

**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Minutes from the Governing Board Meeting on October 19th 2023

**Attendance:**

In-Person and Remote via the Zoom Platform:

Anthony Sutton	Town of Waynesville
Jennifer Hensley	City of Hendersonville
Steve Williams	NCDOT Div 14
Bob Davy	Town of Fletcher
Vicki Eastland	LOS RPO
Matt Wechtel	Madison County
George Banta	Town of Laurel Park
Kim Roney	City of Asheville
Maggie Ulman	City of Asheville
Daniel Sellers	NCDOT TPD
Shannon Gonce	Town of Mills River
Rebecca McCall	Henderson County
Parker Sloan	Buncombe County
Hannah Cook	NCDOT Div 13
Archie Pertiller	Town of Black Mountain
Anne Colleta	Town of Flat Rock
Catherine Cordell	Town of Weaverville
Kevin Ensley	Haywood County
Amanda Edwards	Buncombe County
Bill Lapsley	Henderson County
Tom Widmer	Town of Montreat
David White	Rural Transit
Troy Wilson	NCDOT
Suzette Morales	FHWA

Members without Representation present:

Town of Biltmore Forest
BOT 13
BOT 14
Town of Clyde
Town of Canton
Town of Clyde
Town of Mars Hill

Town of Maggie Valley
Urban Transit
Town of Woodfin

**Additional Attendees:**

Tristan Winkler (FBRMPO)     Hannah Bagli (FBRMPO)     Logan DiGiacomo (FBRMPO)  
Jon Barsanti (FBRMPO)     Asha Rado (LOSRC, Minutes)

**WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & ROLL CALL**

Anthony Sutter called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM and welcomed everyone. He 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.

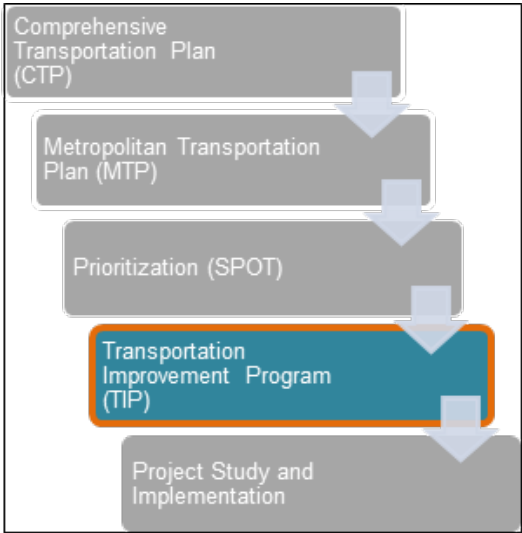
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anthony Sutton opened the floor for public comment. We received 10 online comments on P.7.0.

Date	Name	Comment	Method
10/4/23	N/A	Fanning Bridge Road in Fletcher is in tremendous need for improvements. Several dangerous curves, no sidewalks, no bike lanes. Traffic backs up at Hwy 25 for several cycles during rush hour due to lots of cut through traffic.	Website Comment Form
10/4/23	Carol Davis	As a 35 year resident, I am in favor of improving Fanning Bridge Road in Fletcher, NC. The lanes need to be widened, intersections improved, and visibility, especially at intersections improved. I am vehemently opposed to the addition of sidewalks as Fanning Bridge Road is used as a conduit between Airport Road and US 25 (Hendersonville Road). The road is NOT conducive for walking and foot traffic. In addition, the loss of right-way buffers would negatively impact properties on the road and would probably require pedestrian crosswalks...a significant danger given the traffic levels and walkers possibly having to cross from one side of the road to another. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.	Website Comment Form
10/4/23	Preston Blakely	This comment serves to show my support for the Fanning Bridge Road improvement. This road is currently overloaded and could desperately use upgrades. Traffic is terrible during points of the day and creates hazards in neighborhoods.	Website Comment Form
10/4/23	Rich Haschke	Fanning Bridge Road in Fletcher needs a sidewalk! It's a main connector between Airport Rd and Hendersonville Road and would provide much easier access for bikes and pedestrians.	Website Comment Form
10/4/23	Becky Haschke	Hello! Please, please consider adding a bike lane and/or a sidewalk to Fanning Bridge Rd in Fletcher. There is nowhere to run/walk our kids. There is a big increase of families with kids in the area, with no safe places to walk. Thank you for your consideration.	Website Comment Form

10/4/23	N/A	Fanning Bridge needs to be widened with a turning lane. And either a bike lane or a ban of bikes on the road. The curve between Fletcher Hills and Windsor Forest needs posts to keep people in their own lane. Too often vehicles coming from Airport Road towards US 25 come around that curve halfway into the incoming lane.	Website Comment Form
10/5/23	N/A	FANNING BRIDGE ROAD. Henderson County.— Improve several Intersections. Particularly Rutledge Rd. and St. John's Roads	Website Comment Form
10/5/23	Olga Grooman	I support the improvements on Fanning Bridge Road- which is in dire need of them! Road widening and sidewalks can mitigate the congestion on this road as well as adjacent Hwy 25.	Website Comment Form
10/10/23	N/A	When traffic on Fanning Bridge Rd has a green light more than a few will speed through the intersection onto Rutledge Rd. This makes it very hazardous to drive out of my	Website Comment Form
		neighborhood, Windsor Forest, from Old Case Rd onto Rutledge. I am glad we have the signal lights because the situation was more hazardous before they were installed. I think the only solution is to have the Fletcher Police Department park a manned patrol car prominently at the intersection very frequently. Ideally, the cruiser would be parked on the side of Old Case Rd near the intersection. Thank you for considering my comments.	
10/11/23	Andrea Golden	Route SR 1338 (Emma Road), between Boone Street and SR 1332 (North Louisiana Avenue); Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility. The Emma Neighborhood Council discussed this proposal and would like to express our concern. Our community has long expressed the importance of community input in terms of prioritizing the location of sidewalks and other improvements. The sidewalks that run along N. Louisiana Ave have not yet been completed, and are where the majority of neighborhood residents are forced to walk under dangerous conditions. We would like to express our frustration that this proposal does not reflect the priority and needs of our community's lowest income residents who are most impacted by lack of safe sidewalks due to the transportation barriers that we face. We would like for a representative to visit our neighborhood association to discuss before any further sidewalks investments are earmarked for our community.	Website Comment Form

Amendments to the 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is our region’s document that reflects planned transportation investments over a ten-year period. The TIP describes each project, a schedule for implementation, funding sources, and estimated costs. Current items are for modification of existing projects.

