

MPO Governing Board

May 26, 2022 – 1:00 P.M., Hybrid Meeting, In-Person at Land of Sky Regional Council or
Via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 82930618392

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Agenda

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

 - A. Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda Larry Harris
 - B. Ethics Statement for MPO Board Members Larry Harris
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

 3. **CONSENT AGENDA** Larry Harris

 - A. April, 2022 Minutes
 - B. Modification to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
 - C. Letter of Support- Asheville Transit Buses and Bus Facilities & Low or No Emission Vehicle Grants Programs Grant Application
 4. **BUSINESS (10-20 min)**

 - A. Locally Administered Project Program (LAPP) Project Selection MPO Staff
 5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (45-60 min)**

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

 - 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)**
 8. **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING**
 9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 10. **ADJOURNMENT**
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FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Item 3:

Consent Agenda

Item 3A: April, 2022 Board Minutes

Item 3B: Modification to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

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Item 3A:

April, 2022 Board Minutes

French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization

Minutes from the Board Zoom Meeting on April 28, 2022

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Attendance:

In-Person and Remote via the Zoom Platform:

Chair Larry Harris (Black Mountain Council)	Michael Dawson (FHWA)
Tristan Winkler (FBRMPO)	Jennifer Hensley (Hendersonville Commission)
John Ridout (FBRMPO)	Anthony Sutton (Town of Waynesville)
Hannah Bagli (FBRMPO)	Shanon Gonce (Mills River Council)
Jane Pies (LOSRC - Minutes)	George Banta (Laurel Park Council)
Kim Roney (Asheville Council)	Gwen Wisler (Asheville Council)
Anne Coletta (Flat Rock Council)	Hannah Cook (NCDOT Division 13)
Bill Lapsley (Henderson Commission)	John Chase (Weaverville Council)
Bob Davy (Fletcher Council)	Bill Marley (FHWA)
Rebecca McCall (Henderson Commission)	Tom Widmer (Montreat Commission)
Kevin Ensley (Haywood Commission)	Steve Cannon (NCDOT Division 13)
Matt Wechtel (Madison Commission)	Erica Anderson (LOSRC)
Brownie Newman (Buncombe Commission)	Brendan Merithew (NCDOT Division 13)
Daniel Sellers (NCDOT TPD)	Mark Gibbs (NCDOT Division 13)
Steve Williams (NCDOT Division 14)	Marshall Williams (NCDOT Division 13)
Stephen Sparks (NCDOT Division 14)	Autumn Radcliff (Henderson County)
Troy Wilson (NCDOT Division 14)	Lucy Crown (City of Asheville)

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Anthony Sutton called the meeting to order at approximately 1:13 PM and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Vice Chair Sutton read the Ethics Statement and inquired if there were any conflicts of interest to note for today's meeting. No conflicts were noted with the business before the body.

Quorum was announced to conduct the business of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Larry Harris opened the floor for public comment. ***No public comments were received.***

CONSENT AGENDA

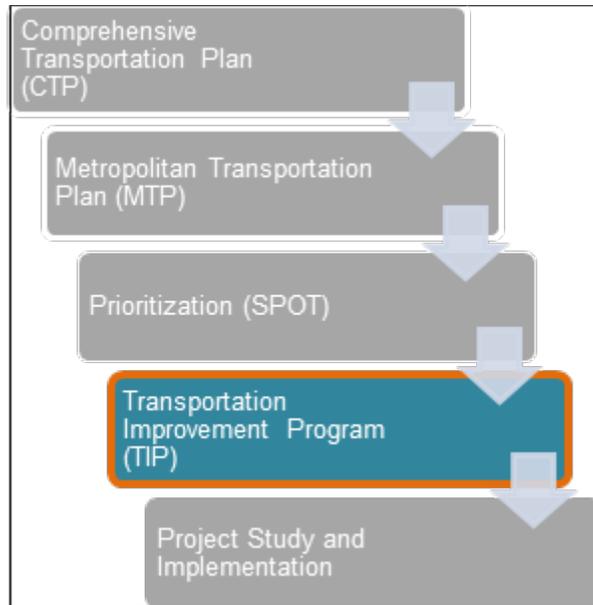
Kim Roney moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the March 2022 meeting minutes, the Amendments to the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the consent agenda as presented. Bob Davy seconded the motion which carried unanimously upon a roll call vote, and without further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Very Brief 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 current being added in this round.

