

MPO Governing Board

June 20, 2024 – 1:00 P.M., Hybrid Meeting, In-Person at Land of Sky Regional Council or
Via Zoom

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Agenda

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

 - A. Welcome and Introductions Anthony Sutton
 - B. Ethics Statement for MPO Board Members Anthony Sutton
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

 3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA** Anthony Sutton

 - A. May, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Amendments to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 - C. Amendments to the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
 4. **BUSINESS (45-60 min)**

 - A. Amendments to the 2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) MPO Staff
 - B. P7- Draft Local Input Point Assignment for Regional Impact Projects MPO Staff
 5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (30-45 min)**

 - A. NCDOT Resiliency Plan Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT
 6. **REGULAR UPDATES (15 min)**

 - A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates Tim Anderson/Wanda Payne or Designee
 - B. Transportation Planning Branch Daniel Sellers
 - C. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) Updates Alexius Farris
 - D. FHWA/FTA Updates Suzette Morales
 - E. Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports, Staff Updates, and Housekeeping MPO Staff
 - F. Legislative Updates MPO Staff
 7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (5 min)**
 8. **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING (August 15th)**
 9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 10. **ADJOURNMENT**
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Item 3:

Consent Agenda

Item 3A: May, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

Item 3B: Amendment to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Item 3C: Amendment to the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

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Item 3A:

May, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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Item 3B:

Amendments to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program

What is the Unified Planning Work Program (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.

Proposed Amendments:

- Remove the Woodfin-Weaverville Greenway Study from FY 2024 (to be moved to FY 2025)
- Remove the Buncombe County Pedestrian Plan from FY 2024 (to be moved to FY 2025)
- Remove the Staffing & Compensation Study from FY 2024 (to be moved to FY 2025)

To note: projects that do not have one paid invoice (an invoice paid by the MPO) by the end of the fiscal year will have to be moved to the next fiscal year which can cause delays if not done ahead of time.

Staff & TCC Recommendation: Approve of the Amendments to the FY 2024 UPWP

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Item 3C:

Amendments to the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

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Proposed Amendments:

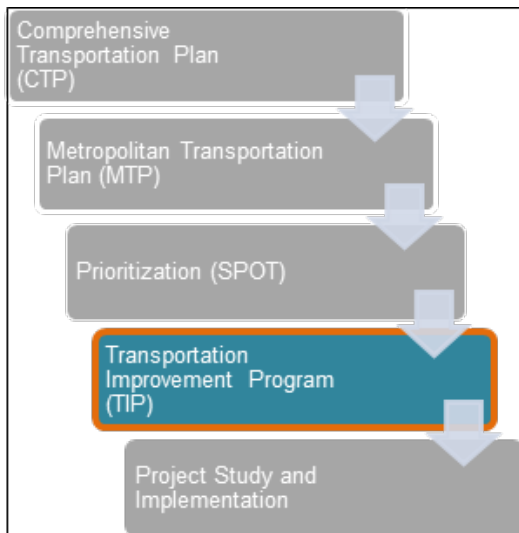
- Add the Woodfin-Weaverville Greenway Study to FY 2025
- Add the Buncombe County Pedestrian Plan from FY 2025
- Add the Staffing & Compensation Study from FY 2025

Staff & TCC Recommendation: Approve of the Amendments to the FY 2025 UPWP

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Item 4A:

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.

Amendments Summary

- Rename the North RAD Greenway to the Wilma Dykeman Greenway Extension
- Program 5310 Projects awarded at the May Board meeting into the TIP
- Program JARC Projects awarded at the May Board meeting into the TIP
- Delay to Liberty Road Interchange
- Add Funding for Riceville Road Sidewalks and Delay Construction

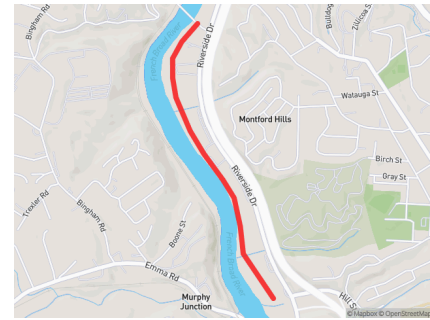
Staff & TCC Recommendation: Approve the Proposed Amendments to the TIP