Modifications Summary

Amendments to the TIP this month are all the amendments that have been held on to while the new TIP and STIP were going through the process of being adopted by the MPO and

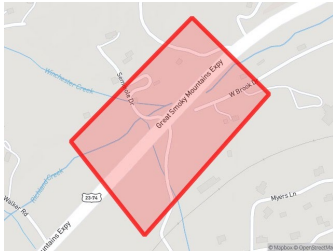
Board of Transportation, respectively. Of note, there have been a few project schedule delays to allow time for planning and/or right of way including the North RAD Greenway, Woodfin Greenway, and Riverwalk Greenway. This set of amendments also includes the addition of Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects funds to the Ecusta Trail, which were granted earlier this year. Additions to the TIP include several highway safety projects, as well as three rail safety projects, targeting crossings in Asheville, Black Mountain, and Canton. Deletions from the TIP include U-5973 (intersection improvements on Weaverville Hwy) and BL-0079 (the Texas Rd pedestrian bridge project in Montreat). Finally, this set of amendments reflects cost increases to I- 2513AC, a section of the I-26 connector project that involves widening I-26/I-240 north of I-40 to Haywood Rd in Asheville.

ID	Title	Type	Total Cost	Changed Total Amount
B-3186	REPLACE BRIDGE 430155, AND BRIDGE 430158 OVER RICHLAND CREEK.	HIGHWAY	\$22,200,000	\$16,100,000
B-5898	REPLACE BRIDGE 430168 OVER US 19 AND US 23.	HIGHWAY	\$13,700,000	\$10,600,000
B-5920	REPLACE BRIDGE 430246 OVER WEST FORK PIGEON CREEK.	HIGHWAY	\$670,000	\$0
B-5929	REPLACE BRIDGE 440350 OVER DEVILS FORK CREEK.	HIGHWAY	\$1,150,000	\$0
BL-0007	KANUGA ROAD TO US 64/BATTLE CREEK. CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH.	BIKE/PED	\$14,587,000	\$5,539,000
BL-0076	US 70 TO NORTH OF THE VA HOSPITAL DRIVEWAY. IMPROVE SIDEWALKS	BIKE/PED	\$1,044,000	\$6,000
BL-0077	BLEACHERY ROAD TO GLENDALE DRIVE. CONSTRUCT GREENWAY.	BIKE/PED	\$3,125,000	\$0
BL-0078	US 64 TO TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY LINE. CONSTRUCT GREENWAY.	BIKE/PED	\$13,083,000	\$0
BL-0079	REPLACE EXISTING HIGHWAY BRIDGE WITH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE.	BIKE/PED	\$0	-\$191,000
EB-5547A	BLACK MOUNTAIN RIVERWALK GREENWAY,CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PAT	BIKE/PED	\$1,599,000	\$1,599,000
EB-5547B	CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH FROM BLACK MOUNTAIN AVENUE TO THE	BIKE/PED	\$1,571,000	\$0
EB-5774A	US 19/23/70 (EXIT 25) TO THE MILLS AT RIVERSIDE. CONSTRUCT MULTI-U	BIKE/PED	\$10,269,000	\$0
EB-5822	CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ALONG RIVERSIDE DRIVE FROM HILL STREE	BIKE/PED	\$4,129,000	\$0
EB-5824	CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH FROM HOMINY VALLEY PARK AND ENKA H	BIKE/PED	\$3,844,000	\$0
EB-5944	JOHNSTON BOULEVARD, PATTON AVENUE TO IONA CIRCLE. CONSTRUCT	BIKE/PED	\$2,350,000	\$0
EB-5945	CHAMPION DRIVE, NORTH CANTON ROAD TO THICKETY ROAD. CONSTRU	BIKE/PED	\$384,000	\$0
EB-5947	NEW HAW CREEK ROAD, BEVERLY ROAD TO BELL ROAD. CONSTRUCT SID	BIKE/PED	\$2,375,000	\$0
HB-0002	REPLACE BRIDGES 430248 AND 430249 OVER SR 1613 (BEAVERDAM ROA	HIGHWAY	\$36,490,000	\$16,990,000
HB-0006	REPLACE BRIDGE 430126 OVER I-40.	HIGHWAY	\$10,000,000	\$0
HB-0023	REPLACE BRIDGE 430169 OVER WEST FORK PIGEON RIVER.	HIGHWAY	\$3,820,000	\$2,060,000
HL-0003	UPGRADE ROADWAY (INCLUDING RESURFACING AND PEDESTRIAN IMPR	HIGHWAY	\$7,743,000	\$80,000
HL-0013	REPLACE BRIDGE 100522 OVER TOMAHAWK BRANCH IN BLACK MOUNTA	HIGHWAY	\$800,000	\$0
HL-0014	WHITE FAWN DRIVE INTERSECTION. INSTALL A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND CON	HIGHWAY	\$365,000	\$0
HO-0012	BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY ASSOCIATION, UPDATE THEBLUE RIDGE PARKWAY	HIGHWAY	\$575,000	\$575,000
HS-2013O	SR 3075 (ONTEORA BOULEVARD), BRIDGE #100460OVER I-40. CONSTRU	HIGHWAY	\$395,000	\$395,000
HS-2013P	NC 63, SR 1220 (SOUTH TURKEY CREEK ROAD) NEARLEICESTER. CONSTRU	HIGHWAY	\$720,000	\$720,000
HS-2013Q	INSTALL LONG LIFE PAVEMENT MARKINGS ONVARIOUS PRIMARY AND SE	HIGHWAY	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000
HS-2013R	INSTALL LONG LIFE PAVEMENT MARKINGS ONVARIOUS PRIMARY AND SE	HIGHWAY	\$2,965,000	\$2,965,000
HS-2013S	INSTALL LONG LIFE PAVEMENT MARKINGS ONVARIOUS PRIMARY AND SE	HIGHWAY	\$1,887,000	\$1,887,000
HS-2014I	HENDERSONVILLE CITY LIMIT TO SR 1534. INSTALL RUMBLE STRIPS WITH	HIGHWAY	\$140,000	\$0
HS-2014M	SR 1592 (HOSPITAL DRIVE)/ STRAUS PARKWAY. UPGRADE INTERSECTION.	HIGHWAY	\$225,000	\$0
HS-2014N	NORTH GROVE STREET/ 7TH AVENUE. UPGRADE INTERSECTION.	HIGHWAY	\$240,000	\$0
HS-2014S	US 19, JACKSON COUNTY TO MAGGIE VALLEY.INSTALL LONG LIFE PAVEM	HIGHWAY	\$105,000	\$105,000
HS-2014Y	US 19 (DELLWOOD ROAD), NORTH LAKESHORE DRIVE.INSTALL TRAFFIC SI	HIGHWAY	\$210,000	\$210,000
I-2513AC	NORTH OF I-40 TO SR 3548 (HAYWOOD ROAD). WIDEN TO SIX LANE FREE	HIGHWAY	\$201,558,000	-\$25,177,000
R-5921	US 19 TO I-40 UPGRADE. MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	HIGHWAY	\$47,729,000	\$11,119,000
RX-2013A	SR 1319 (JOHNSTON BOULEVARD), BLU CROSSING720399N IN ASHEVILLE	RAIL	\$294,000	\$294,000
RX-2013B	NC 9 (BROADWAY STREET), NSR CROSSING 726262PIN BLACK MOUNTAIN	RAIL	\$492,000	\$492,000
RX-2014A	NC 215 (BLACKWELL DRIVE), BLU CROSSING 720349KIN CANTON. CONST	RAIL	\$345,000	\$345,000
U-4712	SR 1164 (HYATT CREEK ROAD) TO US 276 (PIGEON STREET). WIDEN TO M	HIGHWAY	\$57,400,000	\$8,400,000
U-5019A	CONSTRUCT TOWN BRANCH GREENWAY.	HIGHWAY	\$4,267,000	\$0