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

Gwen Wisler moved to approve the amendments to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Bill Lapsley seconded the motion which carried upon 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.

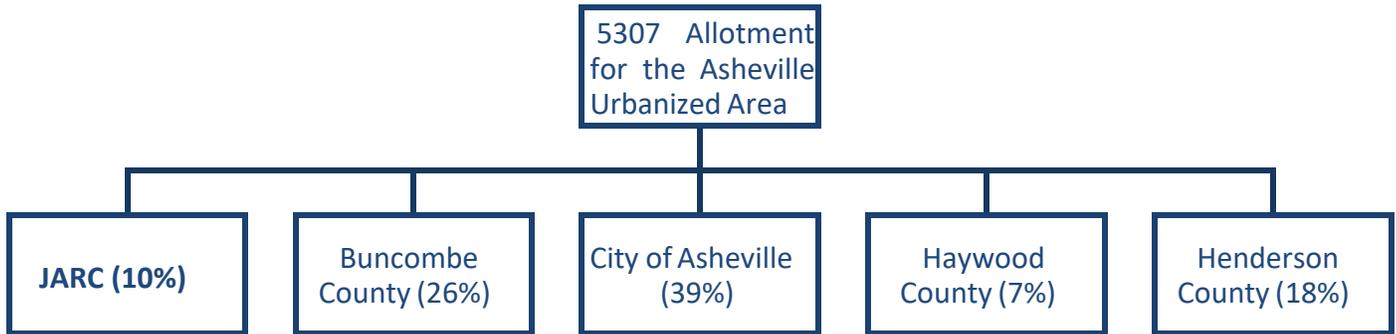
Gwen Wisler moved to approve the FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Tom Widmer seconded, and the motion carried upon a roll call vote, and without further discussion.

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 21st 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



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 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.

Kim Roney moved to approve the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) additional funding. Jennifer Hensley seconded and to motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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 25th. The portion of the STIP that includes projects in the French Broad River MPO is available here: <https://frenchbroadrivermmpo.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)		

Regional Impact

Regional Impact Committed	\$293,719,000
Regional Impact Decommited	\$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)

Division 13 Needs Committed	\$302,024,000
Division 13 Needs Decommited	\$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	U-6046

		Tunnel)	
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		

Division Needs (Division 14)

Division 14 Needs Committed	\$267,674,000
Division 14 Needs Decommitted	\$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 (HyattCreek 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 (ChestnutMountain to Wiggins Road)	U-6048
R-5921	US 276 (Jonathan Creek Road) Improvements	US 23/74 Improvements (BalsamView 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 BUSINES S	INTERSECTION OF US23 BUSINESS (NORTHMAIN STREET) AND WALNUT STREET. CONSTRUCT INTERSECTION	HAYWOOD	14	DIV 14	2022	2022

		IMPROVEMENT S.					
U-6163	SR 3116 (MILLSGAP ROAD)	SR 3136 (CANE CREEK ROAD) INTERSECTION. REALIGN INTERSECTIONAND ADD LEFT TURN LANES.	BUNCOMB E	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

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 OVERTHE FRENCH BROAD RIVER	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2024	2024
U-5834	SR 3116 (MILLSGAP ROAD)	US 25 (HENDERSONVILLE ROAD) TO SR 3157 (WESTON ROAD). UPGRADE EXISTING ROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2024	2024
EB-5919	MCDOWEL L 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- 2588 B	NC 191	SR 1381 (MOUNTAIN ROAD) TO NC 280 SOUTH OF MILLS RIVER.	HENDERSO N	14	DIV 14	2024	2024
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U-5783	US 64	SR 1180 (BLYTHE STREET) TO SR 1173 (WHITE PINE DRIVE)/SR1186 (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-USEPATH ALONG RIVERSIDE DRIVE FROM HILL STREET TO US 19/23/70AT BROADWAY	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	2025	2025
I-4409	SR 2500 (BLUERIDGE 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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		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 (AMBOY ROAD / 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). REALIGNAND EXTEND ROADWAY.	HENDERSO N	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.	HENDERSO N	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 (KANUGAROAD)	US 25 BUSINESS (CHURCH STREET) TO SR 1123 (LITTLE RIVERROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	HENDERSON	14	DIV 14	Beyond 2029	2031
U-4712	US 23 BUSINESS (SOUTH MAIN STREET)	SR 1164 (HYATT CREEKROAD) 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 IMPROVEMENT	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	2029	-