EB-5822 - WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY EXTENSION - CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ALONG THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER FROM THE WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY NORTHERN TERMINI TO PEARSON BRIDGE ROAD

LEAD AGENCY Asheville	PROJECT TYPE BIKE/PED	COUNTY BUNCOMBE	DIVISION(S) 13
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2026	LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT YES	ROUTE/ROAD NAME WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY EXTENSION	TOTAL LENGTH 0
TOTAL COST \$4,129,000	PROJECT DESCRIPTION WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY EXTENSION - CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ALONG THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER FROM THE WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY NORTHERN TERMINI TO PEARSON BRIDGE ROAD		

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Local	-	-	\$26,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Transportation Alternatives Program (Any Area)	-	-	\$103,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total RIGHT-OF-WAY		-	-	\$129,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTRUCTION	Local	-	-	-	\$800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTRUCTION	Transportation Alternatives Program (Any Area)	-	-	-	\$3,200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total CONSTRUCTION		-	-	-	\$4,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Programmed		-	-	\$129,000	\$4,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Addition to the TIP or changes to locally-funded bicycle or pedestrian projects
PROJECT CHANGES	<p>Title changed from "CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ALONG THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER FROM THE WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY NORTHERN TERMINI TO PEARSON BRIDGE ROAD" to "WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY EXTENSION - CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ALONG THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER FROM THE WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY NORTHERN TERMINI TO PEARSON BRIDGE ROAD"</p> <p>Description changed from "CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ALONG THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER FROM THE WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY NORTHERN TERMINI TO PEARSON BRIDGE ROAD" to "WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY EXTENSION - CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH ALONG THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER FROM THE WILMA DYKEMAN GREENWAY NORTHERN TERMINI TO PEARSON BRIDGE ROAD"</p> <p>Plan Revision Name changed from "Administrative Modification #2" to "June 2024 Amendments"</p>
FUNDING CHANGES	N/A
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$3,303,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$4,129,000



TQ-6186 - 5310 TRADITIONAL PROJECTS													
LEAD AGENCY Asheville Redefines Transit		PROJECT TYPE PUBLIC TRANSIT			COUNTY BUNCOMBE			DIVISION(S) 13					
CONSTRUCTION YEAR -		LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -			ROUTE/ROAD NAME -			TOTAL LENGTH -					
TOTAL COST \$697,009		PROJECT DESCRIPTION 5310 TRADITIONAL PROJECTS											

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
CAPITAL	5310 Funds	-	\$281,000	\$277,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$558,607
CAPITAL	Local	-	\$69,000	\$69,402	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$138,402
Total CAPITAL		-	\$350,000	\$347,009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$697,009
Total Programmed		-	\$350,000	\$347,009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$697,009

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Change in project cost beyond a predetermined threshold
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "November 2023 Amendments" to "June 2024 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<p>5310 Funds</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CAP from \$0 to \$277,607</p> <p>Local</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CAP from \$0 to \$69,402</p>
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$0
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$350,000 to \$697,009 (99.15%)

TM-5138 - JARC OPERATIONS														
LEAD AGENCY City Of Asheville			PROJECT TYPE PUBLIC TRANSIT			COUNTY BUNCOMBE			DIVISION(S) 13					
CONSTRUCTION YEAR -			LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -			ROUTE/ROAD NAME -			TOTAL LENGTH -					
TOTAL COST \$1,632,758			PROJECT DESCRIPTION JARC OPERATIONS											

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
CAPITAL	Local	-	\$408,000	\$408,379	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$816,379
CAPITAL	Job Assistance And Reverse Commute (JARC)	-	\$408,000	\$408,379	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$816,379
Total CAPITAL		-	\$816,000	\$816,758	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,632,758
Total Programmed		-	\$816,000	\$816,758	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,632,758