Project Overview  
49 Projects Listed

B-3186 - REPLACE BRIDGE 430155, AND BRIDGE 430158 OVER RICHLAND CREEK.														
LEAD AGENCY NCDOT		PROJECT TYPE HIGHWAY		COUNTY HAYWOOD		DIVISION(S) 14								
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2024		LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -		ROUTE/ROAD NAME US 23/US 74		TOTAL LENGTH 0								
TOTAL COST \$22,200,000		PROJECT DESCRIPTION REPLACE BRIDGE 430155, AND BRIDGE 430158 OVER RICHLAND CREEK.												
PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
CONSTRUCTION	National Highway Performance Program(Bridge)	-	\$12,101,000	\$10,099,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$22,200,000
Total CONSTRUCTION		-	\$12,101,000	\$10,099,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$22,200,000
Total Programmed		-	\$12,101,000	\$10,099,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$22,200,000

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Change in federally-funded or state-funded regionally significant transit, bicycle or pedestrian project that exceeds either \$1 million or 25% of the project cost
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "24-33 Adoption" to "October 2023 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<b>National Highway Performance Program(Bridge)</b> + Increase funds in FY 2024 in CON from \$3,325,000 to \$12,101,000 + Increase funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$2,775,000 to \$10,099,000
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$6,100,000 to \$22,200,000 (263.93%)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$6,100,000 to \$22,200,000 (263.93%)



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TOTAL COST \$22,200,000		PROJECT DESRIPTION REPLACE BRIDGE 430155, AND BRIDGE 430158 OVER RICHLAND CREEK.												
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Total CONSTRUCTION		-	\$12,101,000	\$10,099,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$22,200,000
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FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$6,100,000 to \$22,200,000 (263.93%)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$6,100,000 to \$22,200,000 (263.93%)

# B-5920 - REPLACE BRIDGE 430246 OVER WEST FORK PIGEON CREEK.

LEAD AGENCY NCDOT	PROJECT TYPE HIGHWAY	COUNTY HAYWOOD	DIVISION(S) 14
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2025	LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -	ROUTE/ROAD NAME SR 1216 (STEEL BRIDGE ROAD)	TOTAL LENGTH 0
TOTAL COST \$670,000	PROJECT DESCRIPTION REPLACE BRIDGE 430246 OVER WEST FORK PIGEON CREEK.		

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Off System)	-	-	\$30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30,000
Total RIGHT-OF-WAY		-	-	\$30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$30,000
CONSTRUCTION	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Off System)	-	-	-	\$518,000	\$122,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$640,000
Total CONSTRUCTION		-	-	-	\$518,000	\$122,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$640,000
Total Programmed		-	-	\$30,000	\$518,000	\$122,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$670,000

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Project schedule shifts in years 1 through 4 that move project completion dates across Horizon Years as determined by the Long Range Transportation Plan	
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "24-33 Adoption" to "October 2023 Amendments" CONSTRUCTION YEAR changed from "2024" to "2026"	
FUNDING CHANGES	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Off System) - Decrease funds in FY 2023 in ROW from \$30,000 to \$0 + Increase funds in FY 2025 in ROW from \$0 to \$30,000 - Decrease funds in FY 2024 in CON from \$526,000 to \$0 + Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$0 to \$518,000 - Decrease funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$114,000 to \$0 + Increase funds in FY 2027 in CON from \$0 to \$122,000	
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$570,000	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$570,000	

# BL-0007 - KANUGA ROAD TO US 64/BATTLE CREEK. CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH.

LEAD AGENCY NCDOT	PROJECT TYPE BIKE/PED	COUNTY HENDERSON	DIVISION(S) 14
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2023	LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT YES	ROUTE/ROAD NAME ECUSTA RAIL-TRAIL	TOTAL LENGTH 0
TOTAL COST \$14,587,000	PROJECT DESCRIPTION KANUGA ROAD TO US 64/BATTLE CREEK. CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH.		

