

2024-2033 Draft TIP Survey Data

FRENCH BROAD RIVER MPO

February 2023

SURVEY BACKGROUND

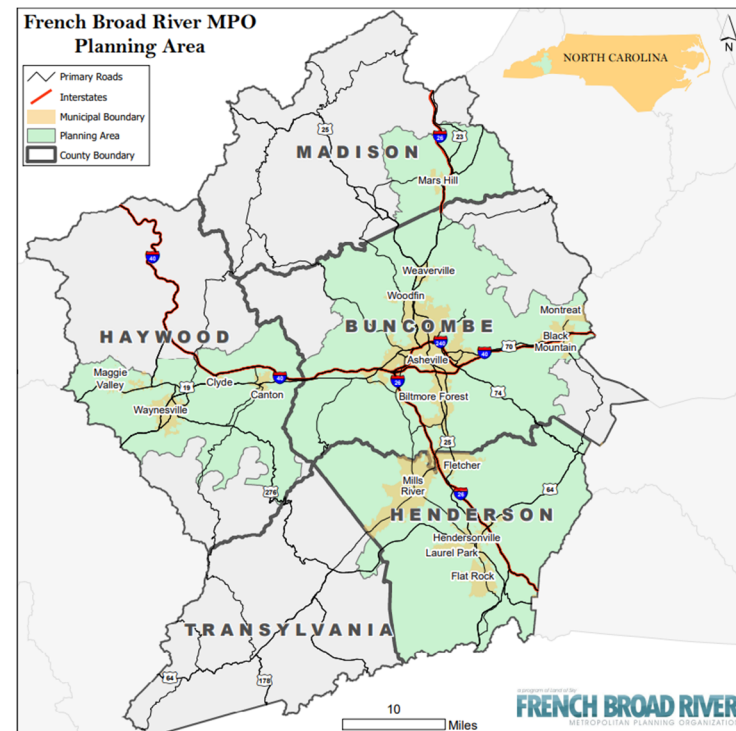
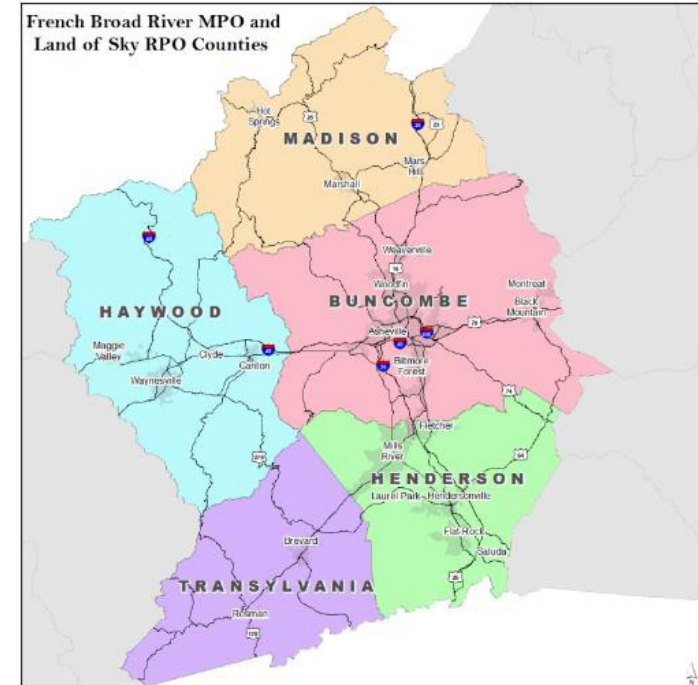
The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies transportation projects that will receive funding within a 10-year window. NCDOT's Draft 2024-2033 STIP was released on August 4th, 2022.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a subsection of the STIP. It covers the transportation projects that fall under the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization's (FBRMPO) planning area in Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania Counties.

Unlike the release of previous draft TIPs, there are no new projects to be discussed but, instead, several projects have been proposed to be **"Subject to Reprioritization"** in order to right-size NCDOT's budget. This means that a significant number of projects will be **removed from the 10-year TIP** and will be required to be re-prioritized in future years with new projects. At this time, no projects in Madison or Transylvania Counties subject to reprioritization.

The French Broad River MPO opened a public survey to help gauge public opinion on which projects are a priority and which ones aren't. The survey, developed using Survey Monkey, was broken into 12 sections: an introductory section, 10 sections focused on projects in the region divided by county, and a concluding section. Each project section gave users the option to choose if a project was a priority to them or not, as well as leave a comment to further explain their response, if desired.