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Change in project cost beyond a predetermined threshold
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "November 2023 Amendments" to "June 2024 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<p>Job Assistance And Reverse Commute (JARC)</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CAP from \$0 to \$408,379</p> <p>Local</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CAP from \$0 to \$408,379</p>
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$408,000 to \$816,379 (100.09%)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$816,000 to \$1,632,758 (100.09%)

TQ-6187 - 5310 OTHER PROJECTS													
LEAD AGENCY City Of Asheville		PROJECT TYPE PUBLIC TRANSIT		COUNTY BUNCOMBE		DIVISION(S) 13							
CONSTRUCTION YEAR -		LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -		ROUTE/ROAD NAME -		TOTAL LENGTH -							
TOTAL COST \$779,316		PROJECT DESCRIPTION 5310 OTHER PROJECTS											

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
CAPITAL	5310 Funds	-	\$213,000	\$176,658	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$389,658
CAPITAL	Local	-	\$213,000	\$176,658	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$389,658
Total CAPITAL		-	\$426,000	\$353,316	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$779,316
Total Programmed		-	\$426,000	\$353,316	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$779,316

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Change in project cost beyond a predetermined threshold
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "November 2023 Amendments" to "June 2024 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<p>5310 Funds</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CAP from \$0 to \$176,658</p> <p>Local</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CAP from \$0 to \$176,658</p>
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$0
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$426,000 to \$779,316 (82.94%)

TQ-7010 - ASHEVILLE RIDES TRANSIT. 5310 ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT.													
LEAD AGENCY City Of Asheville		PROJECT TYPE PUBLIC TRANSIT			COUNTY BUNCOMBE			DIVISION(S) 13					
CONSTRUCTION YEAR -		LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -			ROUTE/ROAD NAME -			TOTAL LENGTH -					
TOTAL COST \$68,474		PROJECT DESCRIPTION ASHEVILLE RIDES TRANSIT. 5310 ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT.											

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE	TOTAL
CAPITAL	5310 Funds	-	\$18,000	\$50,474	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$68,474
Total CAPITAL		-	\$18,000	\$50,474	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$68,474
Total Programmed		-	\$18,000	\$50,474	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$68,474

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Change in project cost beyond a predetermined threshold
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "November 2023 Amendments" to "June 2024 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<p>5310 Funds</p> <p>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CAP from \$0 to \$50,474</p>
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Stays the same \$0
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$18,000 to \$68,474 (280.41%)

BL-0076 - US 70 TO NORTH OF THE VA HOSPITAL DRIVEWAY. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK AND CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS.

LEAD AGENCY NCDOT	PROJECT TYPE BIKE/PED	COUNTY BUNCOMBE	DIVISION(S) 13
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2025	LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT YES	ROUTE/ROAD NAME RICEVILLE ROAD	TOTAL LENGTH 0
TOTAL COST \$3,009,000	PROJECT DESCRIPTION US 70 TO NORTH OF THE VA HOSPITAL DRIVEWAY. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK AND CROSSING IMPROVEMENTS.		

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FUTURE
ENGINEERING	State	-	\$135,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ENGINEERING	Transportation Alternatives Program (Direct Attributable)	-	\$135,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ENGINEERING		-	\$271,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Transportation Alternatives Program (Direct Attributable)	-	-	\$394,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RIGHT-OF-WAY	State	-	-	\$394,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total RIGHT-OF-WAY		-	-	\$788,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTRUCTION	State	-	-	-	\$981,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CONSTRUCTION	Transportation Alternatives Program (Direct Attributable)	-	-	-	\$968,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total CONSTRUCTION		-	-	-	\$1,950,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Programmed		-	\$271,000	\$788,000	\$1,950,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update A change requested by NCDOT that is considered an administrative modification on their behalf that does not require NCDOT Board of Transportation approval
PROJECT CHANGES	Plan Revision Name changed from "February 2024 Amendments" to "June 2024 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<p>Local</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decrease funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$206,000 to \$0 - Decrease funds in FY 2025 in ENG from \$2,000 to \$0 <p>Transportation Alternatives Program (Direct Attributable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decrease funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$828,000 to \$0 + Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$0 to \$968,500 - Decrease funds in FY 2025 in ENG from \$8,000 to \$0 + Increase funds in FY 2024 in ENG from \$0 to \$135,500 + Increase funds in FY 2025 in ROW from \$0 to \$394,000 <p>State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Increase funds in FY 2024 in ENG from \$0 to \$135,500 + Increase funds in FY 2025 in ROW from \$0 to \$394,000 + Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$0 to \$981,500
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$836,000 to \$1,498,000 (79.19%)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$1,044,000 to \$3,009,000 (188.22%)