ENGINEERING	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)	\$290,000	-----	\$290,000
ENGINEERING	Local	\$73,000	-----	\$73,000
Total ENGINEERING		\$363,000	-----	\$363,000



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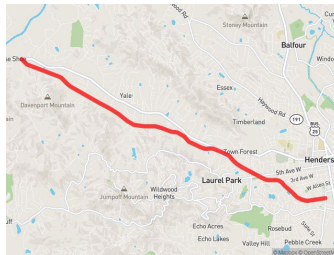
CONSTRUCTION	NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL LANDS AND TRIBAL PROJECTS GRANT	- \$4,985,000	-----	\$4,985,000
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	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)	
CONSTRUCTION	\$2,318,000	\$2,318,000

Category	Amount	Amount
CONSTRUCTION	\$160,000	\$160,000
Transportation Alternatives Program (Direct Attributable)		

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CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Change in federally-funded or state-funded regionally significant transit, bicycle or pedestrian project that exceeds either \$1 million or 25% of the project cost
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "24-33 Adoption" to "October 2023 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<b>Local</b>
	+ Increase funds in FY 2024 in CON from \$0 to \$554,000
	<b>NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL LANDS AND TRIBAL PROJECTS GRANT</b>
	+ Increase funds in FY 2024 in CON from \$0 to \$4,985,000
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$7,238,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$9,048,000 to \$14,587,000 (61.22%)



**BL-0076 - US 70 TO NORTH OF THE VA HOSPITAL DRIVEWAY. IMPROVE SIDEWALKS.**

LEAD AGENCY NCDOT	PROJECT TYPE BIKE/PED	COUNTY RUTHERFORD	DIVISION(S) 13
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2025	LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT YES	ROUTE/ROAD NAME RICEVILLE ROAD	TOTAL LENGTH 0

TOTAL COST \$1,044,000	PROJECT DESCRIPTION US 70 TO NORTH OF THE VA HOSPITAL DRIVEWAY. IMPROVE SIDEWALKS.
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PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
ENGINEERING	Local	-	-	\$2,000										\$2,000
	Transportation Alternatives Program	-	-	\$8,000										\$8,000
ENGINEERING	(Direct Attributable)	-	-	\$10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10,000
CONSTRUCTION	Local	-	-	\$206,000										\$206,000
	Transportation Alternatives Program	-	-	\$828,000										\$828,000
CONSTRUCTION	(Direct Attributable)	-	-											

Total	-	-	\$1,034,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,034,000
CONSTRUCTION	-	-	\$1,044,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,044,000
<b>Total Programmed</b>	-	-												



**CURRENT CHANGE REASON**

Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Any addition or deletion of a federally funded or state funded regionally significant project to the first 4 years of the TIP

**PROJECT CHANGES**

Plan Revision Name changed from "24-33 Adoption" to "October 2023 Amendments"

CONSTRUCTION YEAR changed from "2023" to "2025"

**FUNDING CHANGES**

**Transportation Alternatives Program (Direct Attributable)**

- Decrease funds in FY 2023 in CON from \$830,000 to \$0
- + Increase funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$0 to \$828,000
- + Increase funds in FY 2025 in ENG from \$0 to \$8,000

**Local**

- Decrease funds in FY 2023 in CON from \$208,000 to \$0
- + Increase funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$0 to \$206,000
- + Increase funds in FY 2025 in ENG from \$0 to \$2,000

**FEDERAL PROJECT COST**

Increased from \$830,000 to \$836,000 (0.72%)

**TOTAL PROJECT COST**

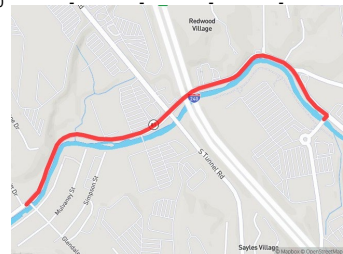
Increased from \$1,038,000 to \$1,044,000 (0.58%)

**BL-0077 - BLEACHERY ROAD TO GLENDALE DRIVE. CONSTRUCT GREENWAY.**

LEAD AGENCY Asheville	PROJECT TYPE BIKE/PED	COUNTY BUNCOMBE	DIVISION(S) 13
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2028	LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -	ROUTE/ROAD NAME SWANNANOA GREENWAY	TOTAL LENGTH 0
TOTAL COST \$3,125,000	PROJECT DESCRIPTION BLEACHERY ROAD TO GLENDALE DRIVE. CONSTRUCT GREENWAY.		

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
Program (Direct Attributable)														
Total CONSTRUCTION		-	-	-	-	-	\$3,125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,125,000
Total Program	Local	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$3,125,000

CONSTRUCTION	Surface Transportation Block Grant	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,500,000
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CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Project Removed
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "24-33 Adoption" to "October 2023 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	N/A
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$2,500,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$3,125,000

**BL-0078 - US 64 TO TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY LINE. CONSTRUCT GREENWAY.**

LEAD AGENCY Henderson County	PROJECT TYPE BIKE/PED	COUNTY HENDERSON	DIVISION(S) 14
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2027	LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT YES	ROUTE/ROAD NAME ECUSTA TRAIL	TOTAL LENGTH 0
TOTAL COST \$13,083,000	PROJECT DESCRIPTION US 64 TO TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY LINE. CONSTRUCT GREENWAY.		

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
ENGINEERING	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)	-	\$1,440,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,440,000
ENGINEERING	Local	-	\$360,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$360,000
Total ENGINEERING		-	\$1,800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,800,000
CONSTRUCTION	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)	-	-	-	-	\$9,027,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$9,027,000
CONSTRUCTION	Local	-	-	-	-	\$2,256,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,256,000
Total CONSTRUCTION		-	-	-	-	\$11,283,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$11,283,000
Total Programmed		-	\$1,800,000	-	-	\$11,283,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,083,000

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update increases in highway projects that exceed both \$2 million and 25% of the original cost and may affect fiscal constraint
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "24-33 Adoption" to "October 2023 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<p>Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)</p> <p>- Decrease funds in FY 2027 in CON from \$10,467,000 to \$9,027,000</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2024 in ENG from \$0 to \$1,440,000</p> <p>Local</p> <p>- Decrease funds in FY 2027 in CON from \$2,616,000 to \$2,256,000</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2024 in ENG from \$0 to \$360,000</p>
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$10,467,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$13,083,000



**Shannon Gonce moved to approve the Amendments to the 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program(TIP). Matt Wechtel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.**