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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 COVERROAD) 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 (SWANNANOARIVER 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). UPGRADEROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	Beyond 2029	-
U-6046	NC 81 (SWANNANOARIVER ROAD)	US 70 (TUNNEL ROAD)TO US 74 (SOUTH TUNNEL ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	BUNCOMBE	13	DIV 13	Beyond 2029	-
A-0010A A	I-26 (US 19/US23)	SR 1781 (BROADWAY STREET) TO US 25/70	BUNCOMBE	13	REG G	Beyond 2029	-

I-4400B A	I-26	US 64 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS	HENDERSON	14	SW	Beyond 2029	-
U-3403 B	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-5971 B	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) TOSR 1200 (WIGGINS ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	HAYWOOD , BUNCOMBE	13, 14	DIV 14	Beyond 2029	-

U-6172	US 23/US 74 (GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN EXPRESSWAY)	SR 1777 (BALSAM VIEWDRIVE) 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 (OLDHAYWOOD ROAD). CONSTRUCT ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.	HENDERSON	14	REG G	Beyond 2029	-

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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

Information only. No action required.

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

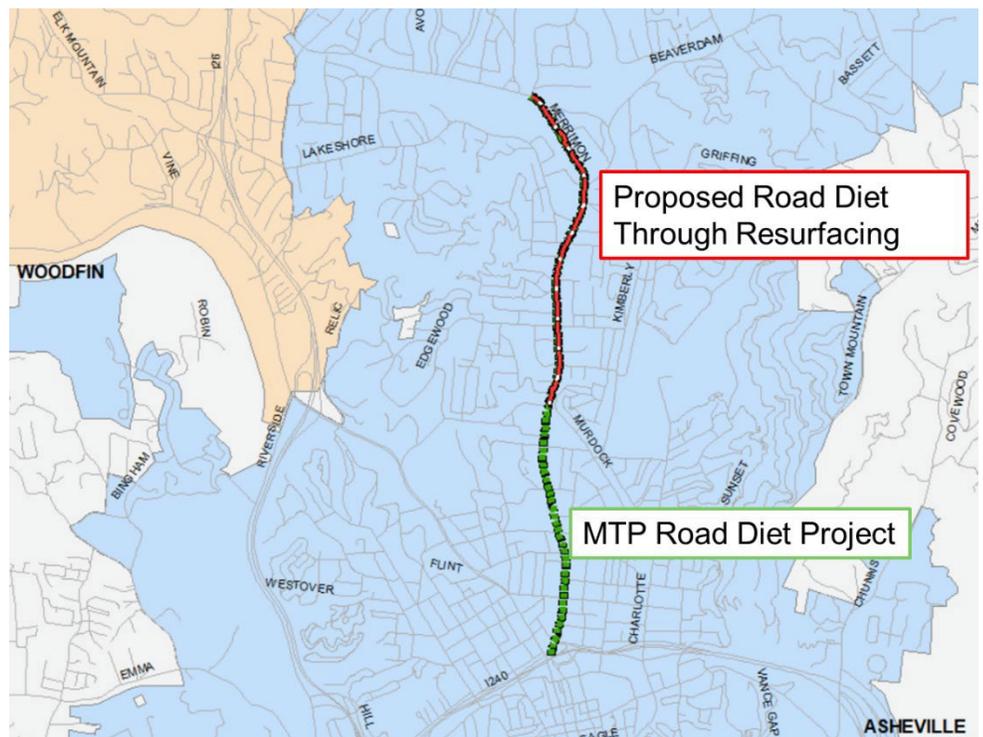
NCDOT staff provided an update and overview of proposed changes to TIP/STIP projects.