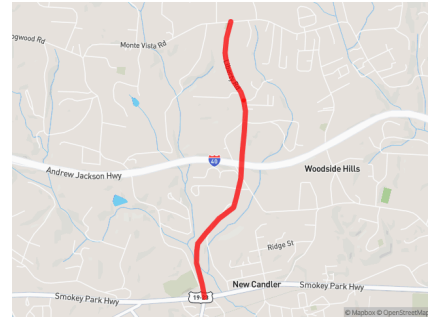


I-4759 - I-40/SR 1228 (LIBERTY ROAD). CONVERT GRADE SEPARATION TO AN INTERCHANGE AND CONSTRUCT TWO LANE ROADWAY NORTH OF I-40 TO SR 1224 (MONTE VISTA ROAD) AND FOUR LANE ROADWAY SOUTH OF I-40 TO US 19/US 23/NC 151 WITH PARTS ON NEW LOCATION.

LEAD AGENCY NCDOT	PROJECT TYPE HIGHWAY	COUNTY BUNCOMBE	DIVISION(S) 13
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2027	LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT -	ROUTE/ROAD NAME I-40	TOTAL LENGTH 0
TOTAL COST \$90,030,000	PROJECT DESCRIPTION I-40/SR 1228 (LIBERTY ROAD). CONVERT GRADE SEPARATION TO AN INTERCHANGE AND CONSTRUCT TWO LANE ROADWAY NORTH OF I-40 TO SR 1224 (MONTE VISTA ROAD) AND FOUR LANE ROADWAY SOUTH OF I-40 TO US 19/US 23/NC 151 WITH PARTS ON NEW LOCATION.		

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	F
GARVEE ROW	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Any Area)	-	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$1
Total GARVEE ROW		-	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$1
CONSTRUCTION	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Any Area)	-	-	-	-	\$6,233,000	\$40,005,000	\$31,115,000	\$11,547,000	-	-	
Total CONSTRUCTION		-	-	-	-	\$6,233,000	\$40,005,000	\$31,115,000	\$11,547,000	-	-	
Total Programmed		-	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$6,346,000	\$40,118,000	\$31,228,000	\$11,660,000	\$113,000	\$113,000	\$1

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 "May 2024 Amendments" to "June 2024 Amendments"
FUNDING CHANGES	<p>Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Any Area)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Increase funds in FY 2027 in CON from \$2,365,000 to \$6,233,000 + Increase funds in FY 2028 in CON from \$15,817,000 to \$40,005,000 + Increase funds in FY 2029 in CON from \$12,329,000 to \$31,115,000 + Increase funds in FY 2030 in CON from \$4,689,000 to \$11,547,000
FEDERAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$36,330,000 to \$90,030,000 (147.81%)
TOTAL PROJECT COST	Increased from \$36,330,000 to \$90,030,000 (147.81%)



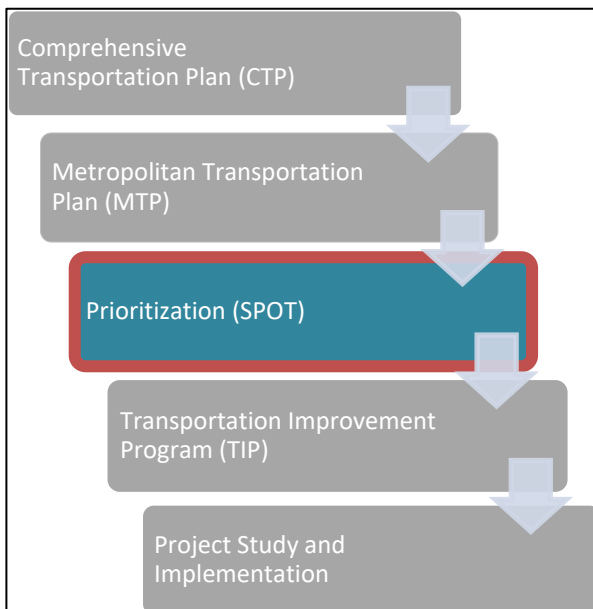
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P 7- Draft Local Input Point Assignment for Regional Impact Projects