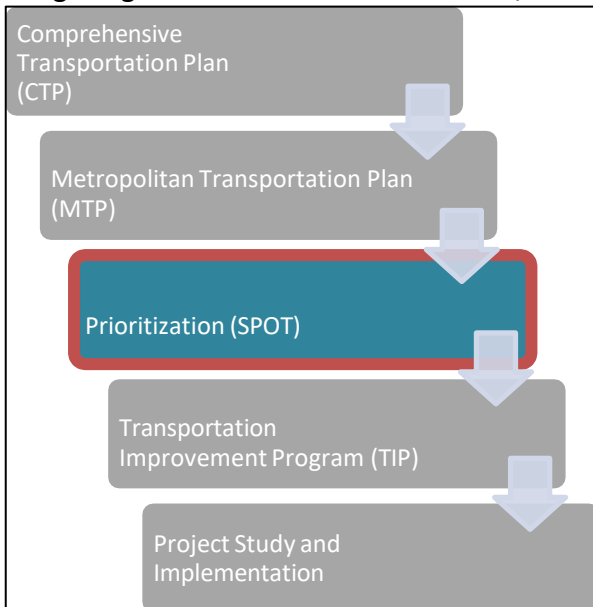
## P. 7.0 Project Submittals

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##### What is P 7.0 and the Prioritization Process?

The Prioritization Process (aka SPOT) is the process that determines the majority of capital improvement projects funded through NCDOT and NCDOT's allotment of federal funds. The process is governed by the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) Law of 2012 that provides the framework for a more data-driven and transparent process that also utilizes local input from NCDOT Divisions, MPOs, and RPOs. In relation to other aspects of transportation planning, the prioritization process serves as the bridge to determine what long-range needs are funded in the TIP/STIP for implementation.



P 7.0 refers to the seventh iteration of the prioritization process in North Carolina and will be the process that determines what new projects are funded in the 2026- 2035 TIP/STIP.

##### Discussion Points for October Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting

- Revenue projections and the need for potential submittal changes as a result

##### What is the Schedule for Events in P 7.0?

Date	Event
July, 2023	Local Government Discussions on Potential Submittals
August, 2023	Draft Submittal List (Board Action Required)
August-September, 2023	Public Comment on Draft Submittal List
October, 2023	Final Submittal List (Board Action Required)
February, 2024	Data Review
March, 2024	Local Input Point Methodology Adoption (Board Action Required)

<b>April, 2024</b>	Statewide Mobility Projects Programmed
<b>May, 2024</b>	Draft Local Input Point Assignment for Regional Impact Projects
<b>May-June, 2024</b>	Public Comment on Draft Local Input Point Assignment for Regional Impact Projects
<b>June, 2024</b>	Final Local Input Point Assignment for Regional Impact Projects
<b>August, 2024</b>	Regional Impact Projects Programmed
<b>October, 2024</b>	Draft Local Input Point Assignment for Division Needs Projects
<b>October-November, 2024</b>	Public Comment on Draft Local Input Point Assignment for Division Needs Projects
<b>November, 2024</b>	Final Local Input Point Assignment for Division Needs Projects
<b>February, 2025</b>	Draft 2026-2035 TIP/STIP Released
<b>August, 2025</b>	Final 2026-2035 TIP/STIP (Board Action Required)

#### **Recommended Changes Approved by the Prioritization Subcommittee**

- Remove US 25 (Hendersonville Road) Access Management from Rock Hill Road to NC 146 (Long Shoals Road)
- Consolidate Two Projects on US 25 (Merrimon Avenue) to One Roadway Upgrade Project from I-240 to Wembley Drive
- Modify the US 70 (Tunnel Road) and US 74 Alt (South Tunnel Road) Project. Previous termini: Beaucatcher Tunnel to NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road.) Modified Termini: Beaucatcher Tunnel to US 74 Alt (South Tunnel Road.)
- Add Peachtree Road Extension to provide a connection between US 25 (Hendersonville Road) and US 25 Alt (Sweeten Creek Road) in a section where there is no connection for 2.2 miles
- Add NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) Intersection Improvements at Newfound Road, Ramsey Road, and Gouges Branch Road. Project initiated through public comment.
- Grade separation of Norfolk Southern Rail line at Blue Ridge Road. Request came in from NCDOT Rail Division.

## Revenue Projections

NCDOT provided revenue projections for P 7.0. Notably this includes a negative balance for Region G (the FBRMPO & LOSRPO's region.)

Funding Category	10 year Budget Including Lookback Law minus DA Funding (starting budget)	Amount of STI Committed Projects	Remaining Available Budget for P7.0
Statewide	\$11.6B	\$7.7B	\$3.9B
Region A	\$796M	\$756M	\$40M
Region B	\$1.108B	\$1.074B	\$34M
Region C	\$2.4B	\$1.1B	\$1.3B
Region D	\$1.477B	\$864.5M	\$613M
Region E	\$2.54B	\$2.48B	\$64M
Region F	\$1.28B	\$1.05B	\$230M
Region G	\$884M	\$958M	-\$74M
Division 1	\$806M	\$763M	\$43M
Division 2	\$826M	\$881M	-\$55M
Division 3	\$714M	\$753M	-\$39M
Division 4	\$682M	\$656M	\$26M
Division 5	\$518M	\$502M	\$16M
Division 6	\$660M	\$461M	\$199M
Division 7	\$681M	\$434M	\$247M
Division 8	\$831M	\$757M	\$74M
Division 9	\$692M	\$587M	\$103M
Division 10	\$473M	\$502M	-\$29M
Division 11	\$853M	\$956M	-\$103M
Division 12	\$821M	\$705M	\$116M
Division 13	\$748M	\$643M	\$105M
Division 14	\$753M	\$555M	\$198M

## Public Engagement

### When Will Public Comment Be Open on Draft Submittals?

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

### Public Comment Procedures

Via Email, Phone, or In-Person/Zoom at the MPO Board meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The comment period has been advertised in the Mountain Xpress with materials available on the MPO website.

