the highest rated projects, Texas Bridge Road Pedestrian Bridge (3rd), Riceville Road Sidewalks (4th), Woodfin Greenway (5th), New Transit Buses for ART (6th- tie), Bent Creek Greenway (6th – tie), and then Livingston Complete Street (8th).



### Staff Recommendation

French Broad River MPO recommends funding:

- Ecusta Phase D (Henderson County)
- Swannanoa Greenway (City of Asheville)
- Texas Road Pedestrian Bridge (Town of Montreat)
- Riceville Sidewalks (NCDOT Division 13)
- Woodfin Greenway Additional Funding Request
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Available	\$22,392,000
Selected	\$21,586,491
Balance Remaining:	\$805,509

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# Item 5A:

## Draft 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The Draft 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was made available to MPOs and RPOs on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The portion of the STIP that includes projects in the French Broad River MPO is available here: <https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/D13-Construction-May-2022-combined.pdf>

### General Background

The 2024-2033 STIP reflects the need to right-size the State's transportation budget, currently more than \$8 billion overprogrammed. This process involves determining what projects would remain committed within the STIP and what currently-committed projects would be de-committed and subject to future rounds of prioritization. This approach should facilitate a more reliable STIP and enable more funding to be available for future rounds of prioritization.

### Project Breakdown by Funding Tier

#### Statewide Mobility

Statewide Mobility Committed	\$967,483,000
Statewide Mobility Decommited	\$241,976,000

Projects In		Projects Out	
TIP ID	Project	Project	TIP ID
I-2513B	I-26 Connector (Haywood to Broadway)	I-26 Connector (I-26/I-40/I-240 Interchange Final Improvements)	I-2513C
I-4759	Liberty Road (New Interchange on I-40)	I-26/US 64 Interchange	I-4400BA
I-2513AA	I-26 Connector (I-40 Improvements & Maintenance)		

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### Regional Impact

<b>Regional Impact Committed</b>	\$293,719,000
<b>Regional Impact Decommited</b>	\$730,992,000

Projects In		Projects Out	
TIP ID	Project	Project	TIP ID
I-2513AB	I-26 Connector (Partial I-26/I-40/I-240 Interchange Improvements)	Future I-26 Widening	A-0010AA
I-2513AC	I-26 Connector (Widening from I-40 to Haywood)	US 25A (Sweeten Creek Road) Widening	U-2801A
U-5783	US 64 Improvements (Laurel Park)	NC 191 (Brevard Road) Widening	U-3403B
U-6049	South Main Street Bridge Widening (Hendersonville)	NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) Access Management	U-5972
		NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) and US 19 (Patton Avenue) Intersection Improvements	U-5971B
		NC 280 (Boylston Highway) Access Management	U-6124
		US 25 (Weaverville Highway) and New Stock Road Intersection Improvements	U-5973

### Division Needs (Division 13)

<b>Division 13 Needs Committed</b>	\$302,024,000
<b>Division 13 Needs Decommited</b>	\$136,801,000

Projects In		Projects Out	
TIP ID	Project	Project	TIP ID
I-4409	I-40/Blue Ridge Road New Interchange	NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road) Improvements (Biltmore to S Tunnel)	U-5832
I-2513D	NC 251 (Riverside Drive) Improvements (Hill Street to Broadway)	Riceville Road Improvements	U-5837
U-5834	Mills Gap Road Widening	NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road) Improvements (S Tunnel to Tunnel)	U-6046
U-6163	Mills Gap Road @ Cane Creek Road Intersection Improvements	N Louisiana Avenue Improvements (Patton to Emma)	U-6162
U-4739	Amboy/Meadow Road Improvements		
U-6047	Sand Hill/Sardis Road Widening		
EB-5919	McDowell/Choctaw Pedestrian Improvements		
EB-5822	North RAD Greenway		
EB-5965	Deaverview Road Sidewalks		

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### Division Needs (Division 14)

<b>Division 14 Needs Committed</b>	\$267,674,000
<b>Division 14 Needs Decommited</b>	\$100,751,000

Projects In		Projects Out	
TIP ID	Project	Project	TIP ID
R-2588B	NC 191 Widening (NC 280 to Mountain Road)	South Main Street Widening (Hyatt Creek to US 276 (Pigeon St))	U-4712
U-5839	US 276 (Russ Avenue) Improvements (Main Street to US 23/74)	US 276 @ Crymes Cove Road Intersection Improvements	U-6158
U-5888	N Main @ Walnut Intersection Improvements	US 276 (Russ Avenue) Access Management (US 23/74 to US 19 (Dellwood Road))	U-6159
U-5886	White Street Improvements	US 19/23 Improvements (Chestnut Mountain to Wiggins Road)	U-6048
R-5921	US 276 (Jonathan Creek Road) Improvements	US 23/74 Improvements (Balsam View to Old Balsam)	U-6172
R-5748	Kanuga Road Improvements		
EB-5860	Blythe Street Sidewalks		
EB-5963	Grove Street Sidewalks		