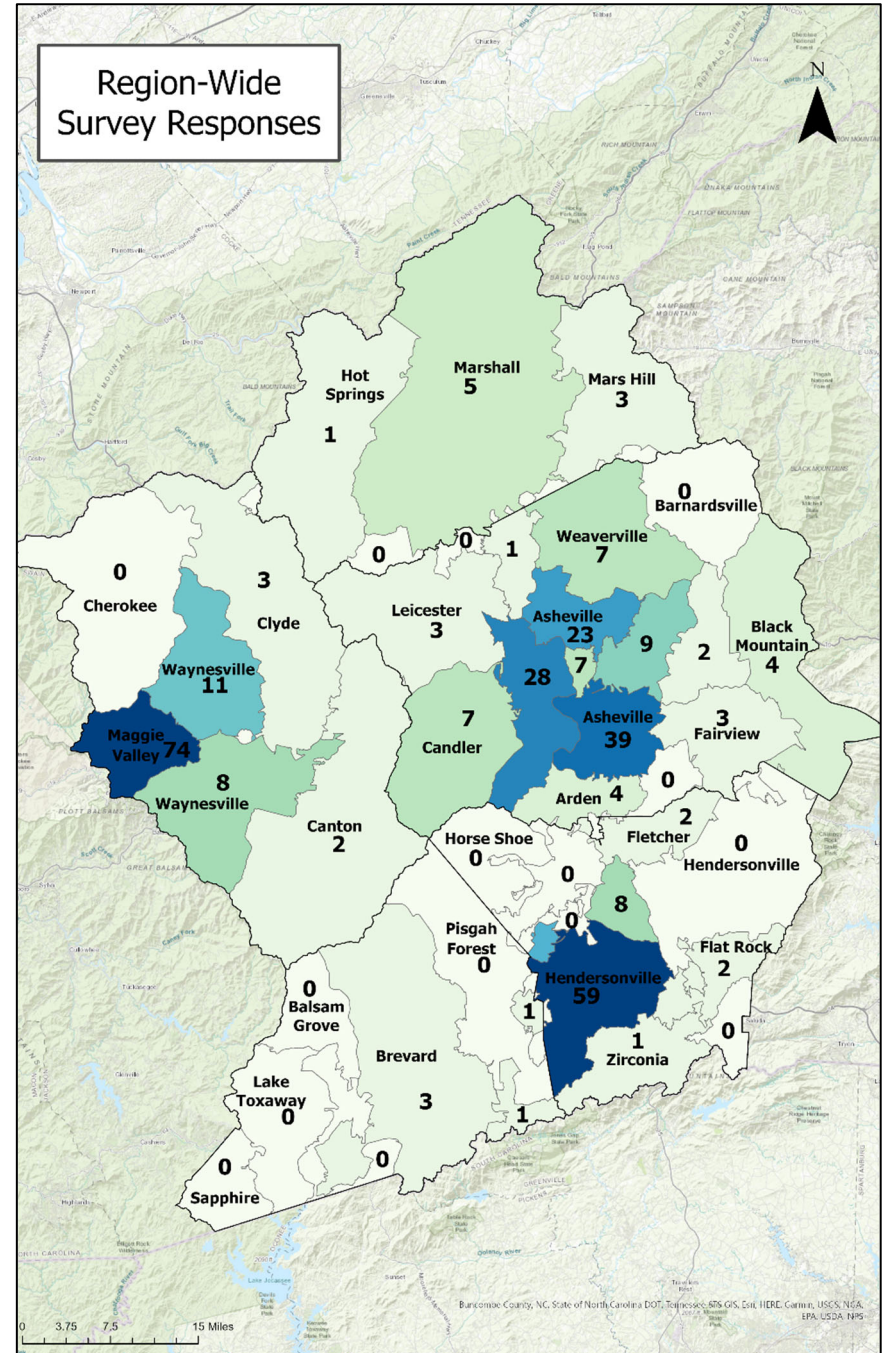
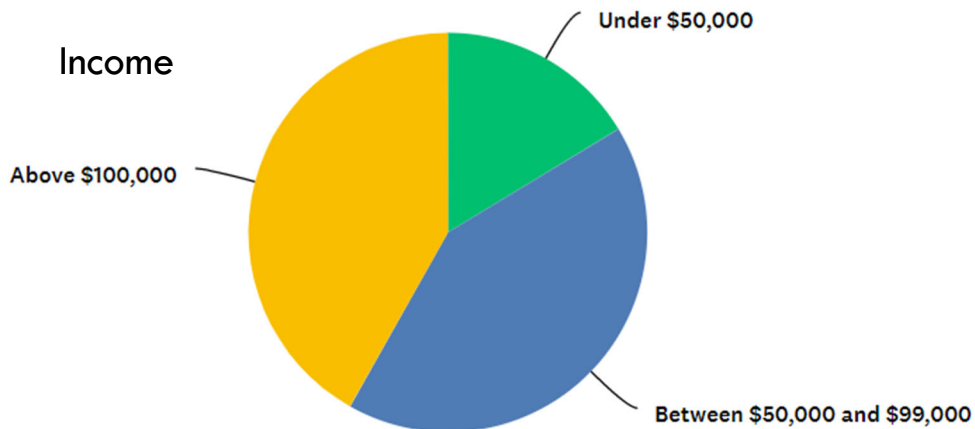
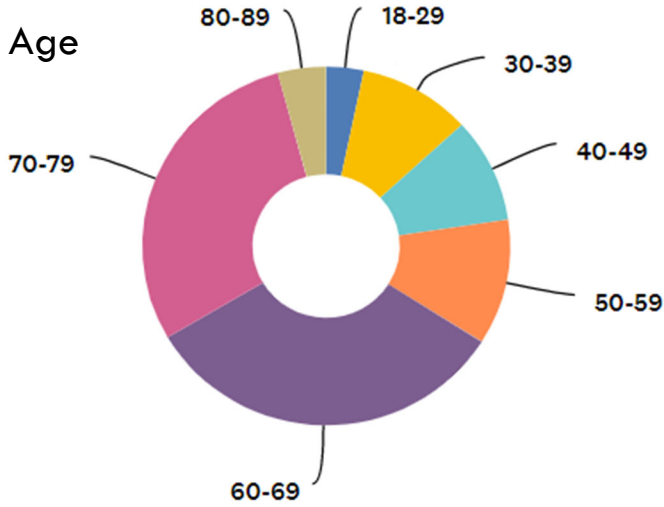
The survey received **356 responses across the region**. The results in this packet are preliminary and may be updated for the MPO TCC and Board at a later date, but the results still aim to be indicative of the public's perceived need for the projects being considered.



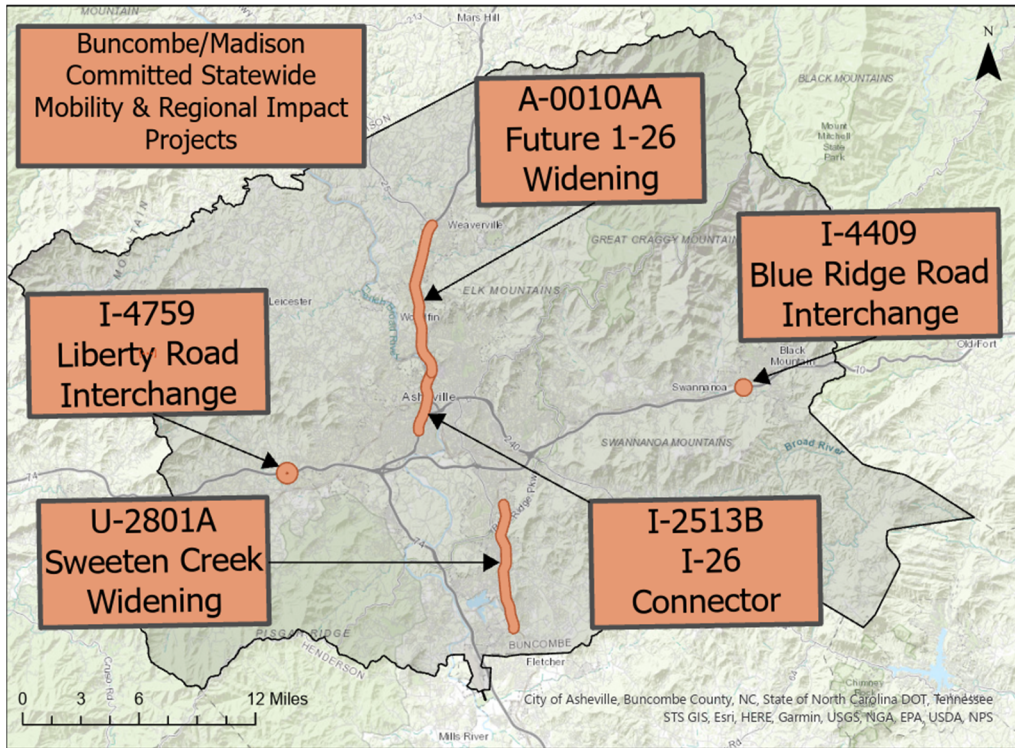
Survey Responses

356 Total Responses:

- 137 Buncombe County
- 98 Haywood County
- 90 Henderson County
- 9 Madison County
- 5 Transylvania County
- 17 Other

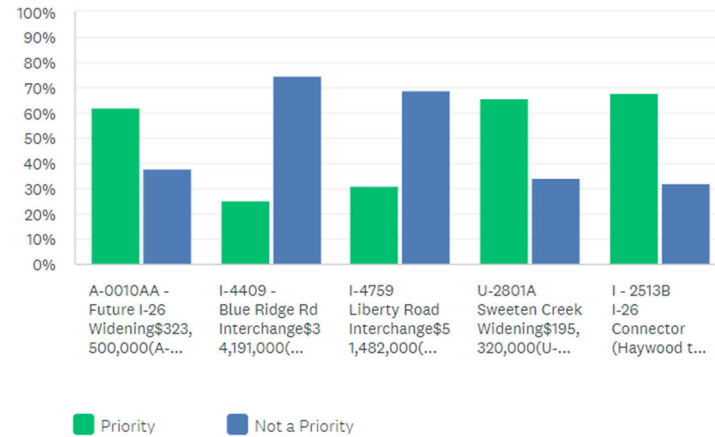


Buncombe County



Priority:

- A-0010AA – Future I-26 Widening (**61.9% Support**)
- U 2801A – Sweeten Creek Widening (**65.65% Support**)
- I-2513B – I-26 Connector Project (**67.72% Support**)

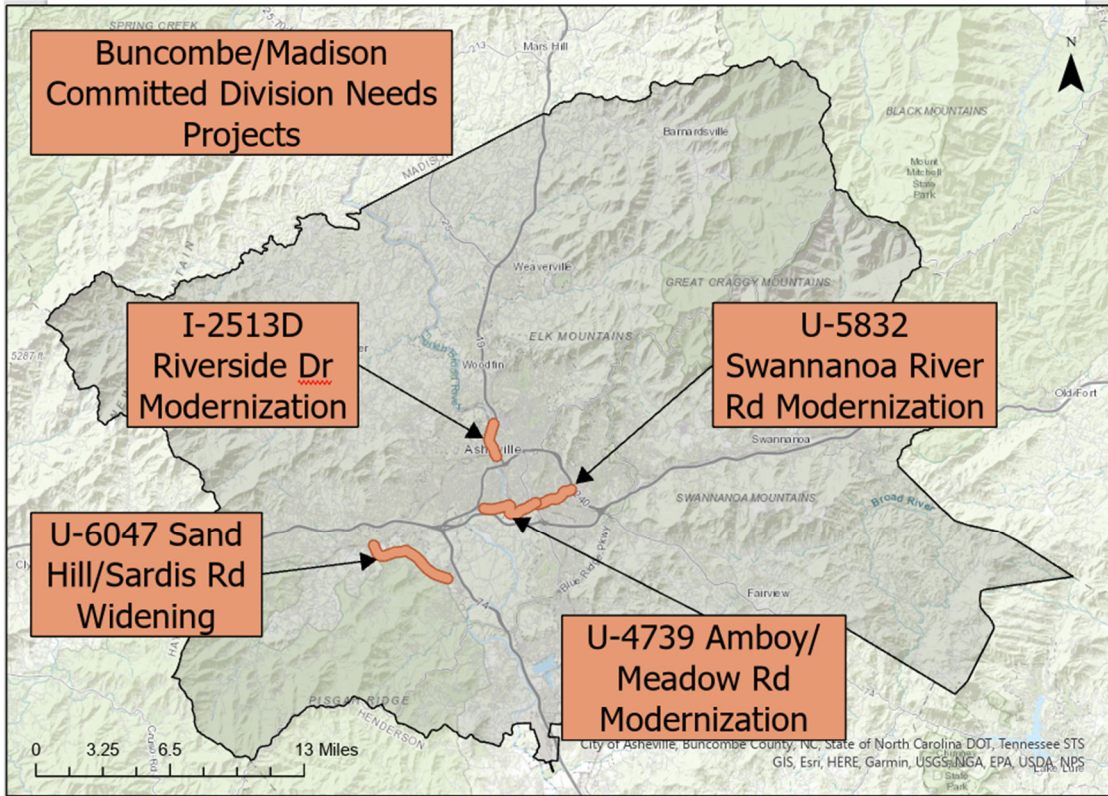


Not a Priority:

- I-4409 – Blue Ridge Rd Interchange (**74.56% Oppose**)
- I-4759 Liberty Road Interchange (**68.75% Oppose**)

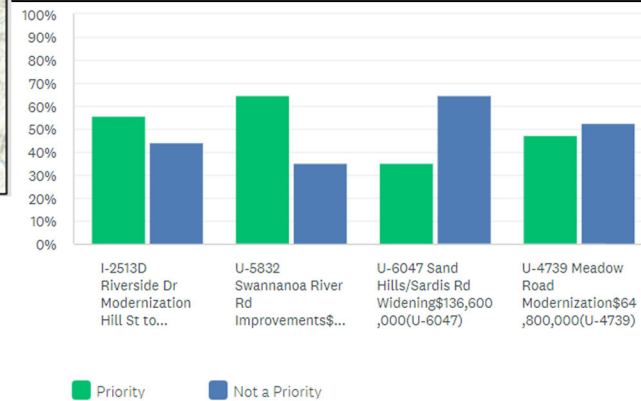
	PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	TOTAL
▼ A-0010AA - Future I-26 Widening \$323,500,000 (A-0010AA)**Please note that many of the improvements that were originally in the project U-5973 have been incorporated into this project	61.90% 78	38.10% 48	126
▼ I-4409 - Blue Ridge Rd Interchange \$34,191,000 (I-4409)	25.44% 29	74.56% 85	114
▼ I-4759 Liberty Road Interchange \$51,482,000 (I-4759)	31.25% 35	68.75% 77	112
▼ U-2801A Sweeten Creek Widening \$195,320,000 (U-2801A)	65.65% 86	34.35% 45	131
▼ I - 2513B I-26 Connector (Haywood to Broadway) \$884,301,000 (I-2513B)	67.72% 86	32.28% 41	127

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Priority:

- I-2513D – Riverside Dr Modernization (**55.75% Support**)
- U-5832 - Swannanoa River Rd Modernization (**64.66% Support**)

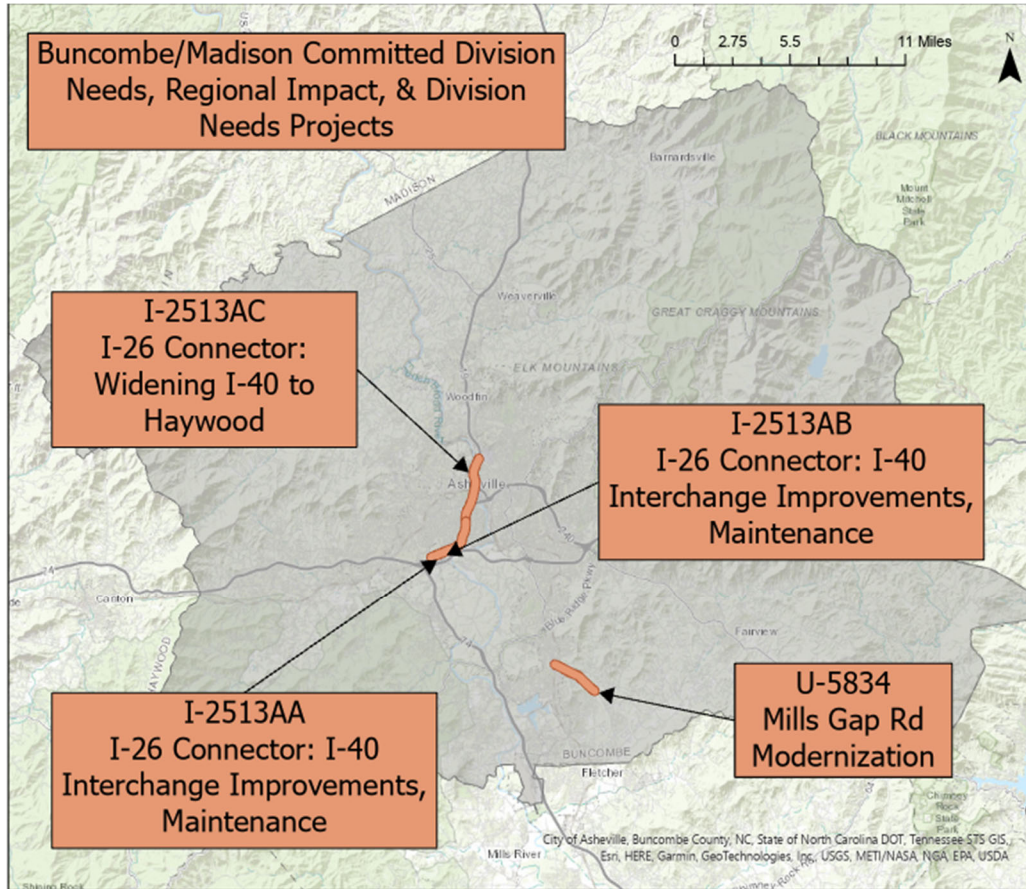


Not a Priority:

- U-6047 – Sand Hill/Hardis Rd Widening (**64.60% Oppose**)
- U-4739 Amboy/Meadow Rd Modernization (**52.73% Oppose**)

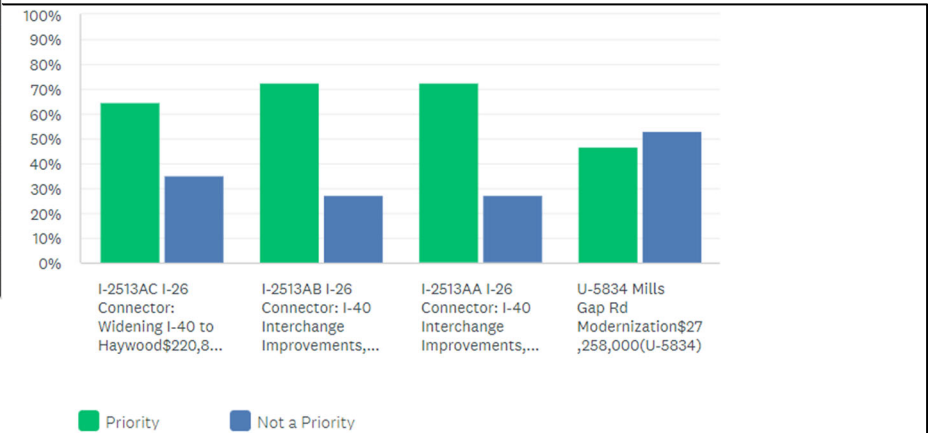
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I-2513D Riverside Dr Modernization Hill St to Broadway \$42,100,000 (I-2513D)	55.75% 63	44.25% 50	113
U-5832 Swannanoa River Rd Improvements \$48,001,000 (U-5832)	64.66% 75	35.34% 41	116
U-6047 Sand Hills/Sardis Rd Widening \$136,600,000 (U-6047)	35.40% 40	64.60% 73	113
U-4739 Meadow Road Modernization \$64,800,000 (U-4739)	47.27% 52	52.73% 58	110

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Priority:

- I-2513AC – I-26 Connector: Widening I-40 to Haywood (**64.96% Support**)
- I-2513AB – I-26 Connector: I-40 Interchange Improvements (**72.41% Support**)
- I-2513AA – I-26 Connector: I-40 Interchange Improvements (**72.50% Support**)

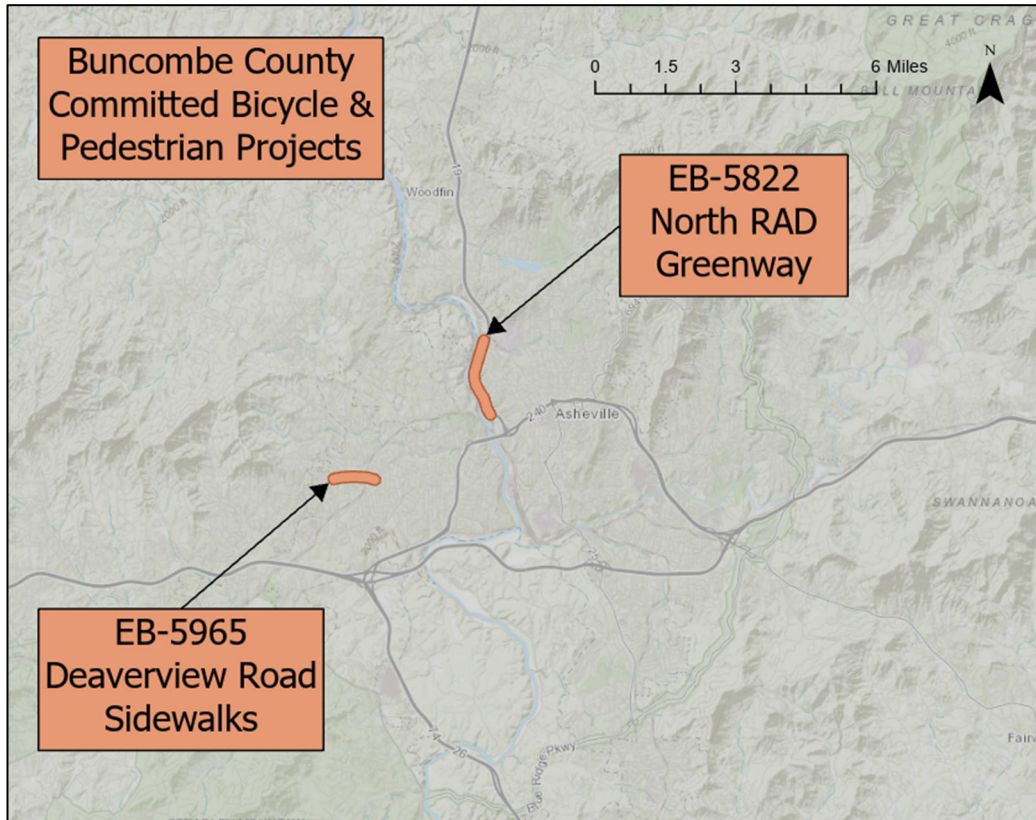


Not a Priority:

- U-5834 – Mills Gap Rd Modernization (**52.99% Oppose**)

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I-2513AC I-26 Connector: Widening I-40 to Haywood \$220,820,000(I-2513AC)	64.96% 76	35.04% 41	117
I-2513AB I-26 Connector: I-40 Interchange Improvements, Maintenance \$23,600,000(I-2513AB)	72.41% 84	27.59% 32	116
I-2513AA I-26 Connector: I-40 Interchange Improvements, Maintenance \$31,700,000(I-2513AA)	72.50% 87	27.50% 33	120
U-5834 Mills Gap Rd Modernization \$27,258,000(U-5834)	47.01% 55	52.99% 62	117

