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FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)

What is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP?)

The MTP is a federally-mandated transportation plan for urbanized areas, maintained and developed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO.) The MTP is required to look 25 years into the future to project needs and prioritize projects. Any transportation project of regional significance or needing federal actions is required to be reflected in the MTP.

The French Broad River MPO developed the 2045 MTP in 2020.

Comments on the Proposed Amendments

Comments may be made:

Via Email: mpo@landofsky.org

Via Phone: 828.251.6622 (ask for Tristan Winkler)

At the MPO Board: to be held at Land of Sky Regional Council (with a virtual option) on Thursday, August 17th at 1:00 PM

What Amendments are Being Proposed?

The amendments being proposed move horizon year dates for a number of projects. Horizon year dates are added to the MTP to reflect projects that are expected to be completed between 2020-2030, 2031-2040, and 2041-2045. Due to cost increases reflected in the Draft 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), a number of projects in the 2045 MTP expected to be completed by 2030 are now being pushed back to 2040, 2045, or even further out (what are called “Outer Years.”) The projects being moved from Horizon Year 2030 are listed below.

Proposed Amendments to the French Broad River MPO 2045 MTP - Amendment #4

MTP ID	TIP ID	Route	From	To	Improvement Type	County	Change	Previous Horizon Year	Current Horizon Year	Previous Cost	Current Cost	Funding Tier
HS4506	I-2513C	I-26/I-240	I-40	-	Final Interchange Improvements	Buncombe	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$217,602,000	\$206,476,000	Statewide Mobility
HR4502	A-0010AA	Future I-26	Exit 25	Exit 19	Widening and Modernization	Buncombe	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$116,900,000	\$323,500,000	Regional Impact
HR4506	U-6124	NC 280	NC 191	NC 191	Access Management	Henderson	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to 2045	2030	2045	\$ 9,600,000	\$28,100,000	Regional Impact
HR4509	U-2801AA	US 25A	US 25	Mills Gap Road	Widening	Buncombe	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to Outer Years	2030	Outer Years	\$ 39,000,000	\$142,100,000	Regional Impact
HR4526	U-2801AB	US 25A	Mills Gap Road	Rock Hill Road	Widening	Buncombe	Horizon Year Moved to 2040	2030	2045	\$ 39,000,000	\$117,198,000	Regional Impact
HR4510	U-5972	NC 63	US 19/23	Newfound Road	Access Management	Buncombe	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to Outer Years	2030	Outer Years	\$ 28,400,000	\$104,599,000	Regional Impact
HR4511	U-5971	US 19 (Patton Avenue)	NC 63	-	Intersection Improvement	Buncombe	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to Outer Years	2030	Outer Years	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,700,000	Regional Impact
HD144501	U-6172	US 23/74	Balsam View Drive	Old Balsam Road	Modernization	Haywood, Jackson	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 23,000,000	\$ 23,000,000	Division 14
HD144504	R-5748	Kanuga Road	US 25B	Little River Road	Modernization	Henderson	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 13,050,000	\$52,199,000	Division 14
HD144505	U-6048	US 19/23	Chestnut Mountain Road	Wiggins Road	Modernization	Buncombe, Haywood	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 4,535,000	\$29,201,000	Division 14
HD144507	U-6159	US 276	US 23/74	US 19	Access Management	Haywood	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 13,600,000	\$30,201,000	Division 14
HD144509	U-6158	US 276	Crymes Cove Road	-	Intersection Improvement	Haywood	Horizon Year Moved from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 2,700,000	\$3,801,000	Division 14
HD134502	U-5832	NC 81	Biltmore Avenue	S Tunnel Road	Widening	Buncombe	Horizon Year Changed from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 10,550,000	\$48,001,000	Division 13
HD134503	U-5837	Riceville Road	US 70	Clear Vista Lane	Modernization	Buncombe	Horizon Year Changed from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 2,000,000	\$25,700,000	Division 13
HD134508	U-6162	N Louisiana Avenue	US 19/23	Emma Road	Modernization	Buncombe	Horizon Year Changed from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 5,800,000	\$20,000,000	Division 13

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HD134509	U-6046	NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road)	US 70	US 74A	Modernization	Buncombe	Horizon Year Changed from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 23,302,000	\$43,100,000	Division 13
HD134510	U-6047	NC 112 (Sand Hill/Sardis Road)	NC 191	US 19/23	Widening	Buncombe	Horizon Year Changed from 2030 to 2040	2030	2040	\$ 44,515,000	\$136,598,000	Division 13