### Changes in Construction Start-Dates

STIP ID	Route	Project Description	County(ies)	Division(s)	STI Funding Category	Previous CON Start Year	Updated CON Start Year
U-5888	US 23 BUSINESS	INTERSECTION OF US 23 BUSINESS (NORTH MAIN STREET) AND WALNUT STREET. CONSTRUCT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.	HAYWOOD	14	DIV 14	2022	2022
U-6163	SR 3116 (MILLS GAP ROAD)	SR 3136 (CANE CREEK ROAD) INTERSECTION. REALIGN INTERSECTION AND ADD LEFT TURN LANES.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2023	2023
U-5839	US 276 (RUSS AVENUE)	US 23/74 TO US 23 BUSINESS (MAIN STREET). UPGRADE CORRIDOR.	HAYWOOD	14	DIV 14	2023	2023

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STIP ID	Route	Project Description	County(ies)	Division(s)	STI Funding Category	Previous CON Start Year	Updated CON Start Year
U-5019E	RIVERWAY MULTI-MODAL NETWORK	CRAVEN STREET BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS OVER THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2024	2024
U-5834	SR 3116 (MILLS GAP ROAD)	US 25 (HENDERSONVILLE ROAD) TO SR 3157 (WESTON ROAD). UPGRADE EXISTING ROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2024	2024
EB-5919	MCDOWELL STREET CHOCTAW STREET	SOUTHSIDE AVENUE TO CHOCTAW STREET AT BILTMORE AVENUE. CONSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2024	2024
I-2513D	SR 1477 (RIVERSIDE DRIVE)	SR 1517 (HILL STREET) TO SR 1781 (BROADWAY STREET)	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2024	2024
I-2513B	I-40, I-26	SR 3548 (HAYWOOD ROAD) TO US 19/23 AT SR 1781 (BROADWAY)	BUNCOMBE	13	SW	2024	2024
I-2513AC	I-26/I-240	WIDEN TO SIX LANE FREEWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	2024	2024
R-2588B	NC 191	SR 1381 (MOUNTAIN ROAD) TO NC 280 SOUTH OF MILLS RIVER.	HENDERSON	14	DIV 14	2024	2024

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STIP ID	Route	Project Description	County(ies)	Division(s)	STI Funding Category	Previous CON Start Year	Updated CON Start Year
U-5783	US 64	SR 1180 (BLYTHE STREET) TO SR 1173 (WHITE PINE DRIVE)/SR 1186 (DANIEL DRIVE). WIDEN ROADWAY.	HENDERSON	14	REG G	2024	2024
R-5921	US 276 (JONATHAN CREEK)	US 19 TO I-40 UPGRADE. MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	HAYWOOD	14	DIV 14	2024	2025
EB-5822	NORTH RAD GREENWAY	CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ALONG RIVERSIDE DRIVE FROM HILL STREET TO US 19/23/70 AT BROADWAY	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2025	2025
I-4409	SR 2500 (BLUE RIDGE ROAD)	CONVERT I-40/SR 2500 (BLUE RIDGE ROAD) GRADE SEPARATION TO INTERCHANGE. WIDEN SR 2500 (BLUE RIDGE ROAD) TO THREE LANES FROM US 70 TO SOUTH OF I-40 AND UPGRADE ROADWAY SOUTH OF I-40 TO SR 2713.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2025	2025
I-4759	I-40	I-40/SR 1228 (LIBERTY ROAD). CONVERT GRADE SEPARATION TO AN INTERCHANGE AND CONSTRUCT TWO LANE ROADWAY NORTH OF I-40 TO SR 1224 AND FOUR LANE ROADWAY SOUTH OF I-40 TO US 19/US 23/NC 151 WITH	BUNCOMBE	13	SW	2025	2025