Very Brief Overview

The Prioritization Process (AKA SPOT, AKA P 7) is the process in North Carolina that helps determine the majority of transportation improvements across the State. The process is dictated by the Strategic Highway Investments Act (STI) of 2012 and is generally designed to be a data-driven, transparent process to determine what transportation projects are funded or not. MPOs are engaged throughout the process to submit projects for consideration (along with Divisions and RPOs) as well as local input points that are used to boost the scores of projects competing for Regional Impact or Division Needs funding.



Action Items for Today

- Overview of the Public Survey that was done across the five-county area for P 7 considerations (the full public survey report is available here: https://frenchbroadrivermmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/P7_Survey_Report.pdf)
- Recommend which projects should receive Draft Local Input Points in the Regional Impact tier

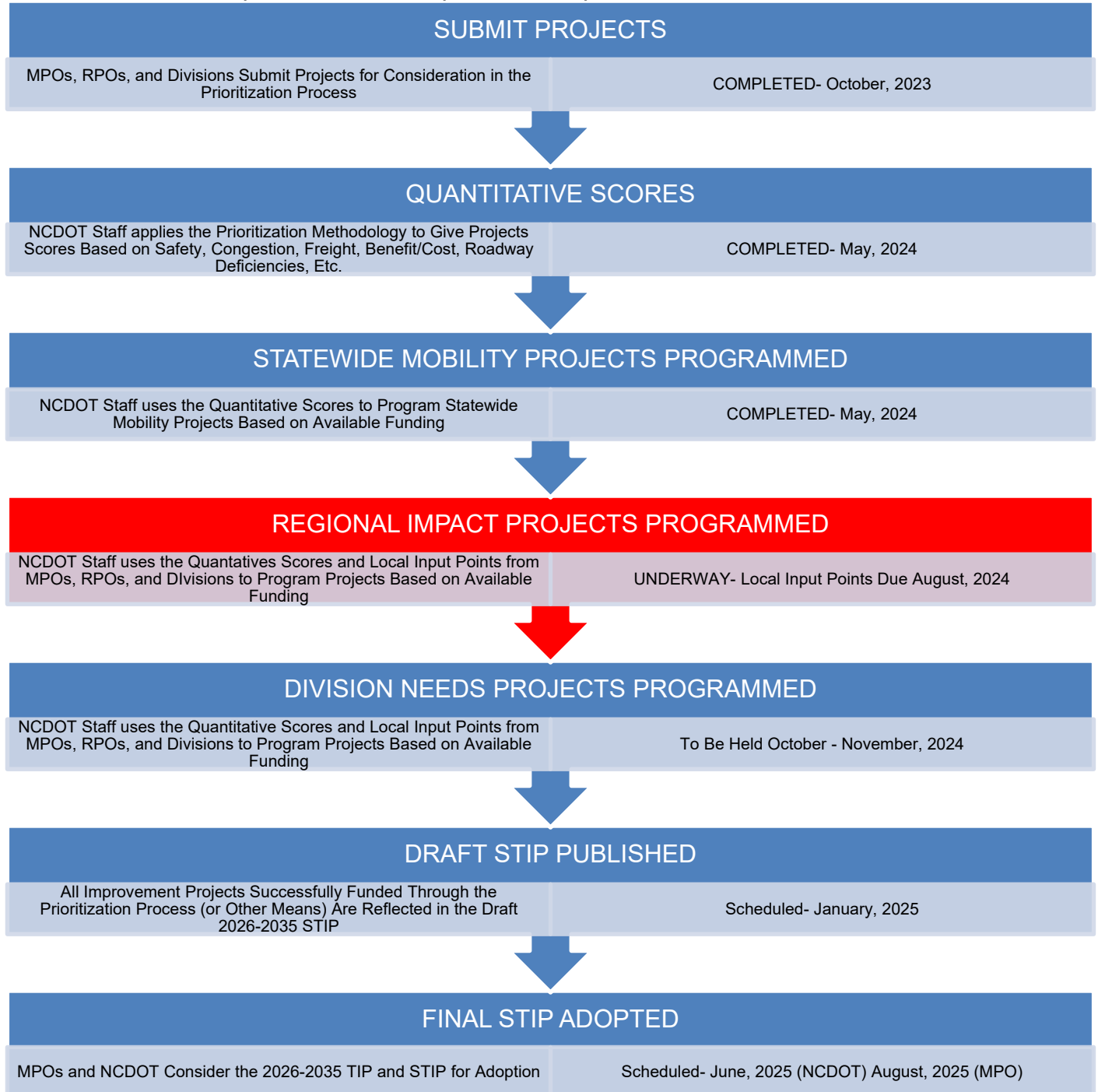
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Where We Are in the Process