Informational item only. No action required.

Merrimon Avenue Proposed Road Diet

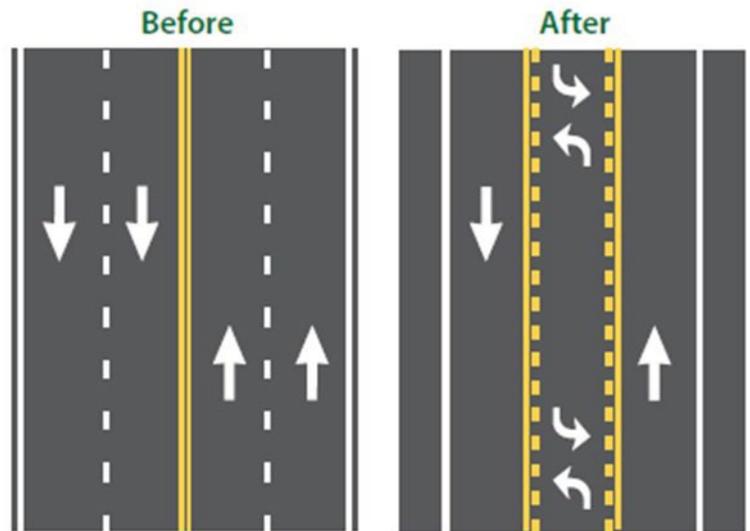
Summary

- 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 pedestrian 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



FHWA Roadway Information Guide

Context

- Volumes
 - North of WT Weaver Boulevard (2020)
 - 11,500 - 20,000
 - South of WT Weaver Boulevard
 - 18,500 - 21,000
 - 2019 volumes 12-18% higher than in 2020
- Crashes
 - 31 recorded bicycle and pedestrian crashes between 2002-2019, per NCDOT, from WT Weaver to Wembley
 - 155 crashes/year
 - 150% higher crash rate than similar roads in North Carolina
- Walkability/Bike ability
 - Neighborhoods surrounding Merrimon Avenue are considered “walkable”

- FBRMPO Congestion Management Process
- [EPA Smart Location Database](#)
- NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Demand Estimation Map

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.

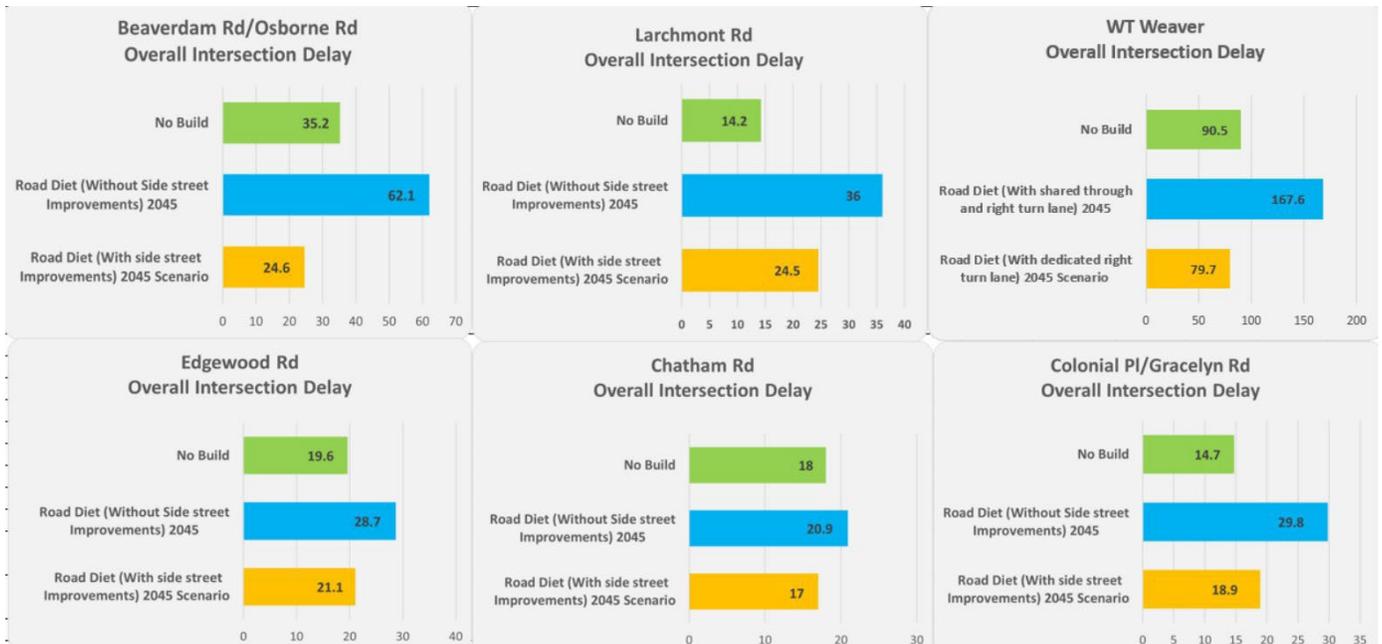
Out of the two deprogrammed intersection improvement projects, NCDOT initiated a study to look at the feasibility of a road diet on Merrimon Avenue, engaging City of Asheville staff, MPO staff, members of the Asheville Multimodal Commission, and other community stakeholders to look at issues and opportunities.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