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STIP ID	Route	Project Description	County(ies)	Division(s)	STI Funding Category	Previous CON Start Year	Updated CON Start Year
		PARTS ON NEW LOCATION.					
EB-5860	BLYTHE STREET	BLYTHE STREET, US 64 (BREVARD ROAD) TO NC 191 (HAYWOOD ROAD). CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS.	HENDERSON	14	DIV 14	2026	2027
EB-5963	GROVE STREET	BARNWELL STREET TO US 176 (SPARTANBURG HIGHWAY). CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.	HENDERSON	14	DIV 14	2026	2027
EB-5965	DEAVERVIEW ROAD	US 19/23/74A (PATTON AVENUE) TO WESTMORE DRIVE IN ASHEVILLE. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2027	2027
U-4739	SR 3556 (AMBOYROAD/MEADOW ROAD)	I-240 TO NC 81/SR 3214 (BILTMORE AVENUE). WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES WITH NEW BRIDGE OVER THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2029	2028
U-5886	SR 1170 (WHITE STREET)	SR 1171 (WILLOW ROAD) TO US 176 (SPARTANBURG HIGHWAY). REALIGN AND EXTEND ROADWAY.	HENDERSON	14	DIV 14	2026	2029
U-6049	NC 225 (SOUTH MAIN STREET)	SOUTH MAIN STREET AT SOUTH KING STREET TO US 176. WIDEN BRIDGE 440143 TO 5-LANES.	HENDERSON	14	REG G	2026	2029

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U-6047	NC 112 (SARDIS ROAD/SANDHILL ROAD)	NC 191 (BREVARD ROAD) TO US 19/23 (SMOKEY PARK HIGHWAY). WIDEN ROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2028	2031
R-5748	SR 1127 (KANUGA ROAD)	US 25 BUSINESS (CHURCH STREET) TO SR 1123 (LITTLE RIVER ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	HENDERSON	14	DIV 14	Beyond 2029	2031
U-4712	US 23 BUSINESS (SOUTH MAIN STREET)	SR 1164 (HYATT CREEK ROAD) TO US 276 (PIGEON STREET). WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES.	HAYWOOD	14	DIV 14	2027	-
U-2801A	US 25A (SWEETEN CREEK ROAD)	US 25 (HENDERSONVILLE ROAD) TO SR 3081 (ROCK HILL ROAD)	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	2027	-
U-5973	WEAVERVILLE	US 19 BUSINESS (WEAVERVILLE HIGHWAY) AND SR 1740 (NEW STOCK ROAD). CONSTRUCT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	2029	-
I-2513C	I-26/I-240	I-26/I-40/I-240 FINAL INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS	BUNCOMBE	13	SW	2029	-

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U-6158	US 276	SR 1134 (CRYMES COVE ROAD) AND RACCOON ROAD. INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT.	HAYWOOD	14	DIV 14	Beyond 2029	-
U-6162	SR 1332 (NORTH LOUISIANA AVENUE)	US 19/23 (PATTON AVENUE) TO SR 1338 (EMMA ROAD). MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	Beyond 2029	-
U-5832	NC 81 (SWANNANOA RIVER ROAD)	SR 3214 (BILTMORE AVENUE) TO US 74A (SOUTH TUNNEL ROAD). WIDEN EXISTING ROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	Beyond 2029	-
U-5837	SR 2002 (RICEVILLE ROAD)	US 70 (TUNNEL ROAD) TO SR 2285 (CLEAR VISTA LANE). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	Beyond 2029	-
U-6046	NC 81 (SWANNANOA RIVER ROAD)	US 70 (TUNNEL ROAD) TO US 74 (SOUTH TUNNEL ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	Beyond 2029	-
A-0010AA	I-26 (US 19/US 23)	SR 1781 (BROADWAY STREET) TO US 25/70	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	Beyond 2029	-
I-4400BA	I-26	US 64 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS	HENDERSON	14	SW	Beyond 2029	-
U-3403B	NC 191 (BREVARD ROAD - OLD HAYWOOD ROAD)	SR 3498 (LEDBETTER ROAD) TO NORTH OF BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	Beyond 2029	-

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U-5971B	ASHEVILLE	US 19 (PATTON AVENUE) AND NC 63 (NEW LEICESTER HIGHWAY). CONSTRUCT FINAL INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	Beyond 2029	-
U-5972	ASHEVILLE	NC 63 (NEW LEICESTER HIGHWAY), US 19/23 (PATTON AVENUE) TO NEWFOUND ROAD. CONSTRUCT ACCESS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS.	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	Beyond 2029	-
U-6159	US 276 (RUSS AVENUE)	US 23-74 (GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN EXPRESSWAY) TO US 19 (DELLWOOD ROAD). ACCESS MANAGEMENT.	HAYWOOD	14	DIV 14	Beyond 2029	-
U-6048	US 19, US 23	SR 1836 (CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN ROAD) TO SR 1200 (WIGGINS ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	HAYWOOD, BUNCOMBE	13, 14	DIV 14	Beyond 2029	-
U-6172	US 23/US 74 (GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS EXPRESSWAY)	SR 1777 (BALSAM VIEW DRIVE) TO SR 1158 (OLD BALSAM ROAD) MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	HAYWOOD, JACKSON	14	DIV 14	Beyond 2029	-
U-6124	NC 280 (BOYLSTON HIGHWAY)	NC 191 (HAYWOOD ROAD) TO NC 191 (OLD HAYWOOD ROAD). CONSTRUCT ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.	HENDERSON	14	REG G	Beyond 2029	-