There are several steps involved in the prioritization process:



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Funding Tiers

Per the STI law, funding is split into three different funding tiers. Each funding tier has different eligible projects and differs in how projects compete. Information is broken out below:

Funding Tier	Statewide Mobility	Regional Impact	Division Needs
Quantitative Score	100%	70%	50%
MPO Local Input Points	0%	15%	25%
Division Local Input Points	0%	15%	25%
Amount of All Funding in the Prioritization Process	40%	30%	30%
Distribution	All Projects Compete Against Each Other	Split Between Seven Regions, Projects Compete Within Each Region	Split Between 14 Divisions, Projects Compete Within Division
Funding	One Big Pot of Funds	Split to Each Region Based on Population	Split Equally Between 14 Divisions
Eligible Projects (in the FBRMPO)	Interstates, Strategic Highway Corridors (US 23/74 in Haywood County), Asheville Airport	US Highways, NC Highways, Anything Not Funded in the Statewide Mobility Tier that is Requested to Cascade	Secondary Roads, Stand-Alone Bike/Ped Projects, Transit Projects, Anything Not Funded in the Statewide Mobility or Regional Impact tiers that is Requested to Cascade

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Statewide Mobility Tier Summary for P 7

Quick Summary: no new projects funded in P 7 in the FBRMPO

Funding Available: \$1,033,000,000

Eligible Projects in Our Region: Interstates, Strategic Highways (US 23/74 in Haywood County), Asheville Airport

Competition: Statewide

Statewide Mobility Projects in the FBRMPO and Scores are Listed Below

Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Statewide Mobility Quantitative Score (Out of 100)
Statewide Mobility	I-40	US 74 (Smokey Mountain Expressway) - Exit 27	NC 215 (CHAMPION DRIVE) - Exit 31	Widen Roadway.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 222,300,000	79.59
Statewide Mobility	I-40	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road), Exit 37	SR 1224 (Monte Vista Road)	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road), Exit 37 to SR 1224 (Monte Vista Road). Add additional lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 204,600,000	77.90
Statewide Mobility	I-40	NC 215 (Champion Drive) - Exit 31	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road) - Exit 37	Widen Roadway.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 424,800,000	76.96
Statewide Mobility	I-26	US 25	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	Add Additional Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 168,400,000	73.16
Statewide Mobility	I-40	SR 2838 (Porters Cove Road) - Exit 55	N/A	Upgrade interchange improve EB off-ramp connection to SR 2838 (Porters Cove Road)	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 1,900,000	69.30
Statewide Mobility	US 74 (Great Smokey Mountains Expressway), US 23	Blue Ridge Parkway Interchange	N/A	Blue Ridge Parkway Intersection Improvements	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 2,500,000	68.98
Statewide Mobility	I-40	SR 1004 (Newfound Road)	N/A	Upgrade interchange to a diamond interchange with round-a-bouts at the ramp junctions.	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 34,300,000	58.18
Statewide Mobility	I-26	I-26/I-40/I-240 Final Interchange Improvements	N/A	Reconstruct interchange	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 284,000,000	53.79
Statewide Mobility	I-240	US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	N/A	Improve Interchange.	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 118,500,000	52.36
Statewide Mobility	I-26, US 19, US 23	US 25, US 70 (Weaver Boulevard)	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	Upgrade existing 4-lane section to Interstate Standards	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards	\$ 204,000,000	52.31
Statewide Mobility	I-40	I-240, US 74 Alternate	N/A	Upgrade interchange	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 175,600,000	51.33
Statewide Mobility	I-26, US 19, US 23	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	South of SR 2148 (Stockton Branch Road)	Upgrade existing 4-lane section to Interstate Standards	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards	\$ 59,200,000	50.10