Next Steps

NCDOT and the City of Asheville have reviewed the public input received from the online survey and public meeting. NCDOT has notified the City of Asheville of financial contributions that would be required from the City for signal work that would be needed for the conversion as well as other requirements. These are expected to be discussed at the City of Asheville's Council meeting in early May.

Informational item only. No action required.

REGULAR UPDATES

- 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
- Transportation Planning Division Update provided.
- FHWA/FTA updates provided. Bill Marley was introduced as the new FHWA Representative
- FBRMPO Committee & Workgroup Updates:
 - Prioritization Subcommittee – Met April 6th, next meeting May 4th
 - Transit Operators Workgroup – met January 11th
 - 5307 Subrecipient Workgroup – next meeting TBD
 - Citizens’ Advisory Committee – met January 12th; next meeting April 13th
 - Hellbender Trail Stakeholder Group – last meeting February 3rd, next meeting TBD
- Legislative Updates:

Additional Items:

- USDOT Multimodal Discretionary Grant Open Through May 23rd. Information here: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/multimodal-project-discretionary-grant-notice-funding-opportunity>
- USDOT Raise Grant Open Through April 14th. 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
- 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>

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Harris opened a second public comment period. No comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harris adjourned the meeting at 3:21 PM, as there was no further business.

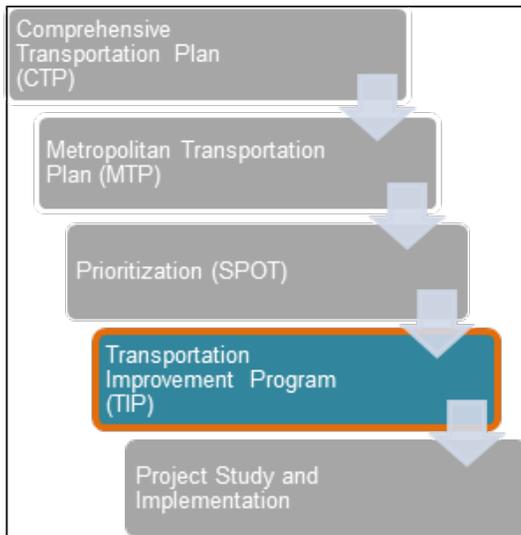
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Item 3B:

Modifications to the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



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. Current items are for modification of existing projects. No new projects or amendments are included for May 2022. An

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 YEAR
									2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
U-5616		13, 14	BUNCOMBE, HENDERSON, HAYWOOD, MADISON, TRANSYLVANIA	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	\$ 3,938	PLANNING	BGDA	587	250	250	560	250	250	250	250	250	250	
								L	147	63	63	140	63	63	63	63	63	63	

(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
V, 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)
TAS200 - 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

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Item 3C:

Letter of Support- Asheville Buses and Bus Facilities & Low or No Emission Vehicle Grants Application

The City of Asheville has requested a letter of support for a grant application to FTA for Buses and Bus Facilities & Low or No Emission Vehicle Grants. The amount of funding requested would be for \$5,049,000 and would be expected to purchase six 29-foot diesel-electric hybrid transit vehicles and three replacement battery packs (six batteries for three vehicles.)