### Recommended Changes to the Draft Project List Projects to Add

Route	From	To	Improvement Type	County	Mode
NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	Newfound Road	Gouges Branch Road	Multiple Intersection Improvements	Buncombe	Highway
Peachtree Road Extension	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	US 25A (Sweeten Creek Road)	New Location	Buncombe	Highway
Norfolk Southern Rail	Blue Ridge Road	-	Construct New Grade Separated Crossing	Buncombe	Rail

### Projects Removed

Route	From	To	Improvement Type	County	Mode
US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	NC 146 (Long Shoals Road)	Rock Hill Road	Access Management	Buncombe	Highway

### Projects to Modify

- Combine two US 25 (Merrimon Road) projects into one from I-240 to Wembley Drive as a Roadway Upgrade
- Reduce US 70 (Tunnel Road)/US 74A (South Tunnel Road) project to just include the section



from the Beaucatcher Tunnel to US 74A (South Tunnel Road) as a Roadway Upgrade

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### Carryover Projects

TIP	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Specific Improvement Type	County(ies)
A-0010AB	I-26, US 19, US 23	US 25 / 70 (Weaver Boulevard)	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards	Buncombe
A-0010AC	I-26, US 19, US 23	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	South of SR 2148 (Stockton Branch Road)	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards	Buncombe
I-6018	I-40	I-240, US 74 Alternate		8 - Improve Interchange	Buncombe
I-6021	I-40	SR 2838 (Porters Cove Road) - Exit 55		8 - Improve Interchange	Buncombe
	US 19 (Smokey Park Highway), US 23	I-40	NC 151 (Pisgah Highway)	11 - Access Management	Buncombe
U-6046	NC 81 (SWANNANOA RIVER ROAD)	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	US 74 (South Tunnel Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	Buncombe
U-6162	SR 1332 (NORTH LOUISIANA AVENUE)	US 19-23 (Patton Avenue)	SR 1338 (Emma Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	Buncombe
I-6054C	I-40	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road), Exit 37	SR 1224 (Monte Vista Road)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	Buncombe

U-3403B	NC 191 (BREVARD ROAD - OLD HAYWOOD ROAD)	SR 3498 (LEDBETTER ROAD)	North of Blue Ridge Parkway	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	Buncombe
U-5972	NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	US 19/23 Patton Ave	Newfound Road	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along a corridor	Buncombe

<b>TIP</b>	<b>Route / Facility / Project Name</b>	<b>From / Cross Street / Location</b>	<b>To / Cross Street</b>	<b>Specific Improvement Type</b>	<b>County(ies)</b>
I-2513C	I-26	I-40/I-240		8 - Improve Interchange	Buncombe
U-5837	SR-2002 Riceville Road	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	SR 2285 (Clear Vista Lane)	16 - Modernize Roadway	Buncombe
U-5971B	US 19 (Patton Avenue)	NC 63 (New Leicester Highway). Construct Final Intersection Improvements.		10 - Improve Intersection	BUNCOMBE
U-2801AA	US 25A (SWEETEN CREEK ROAD)	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	Mills Gap Road	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	BUNCOMBE
U-3403A	NC 191 (Brevard Road / Old Haywood Road)	NC 280 (BOYLSTON HIGHWAY)	TO SR 3498 (LEDBETTER ROAD)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	Buncombe, Henderson
	NC 280 (Airport Road)	SR 3568 (Rockwood Road)	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	11 - Access Management	Buncombe, Henderson
U-6173	US 25, US 70	Approximately 1760' North of SR 1584 (Tillery Branch Road)	SR 1727 (Monticello Road)	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	Buncombe, Madison
I-6054A	I-40	NC 215 - Exit 31	US 74 - Exit 27	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	Haywood

<b>TIP</b>	<b>Route / Facility / Project Name</b>	<b>From / Cross Street / Location</b>	<b>To / Cross Street</b>	<b>Specific Improvement Type</b>	<b>County(ies)</b>
U-6160	US 19 (Soco Road)	SR 1304 (Fie Top Road) at Ghost Town in the Sky	Blue Ridge Parkway	16 - Modernize Roadway	Haywood
I-6054B	I-40	NC 215 (Champion Drive)	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	Haywood, Buncombe
U-6172A	US 23/US 74 (GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS EXPRESSWAY)	SR 1777(Balsam View Drive)	SR 1158 (Old Balsam Rd)	16 - Modernize Roadway	Haywood, Jackson
U-6172B	US 23/US 74 (GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS EXPRESSWAY)	SR 1777(Balsam View Drive)	SR 1158 (Old Balsam Rd)	16 - Modernize Roadway	Haywood, Jackson
I-4400A	I-26	US 25	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	Henderson
R-2588A	NC 191	US 25 (Asheville Highway)	SR 1381 (Mountain Road)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	Henderson
	SR 1508 (Signal Hill Road), SR 1519 (Thompson Street), SR 1508 (Berkeley Road), SR 1511 (Berkeley Road)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	16 - Modernize Roadway	Henderson
	SR 1525 (Duncan Hill Road)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	Signal Hill Road	16 - Modernize Roadway	Henderson
U-6124	NC 280 (BOYLSTON HIGHWAY)	NC 191 Northern Intersection (Old Haywood Road)	NC 191 Southern Intersection (Haywood Road)	11 - Access Management	Henderson

<b>TIP</b>	<b>Route / Facility / Project Name</b>	<b>From / Cross Street / Location</b>	<b>To / Cross Street</b>	<b>Specific Improvement Type</b>	<b>County(ies)</b>
R-5748	SR 1127 (KANUGA ROAD)	US 25 Business (Church Street)	Price Road	16 - Modernize Roadway	Henderson

## New Highway Submittals

<b>Route</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Improvement Type</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Funding Tier</b>
Peachtree Road Extension	Peachtree Road	US 25 Alt (Sweeten Creek Road)	New Location	Buncombe	Division Needs
US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	NC 146 (Long Shoals Road)	NC 280 (Airport Road)	Access Management	Buncombe	Regional Impact
US 25 (McDowell Street)/Biltmore Avenue	Vanderbilt Road	College Street	Roadway Upgrade-Unbalanced Couplet with Bike Lanes	Buncombe	Regional Impact
US 70 (Tunnel Road)/US 74A (South Tunnel Road)	Beaucatcher Tunnel	US 74 Alt (South Tunnel Road)	Roadway Upgrade-Road Diet with Intersection Improvements	Buncombe	Regional Impact
US 70 (Tunnel Road)	I-240	Blue Ridge Parkway	Access Management	Buncombe	Regional Impact
US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)/US 19 Business (Weaverville Highway)	Elkmont Road	New Stock Road	Modernization	Buncombe	Regional Impact

US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	Wembley Drive	I-240	Roadway Upgrade	Buncombe	Regional Impact
US 70 (West State Street)	Blue Ridge Road	NC 9	Road Diet	Buncombe	Regional Impact