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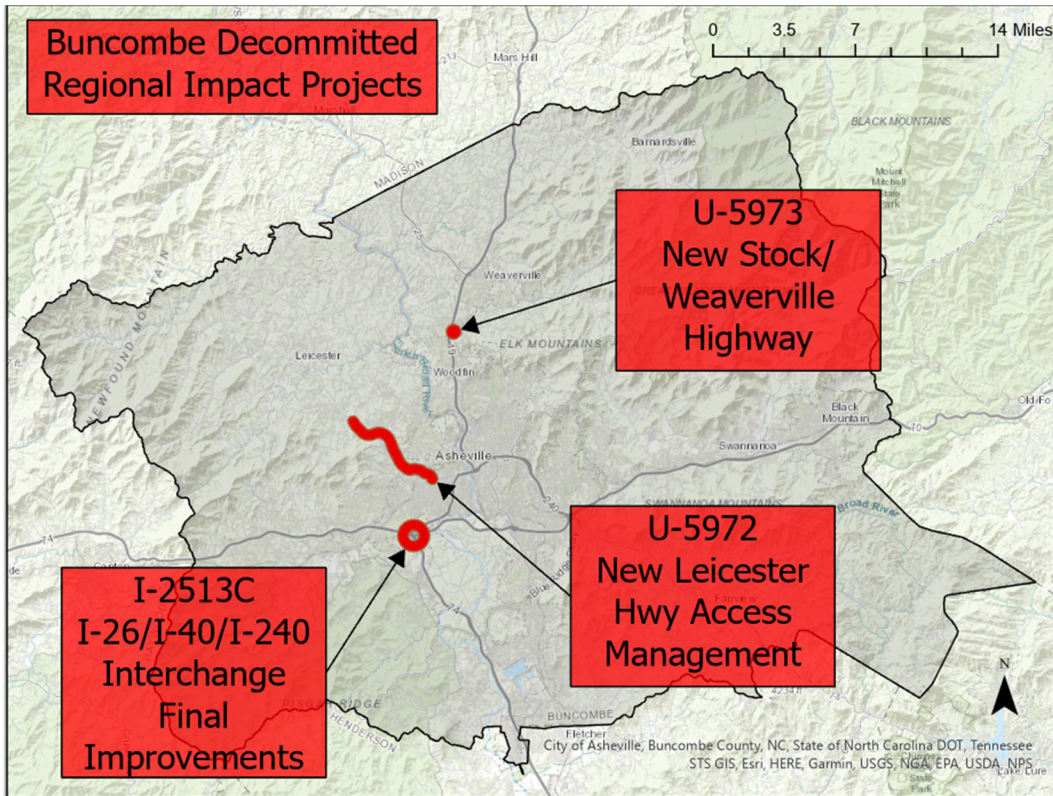
Priority:

- EB-5822 – North RAD Greenway **(71.19% Support)**
- EB-5965 – Deaverview Rd Sidewalks **(58.12% Support)**



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North RAD Greenway \$1,996,000 (EB-5822)	71.19% 84	28.81% 34	118
Deaverview Road Sidewalks \$1,996,000 (EB-5965)	58.12% 68	41.88% 49	117

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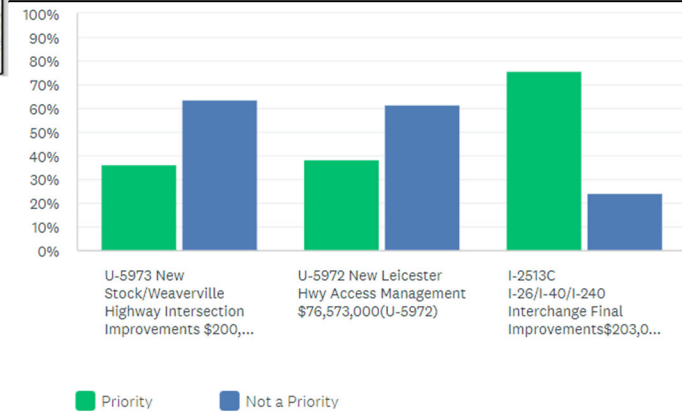


Priority:

- I-2513C – I-26/I-40/I-240 Interchange Final Improvements **(75.65% Support)**

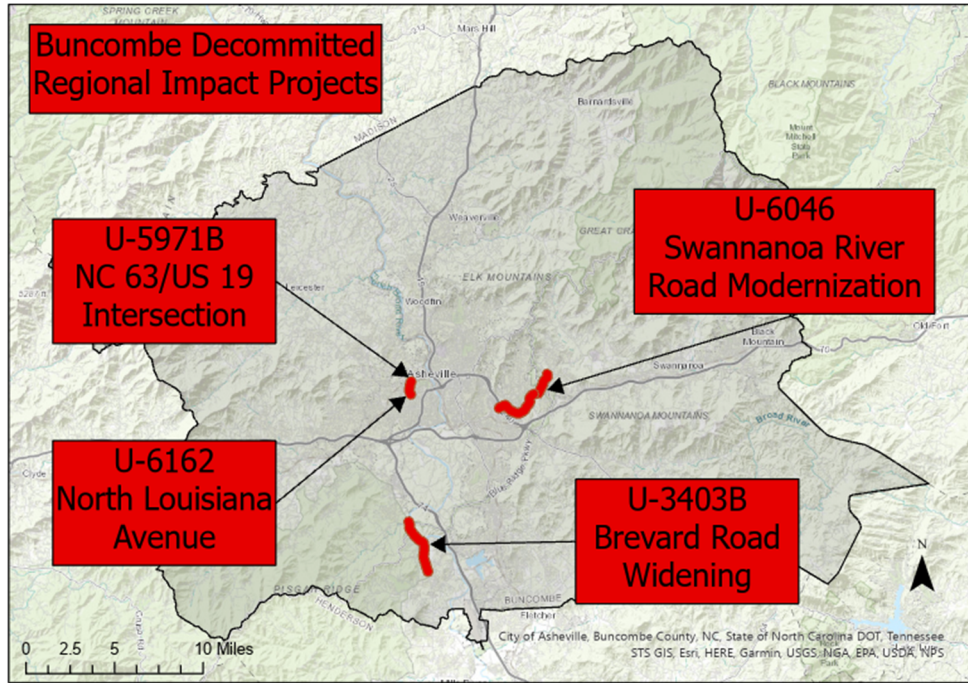
Not a Priority:

- U-5972 - New Leicester Hwy Access Management **(61.76% Oppose)**
- U-5973 – New Stock/Weaverville Highway Intersection Improvements **(63.46% Oppose)**



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▼ U-5973 New Stock/Weaverville Highway Intersection Improvements \$200,000 (U-5973) **Please note that many of the improvements that were originally in this project have been incorporated into project A-0010AA	36.54% 38	63.46% 66	104
▼ U-5972 New Leicester Hwy Access Management \$76,573,000 (U-5972)	38.24% 39	61.76% 63	102
▼ I-2513C I-26/I-40/I-240 Interchange Final Improvements \$203,000,000 (I-2513C)	75.65% 87	24.35% 28	115

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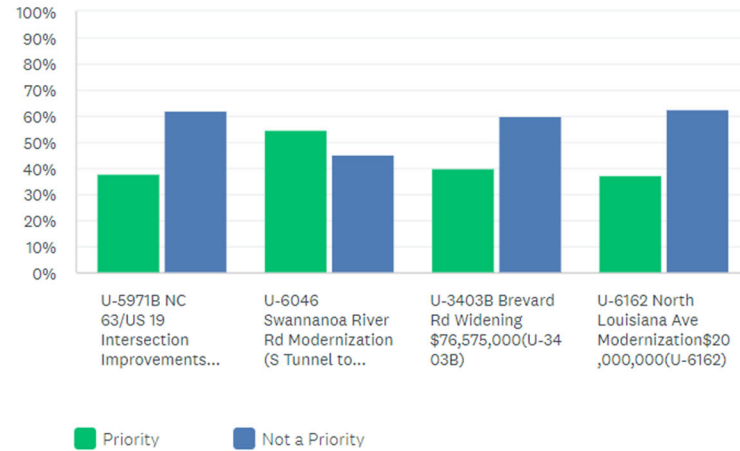