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About the Regional Impact Tier

Quick Summary: No Funding Available

Funding Available: ~~-\$191,000,000~~

Eligible Projects in Our Region: US Highways, NC Highways, Anything Not Funded in the Statewide Mobility Tier that is requested to cascade

Competition: Region G (pictured below)



Process for Developing Draft Local Input Point Assignment

- MPO staff held county-by-county meetings with Board and TCC representatives on local priorities
- MPO staff applied the local input point methodology to score eligible projects in the Regional Impact tier
- The MPO Prioritization Subcommittee made a recommendation on the projects receiving local input points

Draft 2026-2035 STIP Funding Availability for Selecting Projects from Prioritization 7.0
As of May 17, 2024

STI Funding Category	Funding Availability
Statewide Mobility	\$1,033M
Region A (Divisions 1 & 4)	-\$228M
Region B (Divisions 2 & 3)	-\$32M
Region C (Divisions 5 & 6)	\$992M
Region D (Divisions 7 & 9)	\$458M
Region E (Divisions 8 & 10)	-\$471M
Region F (Divisions 11 & 12)	\$8M
Region G (Divisions 13 & 14)	-\$191M
Division 1	-\$19M
Division 2	-\$85M
Division 3	-\$54M
Division 4	\$24M
Division 5	-\$107M
Division 6	\$126M
Division 7	\$184M
Division 8	\$113M
Division 9	-\$15M
Division 10	-\$108M
Division 11	\$40M
Division 12	-\$72M
Division 13	-\$52M
Division 14	\$51M

***** Values are as of May 17, 2024, and will change due to, but not limited to, updated project cost estimates and schedule changes for committed projects *****

To meet federal and state fiscal constraint requirements for the Draft 2026-2035 STIP, schedule changes (delays) for committed projects will need to occur in STI Funding Categories with a negative value. Schedule changes for committed projects may also need to occur in STI Funding Categories with a positive value to meet the same federal and state fiscal constraint requirements in the first five years of the Draft 2026-2035 STIP.

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MPO Prioritization Subcommittee Recommendation:

**Alternative #1: Follow the MPO’s Methodology
Three Highway Priorities and One Non-Highway Project Based on Scores, Plus Two
Additional Highway Projects for Geographic Equity**

If no funding is available, the methodology says four projects would receive points- three highway projects and one non-highway project.

County	Route	From	To	Type of Improvement	Cost Estimate	MPO Score	SPOT Score
Buncombe	US 19/23 (Smokey Park Highway)	I-40	NC 151 (Pisgah Highway)	Access Management	\$85,700,000	97	46.96
Buncombe	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	NC 146 (Long Shoals Road)	NC 280 (Airport Road)	Access Management	\$132,200,000	92	37.60
Henderson	US 176 (Spartanburg Highway)	NC 225 (Greenville Highway)	Upward Road	Access Management	\$121,700,000	81	33.26
Haywood	US 19/23 (Asheville Highway/Park Street)	NC 215	Chestnut Mountain Road	Modernization	\$40,200,000	62	16.84
Madison	NC 213 (Cascade Street)	Athletic Street	Bone Camp Road	Access Management/ Widening	\$44,300,000	31	12.70

One Non-Highway Project (Only Non-Highway Project)

County	Route	From	To	Type of Improvement	Cost Estimate	MPO Score	SPOT Score
Buncombe	WNC Passenger Rail	Asheville	Salisbury	Passenger Rail Service	\$133,000,000	85	41.81