Route	From	To	Improvement Type	County	Funding Tier
Blue Ridge Road	NC 9	Blue Ridge Assembly Road	Modernization	Buncombe	Division Needs
Reems Creek Road	US 19 Business (Weaverville Highway)	Ox Creek Road	Modernization	Buncombe	Division Needs
Cane Creek Road	US 74 Alternative (Charlotte Highway)	Mills Gap Road	Modernization	Buncombe	Division Needs
Old Fort Road	US 74 Alternative (Charlotte Highway)	Whitaker Road	Modernization	Buncombe	Division Needs
Sand Hill Road	Sand Hill School Road	-	Intersection Improvement	Buncombe	Division Needs
US 19/23 (Park Street)	Bridge Street	NC 215	Modernization	Haywood	Regional Impact
US 19 (Carolina Boulevard)	Smathers Street	Pleasant Hill Road	Access Management	Haywood	Regional Impact
US 19 (Dellwood Road)	Dayton Drive	US 23/74	Access Management	Haywood	Regional Impact
US 276	Raccoon Road	NC 110	Modernization	Haywood	Regional Impact
US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	N Main Street	-	Intersection Improvement	Henderson	Regional Impact
US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	Butler Bridge Road	-	Intersection Improvement	Henderson	Regional Impact
US 176 (Spartanburg Highway)	NC 225	Upward Road	Access Management	Henderson	Regional Impact
US 64 (Chimney Road Road)	Fruitland Road	Gilliam Mountain Road	Modernization	Henderson	Regional Impact

Route	From	To	Improvement Type	County	Funding Tier
Fanning Bridge Road	US 25	NC 280	Improve Multiple Intersections	Henderson	Division Needs
White Pine Drive	US 64	Hebron Road	Modernization	Henderson	Division Needs
Blythe Street	US 64	NC 191	Modernization	Henderson	Division Needs
NC 213	Athletic Street	Gabriel's Creek Road	Access Management	Madison	Regional Impact
NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	Newfound Road	Gouges Branch Road	Multiple Intersection Improvements	Buncombe	Regional Impact

## New Bike/Ped Submittals

All Bike/Ped Submittals are evaluated at the Division Needs Category

Route	From	To	Project Description	County
Reed Creek Greenway	Future I-26	WT Weaver Boulevard	3 - On-Road Designated Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Buncombe
US 70 (Tunnel Road)	New Haw Creek Road	Blue Ridge Road	7- Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility	Buncombe
Reed Creek Greenway Connector	Reed Creek Greenway	SR 3602 (Clingman Avenue)	4 - On-Road Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Buncombe
NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	Future I-26	Woodfin Avenue	7- Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility	Buncombe
Lake Julian Greenway	French Broad River	Lake Julian	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Buncombe
Fairview Road	Swannanoa River Road	School Road	7- Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility	Buncombe



Patton Avenue	Old Haywood Road	Johnston Boulevard	7- Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility	Buncombe
Merrimon Avenue	Lake Louise	Brown Street	7- Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility	Buncombe
Bent Creek Greenway (WNC Farmers Market to Asheville Outlets)	WNC Farmers Market	Asheville Outlets	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Buncombe
Old Haywood Road Sidewalks	US 19/23/74 (Patton Avenue)	US 19/23/74 (Smokey Park Highway)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Buncombe

Route	From	To	Project Description	County
Bent Creek Greenway (Hominy Creek/WNC Farmer's Market Segment)	Hominy Creek Greenway	French Broad River Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Buncombe
SR 1338 (Emma Road)	Boone Street	SR 1332 (North Louisiana Avenue)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Buncombe
SR 2500 (North Blue Ridge Road)	US 70	Fortune St	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Buncombe
Reems Creek Greenway	Quarry Road	Karpen Soccer Field	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Buncombe
US 19/23	Bridge Street	Chestnut Mountain Road	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Haywood
Champion Drive	N Canton Road	Thickety Road	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Haywood
Richland Creek Greenway	Current Richland Creek Greenway termini near Waynesville Rec Center	Waynesville Greenway	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Haywood
Raccoon Creek Greenway	Waynesville Greenway	Junaluska Elementary School	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Haywood

Route	From	To	Project Description	County
Above the Mud Greenway Connector	Ecusta Trail	Oklawaha Greenway	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Henderson
Mills River Valley Trail	NC 191	NC 191	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Henderson
Oklawaha Greenway Extension	Oklawaha Greenway Southern Termini	Blue Ridge Community College	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Henderson
Allen Branch Greenway	US 64	Clear Creek Greenway	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Henderson
Brooklyn Avenue	NC 225	Old Spartanburg Highway	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Henderson
Church & King Street	US 176	N Main Street	8 – Multi-Site Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Henderson
Fanning Bridge Road	Underwood Road	US 25	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Henderson
Bailey/Banjo Branch Greenway	Dr. Otis T Duck Greenway Northern Termini	Bailey Street	2 – Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Madison

## New Transit Submittals

Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	Description	Specific Improvement Type	County(ies)
Transit Maintenance Facility	City of Asheville Service Area. Location is yet unknown.	Construct a new maintenance facility in order to accommodate additional vehicles and address current maintenance facility capacity through a facility assessment.	9 - Facility – Maintenance	Buncombe
Expansion Vehicles	City of Asheville Service Area	Ten (10) expansion vehicles to match service in the Transit Master Plan and improve service throughout the City by increasing headways and implementing new routes.	1 - Mobility (route-specific) - New Service	Buncombe
Transit Multimodal Facility	City of Asheville Service Area and routes provided by ART Current transit facility is 49 Coxe Ave	Construct a new transit multimodal facility to accommodate vehicles that pick-up and drop transit riders.	5 - Facility - Passenger Station	Buncombe
Transit Multimodal Facility	Haywood Public Transit	Transfer Building with Bathrooms and Side Small Vehicle Maintenance Capabilities	5 - Facility - Passenger Station	Haywood
Expansion Vehicles	Haywood Public Transit	Two (2) expansion vehicles.	1 - Mobility (route-specific) - New Service	Haywood

## New Rail Submittals

Route	From	To	Improvement Type	County(ies)
Norfolk Southern Line	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	-	3 – Highway-Rail Crossing Improvement	Buncombe
Norfolk Southern Line	Asheville (near Biltmore Village)	Salisbury	5 – Passenger Rail Service	Buncombe, McDowell, Burke, Catawba, Iredell, Rowan
Norfolk Southern Line	Blue Ridge Road	-	New Grade Separated Crossing	Buncombe

Discussions occurred around regional funding and whether all regions were experiencing a deficit in funding. Also discussion about how federal and state funding was used. MPO won't cascade projects unless the MPO specifically approves/votes on this. Discussion also occurred around Emma Rd sidewalks and gratitude for MPO response to public comments.