This is a discretionary grant with no other applications from within the region the MPO is aware of.

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May 26, 2022

FTA Program Manager
Federal Transit Administration
Office of Planning and Environment
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC.

Dear FTA Program Manager,

The French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) supports the City of Asheville's grant application requesting federal funding from the Federal Transit Administration Buses and Bus Facilities & Low or No Emission Vehicle Grants. This project will consist of the purchase of six 29-foot diesel-electric hybrid transit vehicles and three replacement battery packs (six batteries for three vehicles.)

ART transit service is a necessity to the community. Enhancing the City's ability to provide a sustainable transportation option that helps to reduce emissions helps to boost the MPO's goals for improving transit and sustainability for the region. In 2018, the City adopted its 10-year Transit Master Plan outlining necessary system expansions, frequency improvements, and capital investments required to achieve a high quality and sustainable transit system- a plan supported by the FBRMPO.

The French Broad River MPO supports the City's request for federal funding for the City's diesel-electric hybrid transit vehicles and battery packs, which will have significant benefits for the City's transit system and the health of our regional community.

Sincerely,

Larry B. Harris
Chair, French Broad River MPO

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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. Consider Approval of LAPP Projects

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 Recommendations

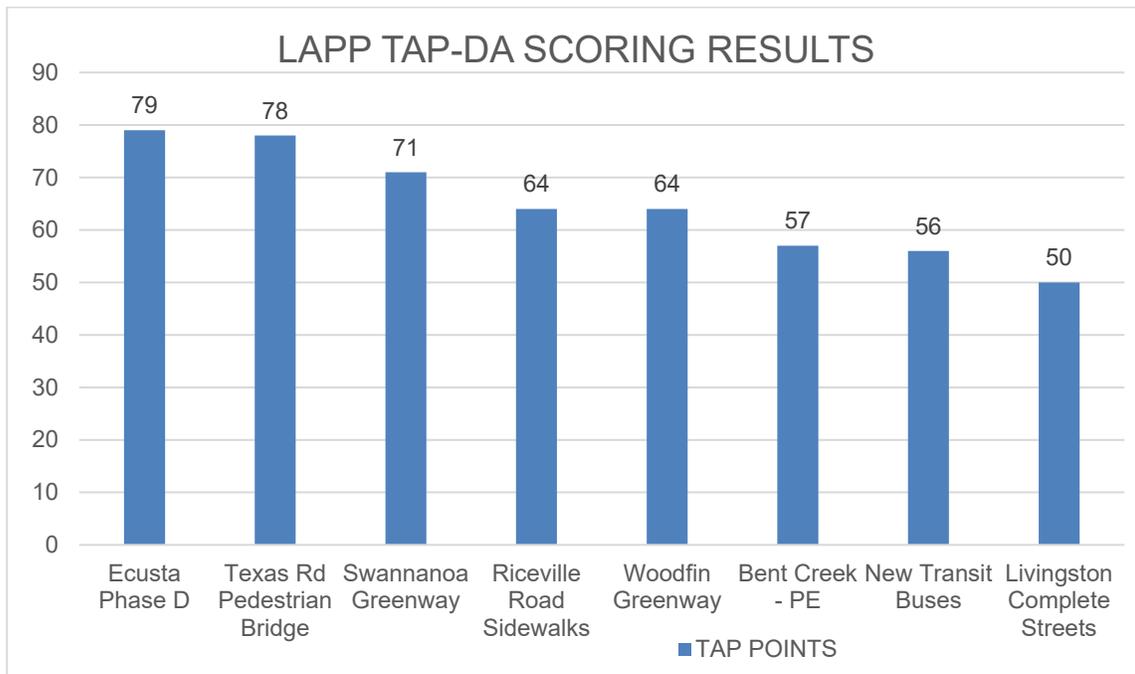
Recommended for Funding	Local Government	Project	Federal Funds Requested	Local Cost Share	Total
	City of Asheville	Transit Buses	\$2,000,000	\$500,000	\$2,500,000
Recommended	City of Asheville	Swannanoa Greenway	\$2,500,000	\$3,600,000	\$6,100,000
	City of Asheville	Livingston Complete Street	\$5,136,917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

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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.