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U-6048	US 19, US 23	SR 1836 (CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN ROAD) TO SR 1200 (WIGGINS ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	HAYWOOD, BUNCOMBE	13, 14	DIV 13	Beyond 2029	-

### Schedule and Considerations Moving Forward

For the MPO's process, the following tasks and general dates are planned:

Task/Event	Date	Lead Agency
Local Meetings (by County)	May/June, 2022	MPO
Public Engagement	June/July, 2022	MPO w/ NCDOT
Draft Project Swaps (if any)	August, 2022	MPO, NCDOT
Final Project Swaps (if any)	September, 2022	MPO, NCDOT
Revised STIP Released	Winter, 2022/2023	NCDOT
Public Comment	Spring/Summer, 2023	MPO, NCDOT
Final STIP Adopted	Summer, 2023	MPO, NCDOT

MPO staff will provide a summary presentation.

### Information Only

# Item 5B:

## **Changes to State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Projects**

As a result of TIP/STIP projects being overprogrammed, NCDOT engaged the MPO and local partners last fall to determine any projects that could be scaled back in scope or segmented in order to reduce costs and potentially give projects a better chance of remaining committed in the upcoming 2024-2033 TIP/STIP. NCDOT is currently in the process of getting approvals and/or updated cost estimates to proceed with scope changes and segmentation for consideration in developing the new (S)TIP.

NCDOT Division 13 will provide a follow-up presentation on changes made to STIP projects with more details and maps for specific projects.

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## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 5C:

### Chestnut Mountain Nature Park

The Chestnut Mountain Nature Park opened to the public on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> on a large parcel south of US 19/23 and east of the Town of Canton. The park has been under development for several years, led by the Town of Canton and Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. The park is expected to be a new regional destination for mountain biking as well as opportunities for hiking and other recreation. The master plan for the park is available here:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/d75d6b2e41354d5a975d854f68248011>

Nick Scheuer, the Town Manager of Canton, will provide an overview of the park, plans for future improvements, and how the park is expected to link into other transportation improvements.

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# Item 5D:

## Corridor Studies

Corridor studies were conducted by the City of Asheville and the French Broad River MPO (in cooperation with the City of Asheville and Buncombe County.) MPO staff will provide short summaries on the following studies that were funded with planning funds through the MPO:

- [Biltmore/McDowell Corridor Study](#)
- [Tunnel Road Corridor Study](#)
- [Hendersonville Road Corridor Study](#)

These studies were adopted by the City of Asheville in December, 2021.

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# Item 6A:

## Division Project Updates

Division 13 Updates: <https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/D13-Construction-May-2022-combined.pdf>

Division 14 Updates: [https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/052022\\_Div14\\_FBRMPO-Const\\_Update-combined.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/052022_Div14_FBRMPO-Const_Update-combined.pdf)

# Item 6B:

## TPD Updates

# Item 6C:

## FHWA/FTA Updates

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# Item 6D:

### Committee & Workgroup Updates

**Prioritization Subcommittee**— met May 4<sup>th</sup>; next meeting June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Transit Operators' Workgroup**—next meeting TBD

**5307 Subrecipient Workgroup**- next meeting TBD

**Citizens' Advisory Committee**- met April 13<sup>th</sup>; next meeting TBD

**Hellbender Trail Stakeholder Group**- last meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup> ; next meeting May 24<sup>th</sup>

### Additional Items:

- USDOT Multimodal Discretionary Grant Open Through May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Information here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/multimodal-project-discretionary-grant-notice-funding-opportunity>
- USDOT Safe Streets for All Program expected to open in May. Preliminary information here: [https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-03/Safe-Streets-and-Roads-for-All-Fact-Sheet\\_March-2022.pdf](https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-03/Safe-Streets-and-Roads-for-All-Fact-Sheet_March-2022.pdf)
- FHWA Provided a Report to Congress on Complete Streets. The report is available here: <https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-03/Complete%20Streets%20Report%20to%20Congress.pdf>
- USDOT released the National Roadway Safety Strategy in January. The guidance is available here: <https://www.transportation.gov/NRSS>
- FTA FY 2022 Funding Apportionments available here: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/apportionments/current-apportionments>

**Recommended Actions:**  
**Accept the reports.**

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# Item 6E:

## **Legislative Updates**