***Jennifer Hensley moved to approve the P.7.0 Project Submittals. Amanda Edwards seconded, and the motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.***

## Safe Streets for All Action Plan Committee Roster

The FBRMPO and LOSRPO SS4A RFLOI was released to the public on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and proposals are due on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. As part of the plan, the consultant will work with a steering committee composed of staff of member governments of the FBRMPO and LOSRPO. Below is a draft list of steering committee members selected by MPO and RPO staff:

Division 13: Hannah Cook  
Division 14: Steve Williams  
Asheville: Chris Carins  
Buncombe County: William High  
Hendersonville: Brent Detwiler  
Henderson County: Autumn Radcliff  
Waynesville: Elizabeth Teague  
Haywood County: Jodie Ferguson  
Madison County: Daniel Metcalf  
Brevard: Aaron Bland  
Transylvania County: Darby Terrell  
NCDOT Safety Unit: Brian Murphy  
NCDOT Safety Unit: Scott Collier

***Kim Roney moved to approve the SS4A Action Plan Committee Roster. Parker Sloan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.***

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update

### Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update

After updating the MPO's Planning Area, the MPO is required to update its Memorandum of Understanding. Several updates are required, either to update language to current federal law or to change committee and Board designations for members who may or may not apply any longer.

After a Draft MOU is established it is required to be approved by EVERY JURISDICTION IN THE MPO.

#### Proposed Timeline:

Date	Event
October, 2023	Introduce MOU
November, 2023	Develop Survey for MPO Representatives
December, 2023	Discuss Survey Results
February, 2023	Draft MOU Discussion
March, 2023	Draft MOU Consideration
April, 2023 - ?	Local Government Council Consideration

#### Items to Consider Within the MOU:

1. MPO Membership
  - a. MPO members to be removed in the updated MOU
    - i. Transylvania County (non-voting) (TCC and Board)
    - ii. State Bicycle Committee Representative for Divisions 13 & 14 (TCC only)- group has been defunct for some time
  - b. MPO members to add
    - i. Transit representative were added via amendment, would be included in the updated list
2. Quorum
  - a. Currently defines quorum for "active" members, inactive members are those that have not attended the previous two meetings, don't count towards quorum
3. Voting Power
  - a. Distribution of Votes

- b. Veto Votes
- c. Weighted Voting
- 4. MPO Roles and Responsibilities

The current MOU is available here: <https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/FBRMPO-MOU.pdf>

Information only.



## REGULAR UPDATES

### Division Project Updates

Division 13 presented by Hannah Cook

[https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Div13\\_October\\_Updates.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Div13_October_Updates.pdf)

Division 14 presented by Steve Williams

[https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Div14\\_October\\_Updates.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Div14_October_Updates.pdf)

**TPD Updates** given by Daniel Sellers

**FHWA/FTA Updates** given by Suzette Morales

FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/>

FTA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Website: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/BIL>

### Committee & Workgroup Updates

**Prioritization Subcommittee**— met on September 6<sup>th</sup> Points of

Discussion:

- P 7.0 Submittal List
- LAPP Update
- MOU Update

**Transit Operators' Workgroup**— last met on September 18<sup>th</sup>; Points of

Business/Discussion:

- **October 18<sup>th</sup> Agenda:**
  - 5307 funding updates
  - NCDOT Regional Transit Study Update
  - Updates from Agencies

**5307 Subrecipient Workgroup**- met on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Points of

Business/Discussion:

- Updated Urbanized Areas (UZAs) from US Census finalized and published January 9, 2023
- Asheville UZA land area shrank from 262 to 250 sq. mi., population increased from 279,201 to 285,495; new UZAs: Waynesville, 24,285 pop.; Canton, 8,812 pop., Brevard, 13,059 pop.
- FY 2023 allocations:
  - City of Asheville, 42.6%
  - Buncombe County, 28.6%
  - Haywood County, 8.3%
  - Henderson County, 20.4%
- FY 2024 allocations (proposed):
  - City of Asheville, 46.8%
  - Buncombe County, 32.0%

- Haywood County, n/a
- Henderson County, 21.2%
- Discussion of 5307 Sub-Recipients allocation formula; MPO staff and Work Group members agreed to the following approach:
  - No new funding formula study at this time in light of Henderson County and Asheville-Buncombe County transit studies underway.
  - Keep the formula the same, albeit with updated FTA National Transit Database (NTD) operational data, but not population data from ESRI Community Analyst; only official US Census population data is the preferred source for population data.

**Hellbender Trail Stakeholder Group/Regional Trail Forum Updates-** forum held in August. Next Stakeholder Group TBD.

#### **MPO Studies Status**

<b>Study</b>	<b>Managing Entity</b>	<b>Year Programmed</b>	<b>Status</b>
Reed Creek Greenway Feasibility Study	City of Asheville	2023	Underway
2050 Socio-Economic Projections	FBRMPO	2023	Consultant Selected
CTP/MTP Update	FBRMPO	2024	RFLOI Drafted, Awaiting Approval
Safe Streets for All Regional Action Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Procurement In-Progress
Patton Avenue Corridor Study	City of Asheville	2023	Underway
Ridgecrest Connector Greenway Feasibility Study	Town of Black Mountain	2023	Consultant Selected
Cane Creek Greenway Study	Town of Fletcher	2024	Agreement Being Drafted
Woodfin-Weaverville Greenway Study	Town of Woodfin	2024	Agreement Drafted
Buncombe County Multimodal Master Plan	Buncombe County	2024	Agreement Being Drafted
Hellbender Implementation Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started
Regional ITS Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started
Travel Survey/Model Upgrades	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started
Staffing & Implementation Study	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started

### **Legislative Updates:**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Anthony Sutton opened the floor again for public comment. No comments were heard.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Anthony Sutton adjourned the meeting at 02:37 PM as there was no further business before the Board.