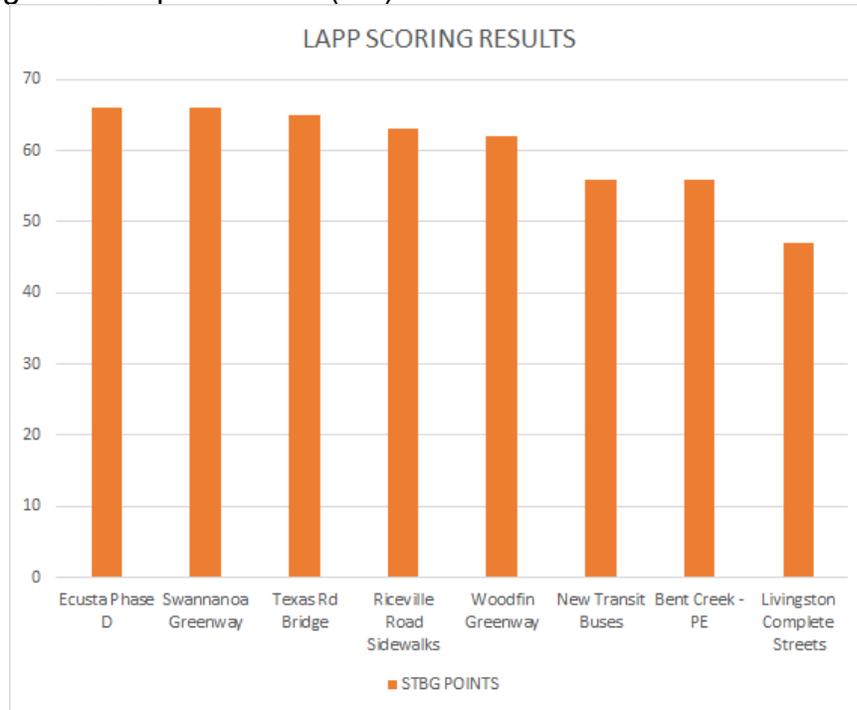


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The STGB-DA scoring methodology resulted in Ecusta Phase D And Swannanoa Greenway being the highest rated projects, Texas Bridge Road Pedestrian Bridge (3rd), Riceville Road Sidewalks (4th), Woodfin Greenway (5th), New Transit Buses for ART (6th- tie),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



Staff Recommendation

The Prioritization Subcommittee and TCC recommend 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 25th. 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-2513AA	I-26 Connector (I-40 Improvements & Maintenance)		

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Regional Impact

Regional Impact Committed	\$293,719,000
Regional Impact Decommited	\$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)

Division 13 Needs Committed	\$302,024,000
Division 13 Needs Decommited	\$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)

Division 14 Needs Committed	\$267,674,000
Division 14 Needs Decommited	\$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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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.

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Item 5B:

Chestnut Mountain Nature Park

The Chestnut Mountain Nature Park opened to the public on Saturday, April 23rd 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 5C:

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

Item 6B:

TPD Updates

Item 6C:

FHWA/FTA Updates

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Item 6D:

Committee & Workgroup Updates

Prioritization Subcommittee— met May 4th; next meeting June 1st

Transit Operators' Workgroup—next meeting TBD

5307 Subrecipient Workgroup- next meeting TBD

Citizens' Advisory Committee- met April 13th; next meeting TBD

Hellbender Trail Stakeholder Group- last meeting February 3rd ; next meeting May 24th

Additional Items:

- USDOT Multimodal Discretionary Grant Open Through May 23rd. 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
- 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