Priority:

- U-6046 Swannanoa River Rd Modernization **(54.81% Support)**

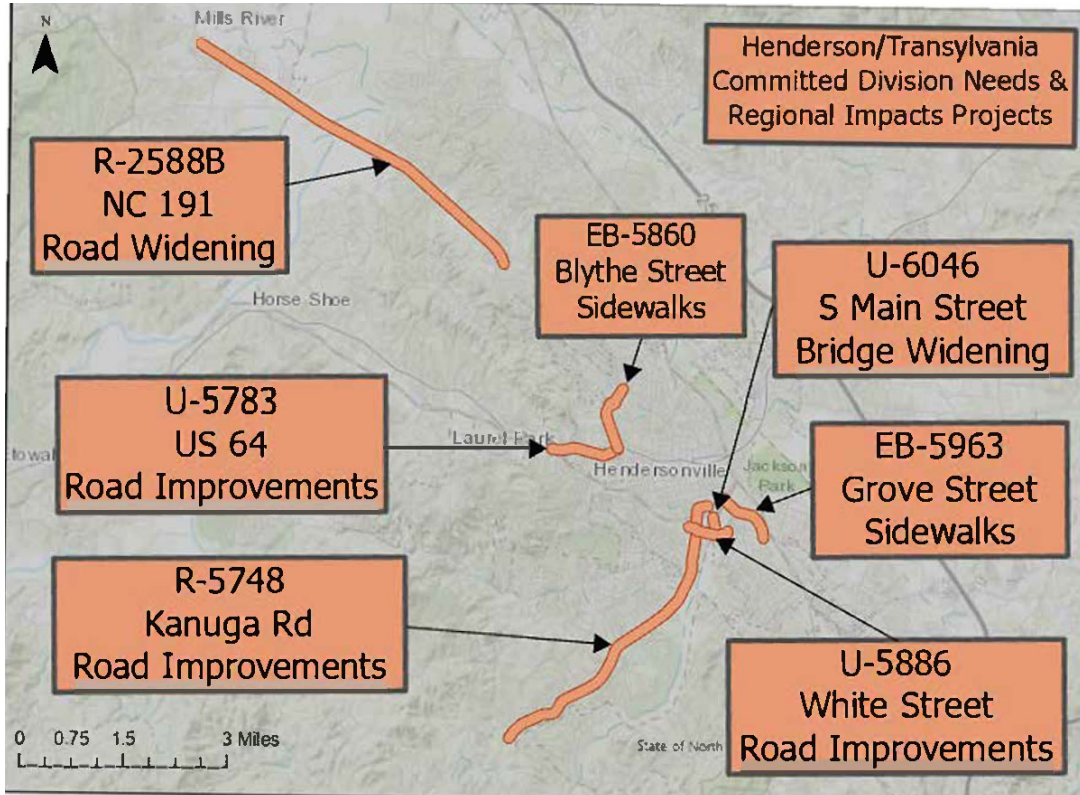
Not a Priority:

- U-5971B – NC 63/US 19 Intersection Improvements **(61.86% Oppose)**
- U-3043B - Brevard Rd Widening **(59.81% Oppose)**
- U-6162 – North Louisiana Ave Modernization **(62.63% Oppose)**



	PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	TOTAL
U-5971B NC 63/US 19 Intersection Improvements \$2,700,000(U-5971B)	38.14% 37	61.86% 60	97
U-6046 Swannanoa River Rd Modernization (\$ Tunnel to Tunnel)43,100,000(U-6046)	54.81% 57	45.19% 47	104
U-3403B Brevard Rd Widening \$76,575,000(U-3403B)	40.19% 43	59.81% 64	107
U-6162 North Louisiana Ave Modernization \$20,000,000(U-6162)	37.37% 37	62.63% 62	99

Henderson County



Priority:

- U-5973 - US 64 Improvements **(74.70% Support)**
- U-6046 - S Main St Bridge Widening **(53.49% Support)**

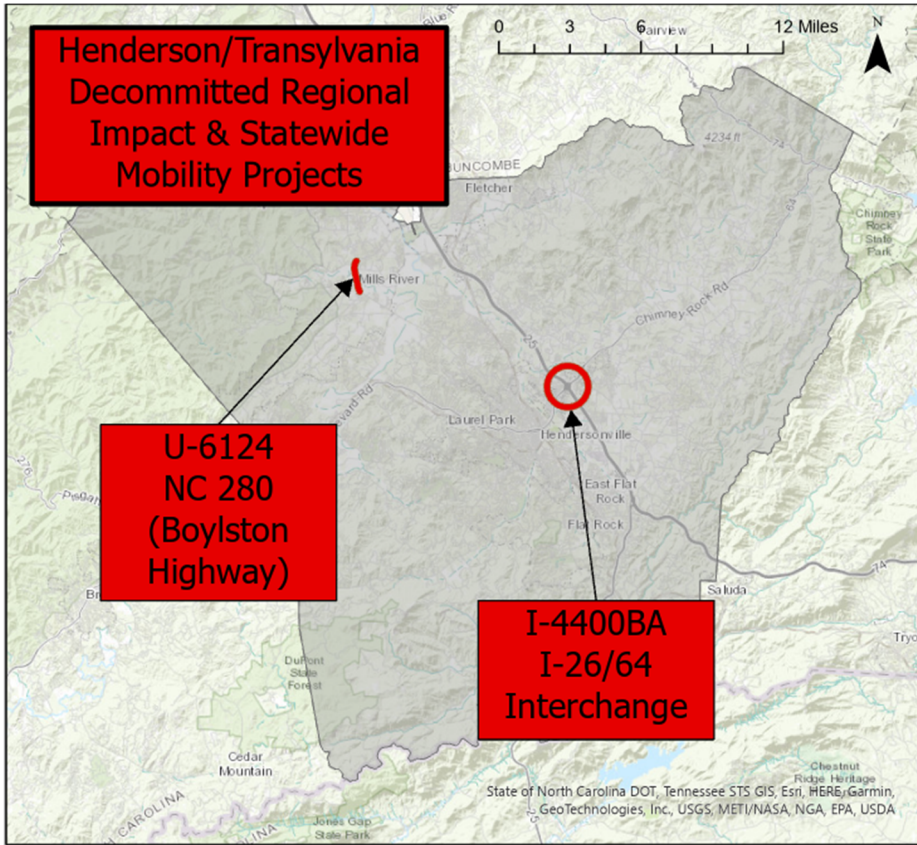


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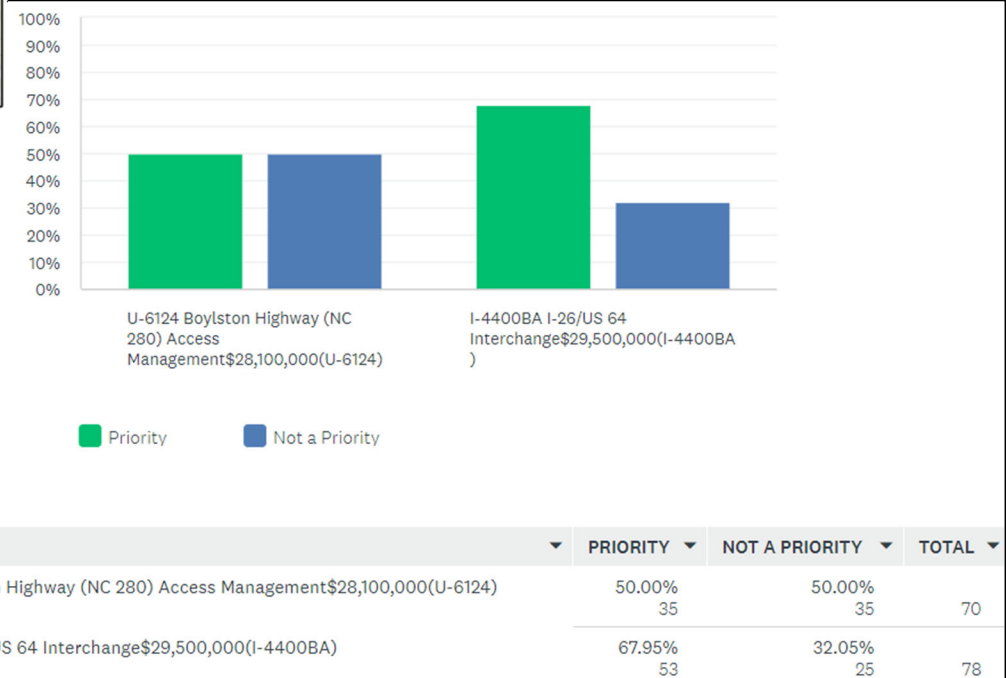
- R-2588B - NC 191 Widening **(54.22% Oppose)**
- R-5748 - Kanuga Rd Improvements **(57.5% Oppose)**
- U-5886 - White St Improvements **(53.75% Oppose)**
- EB_5860 - Blythe St Sidewalks **(56.52% Oppose)**
- EB-5963 - Grove St Sidewalks **(55.84% Oppose)**

	PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	TOTAL
▼ R-2588B NC 191 Widening from NC 280 to Mountain Road\$80,500,000(R-2588B)	45.78% 38	54.22% 45	83
▼ U-5783 US 64 Improvements Laurel Park\$41,500,000(U-5783)	74.70% 62	25.30% 21	83
▼ R-5748 Kanuga Road Improvements\$52,200,000(R-5748)	42.50% 34	57.50% 46	80
▼ South Main Street Bridge Widening Hendersonville\$7,800,000(U-6049)	53.49% 46	46.51% 40	86
▼ White Street Improvements\$36,500,000(U-5886)	46.25% 37	53.75% 43	80
▼ Blythe Street Sidewalks\$960,000(EB-5860)	43.75% 35	56.25% 45	80
▼ Grove Street Sidewalks\$904,000(EB-5963)	44.16% 34	55.84% 43	77

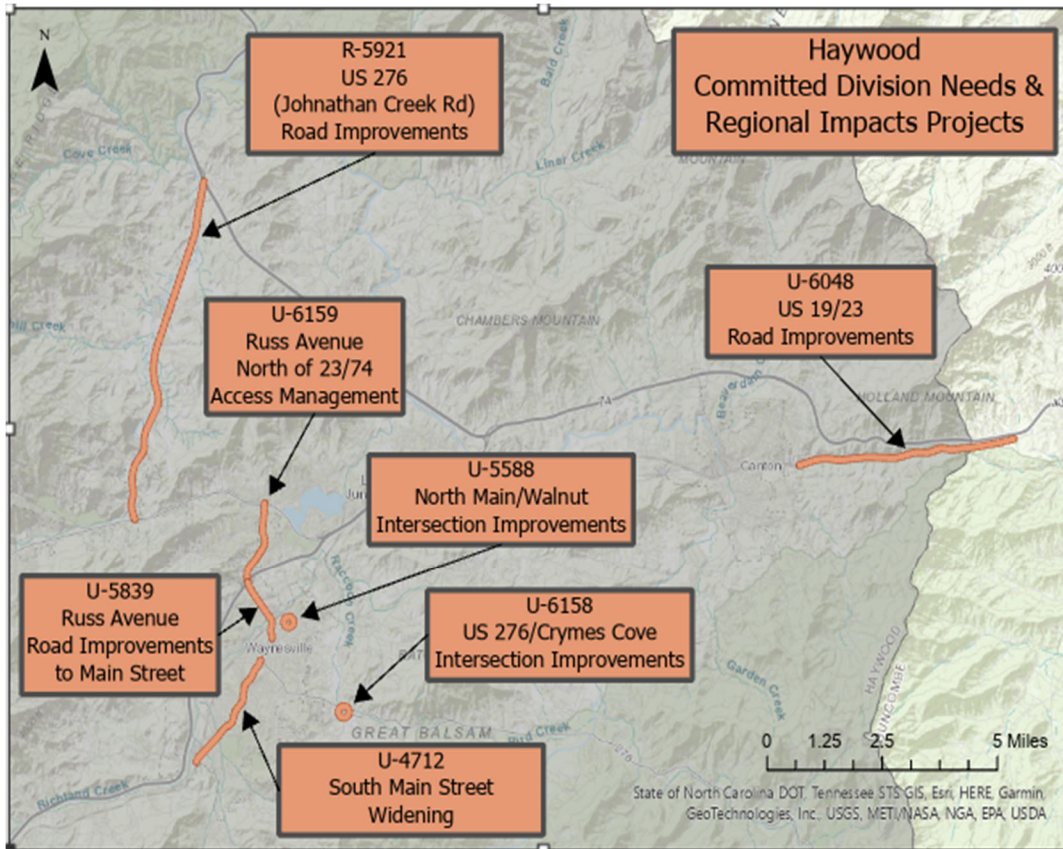
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- Priority:
 - I-4400BA - I-26/64 Interchange **(67.95% Support)**
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 - U-6124 - NC 280 Access Management

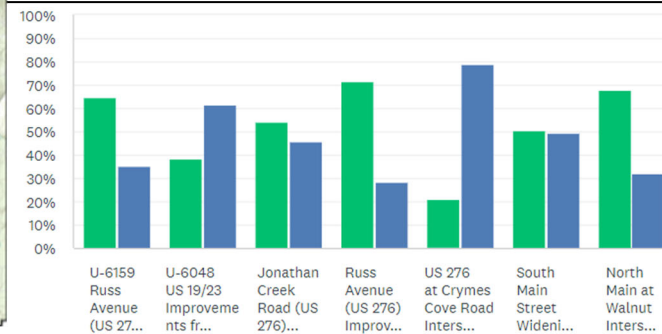


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Priority:

- U-6159 - Russ Ave Access Management (**64.86% Support**)
- R-5921 - US 276 Improvements (**54.17% Support**)
- U-5839 - Russ Ave Improvements (**71.62% Support**)
- U-4712 - S Main St Widening (**50.77% Support**)
- U-5588 - N Main St/Walnut Intersection Improvements (**67.65% Support**)



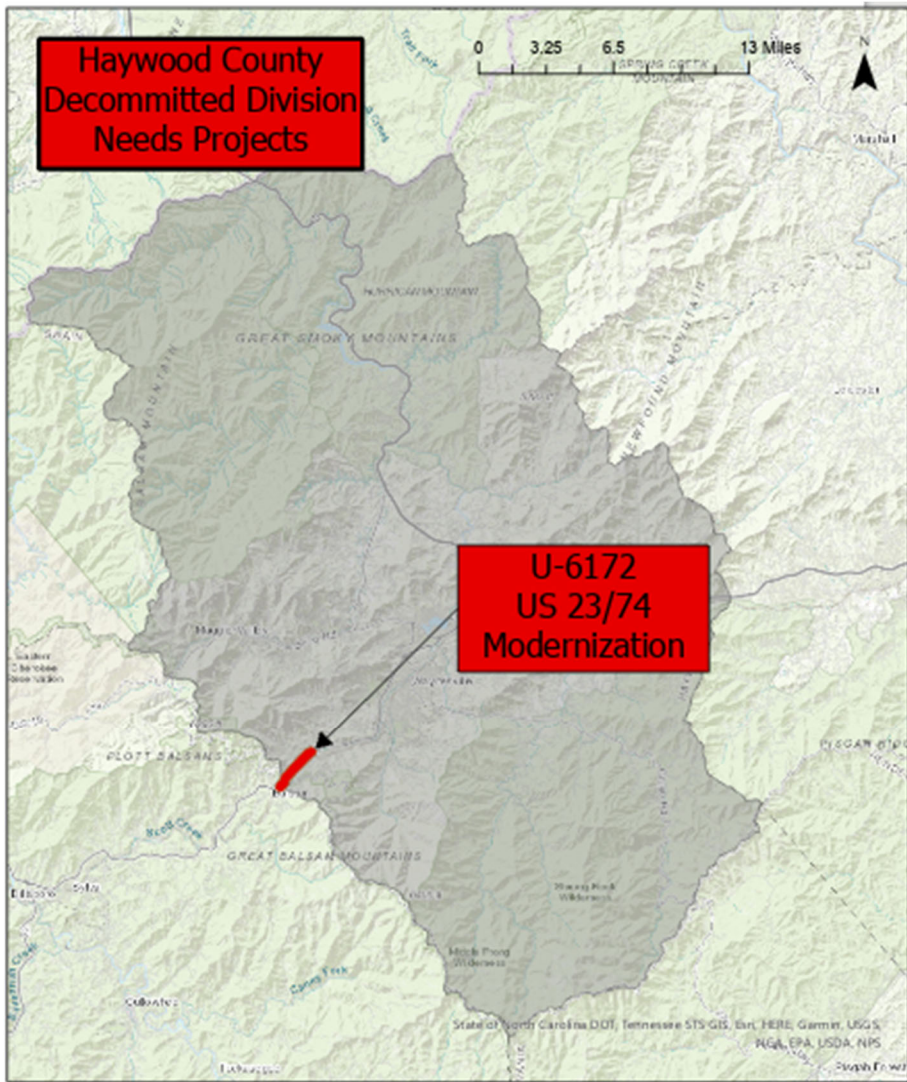
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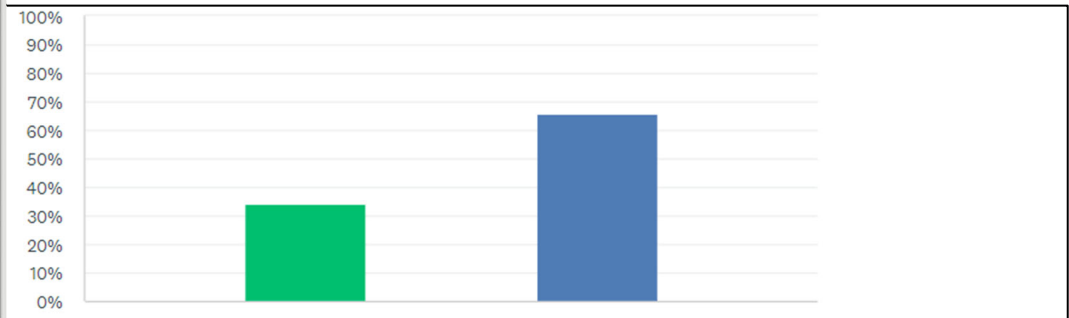
- U-6048 - US 19/23 Improvements (**61.54% Oppose**)
- U-6158 - US 276/Crymes Cove Intersection Improvements (**79.03% Oppose**)

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U-6159 Russ Avenue (US 276) Access Management from US 23/74 to Dellwood Road (US 19)\$30,201,000(U-6159)	64.86% 48	35.14% 26	74
U-6048 US 19/23 Improvements from Chestnut Mountain to Wiggins Road\$29,200,000(U-6048)	38.46% 25	61.54% 40	65
Jonathan Creek Road (US 276) Improvements\$36,400,000(R-5921)	54.17% 39	45.83% 33	72
Russ Avenue (US 276) Improvements Main Street to US 23/74\$6,800,000(U-5839)	71.62% 53	28.38% 21	74
US 276 at Crymes Cove Road Intersection Improvements (U-6158)	20.97% 13	79.03% 49	62
South Main Street Widening from Hyatt Creek to US 276 (Pigeon St)\$49,000,000(U-4712)	50.77% 33	49.23% 32	65
North Main at Walnut Intersection Improvements\$6,800,000(U-5888)	67.65% 46	32.35% 22	68

Haywood County



- Not a Priority:
 - U-6172 - US 23/74 Modernization (**65.57% Oppose**)



US 23/74 Improvements from Balsam View to Old Balsam \$10,950,000 (U-6172)

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	PRIORITY	NOT A PRIORITY	TOTAL
US 23/74 Improvements from Balsam View to Old Balsam \$10,950,000 (U-6172)	34.43% 21	65.57% 40	61

Buncombe County Comments (Summarized)

- 14 Comments Regarding Sweeten Creek Rd:
 - o Support Widening
 - o Concern About Congestion
 - o Want to See Complete Streets, Especially Bicycle Infrastructure
- Desire for Public Transit
 - o Commuter Focused Park & Ride
 - o Better Bus Infrastructure
 - o Light Rail Connectivity
- Desire for Widening of Swannanoa River Road
- Strong Desire to See Bike Lanes Included in All Projects
 - o Some Desire to See Bikes Take a Back Seat to Cars
 - o Some Desire to Allocate More Funding to Bike/Ped
- 5 Comments Supporting Mills Gap Rd Project
 - o Some Concerns About Bike Lanes in Plans
 - Desire for Them to be Separated/Design a Multi-Use Path
- Desire to See Entire I-26 Project Committed
- Desire to See an Emphasis on Bike/Ped in New Leicester Project
- Concern About Traffic Load on Brevard Road

Henderson County Comments (Summarized)

- Emphasis on Pedestrian Connections in NC 191 Project
 - o 2 Comments About Crosswalks and School Connections
- Concern Regarding Traffic Load on White St
- Concern About State of Bridges in Henderson County
- 5 Comments Concerned About Traffic Load and Speed on NC 280

Haywood County Comments (Summarized)

- Desire For All Projects to Include Bike Lanes
- Emphasis on Main St Projects to Help Spur Economic Development
- Desire for Better Traffic Flow