Staff & TCC Recommendation: Approve Draft Local Input Points on the Selected Projects

Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Statewide Mobility Quantitative Score (Out of 100)	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)	Division Needs Quantitative Score (Out of 50)	County(ies)
Regional Impact	US 74 Alternate (Patton Avenue)	NC 63 (New Leicester Hwy.)	SR 1332 (North Louisiana Ave)	Construct an additional westbound through lane to correspond to the U-5971B project, creating four receiving lanes west of the intersection of SR 1332 (N Louisiana Ave) at US 19/23 (Patton Ave). Change the northbound geometry to two left-turn lanes with a shared through-right lane. Split phasing will need to be replaced with standard NEMA phasing.	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 5,900,000	N/A	49.86	37.68	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	SR 1345 (Butler Bridge Road)	N/A	Upgrade intersection, constructing right turn lanes and a median on US 25 and dedicating an extra lane to left turn movements on US 25 northbound. Construct right turn lanes on Butler Bridge Rd and dedicate a lane to left turn movements. Construct side path on East side of US 25 with pedestrian crossings at the intersection.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 6,400,000	N/A	47.42	35.07	Henderson
Regional Impact	US 19 (Smokey Park Highway), US 23	I-40	NC 151 (Pisgah Highway)	Implement access management and complete streets improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 85,700,000	N/A	46.96	35.67	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	I-40	SR 2838 (Porters Cove Road) - Exit 55	N/A	Upgrade interchange improve EB off-ramp connection to SR 2838 (Porters Cove Road)	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 1,900,000	69.30	46.10	33.50	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	US 74 (Great Smokey Mountains Expressway), US 23	Blue Ridge Parkway Interchange	N/A	Blue Ridge Parkway Intersection Improvements	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 2,500,000	68.98	45.43	31.56	Haywood
Statewide Mobility	I-40	US 74 (Smokey Mountain Expressway) - Exit 27	NC 215 (CHAMPION DRIVE) - Exit 31	Widen Roadway.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 222,300,000	79.59	44.94	24.46	Haywood
Regional Impact	NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	NC 63 (New Leicester Highway), US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	Newfound Road	Construct access management improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 100,700,000	N/A	44.63	34.07	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	NS AS Line	NC 251 (Riverside Drive), Buncombe County	N/A	Installation of grade crossing improvements at NC 251 (Riverside Drive) (Crossing # 720 409S) in Asheville in conjunction with pedestrian and bicyclist treatments to improve guidance and compliance including (a) installing a section of sidewalk on the east side in advance of the highway-rail crossing to provide a refuge area and add in a pedestrian crossing at that location, (b) removing the bike lanes and bike stencils further upstream of the crossing in both directions and add in cross-hatching of shoulders (previous bike lanes), (c) updating signage in advance of the rail crossing to direct bicyclists in both directions to dismount and use only the designated pedestrian crossings.	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$ 400,000	59.73	43.09	33.34	Buncombe

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Statewide Mobility	I-40	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road), Exit 37	SR 1224 (Monte Vista Road)	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road), Exit 37 to SR 1224 (Monte Vista Road). Add additional lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 204,600,000	77.90	43.02	24.95	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	I-40	NC 215 (Champion Drive) - Exit 31	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road) - Exit 37	Widen Roadway.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 424,800,000	76.96	43.00	25.08	Haywood, Buncombe
Regional Impact	NC 280 (Airport Road)	SR 3568 (Rockwood Road)	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	Construct a raised median that precludes across-roadway movements along NC 280 (Airport Rd). Incorporate complete streets elements and other access management strategies such as driveway limited-movement designs and reduced conflict intersection designs.	11 - Access Management	\$ 62,400,000	N/A	41.87	31.21	Buncombe, Henderson
Regional Impact	NS AS Line (WNC Passenger Service)	Salisbury to Asheville	N/A	Upgrade rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Salisbury to Asheville on the AS Line. Project includes necessary infrastructure, stations, and passenger equipment to begin service with three roundtrips per day. This project would also include a maintenance facility at one endpoint. This project is contingent upon the awarding of an 80/20 federal grant and if the grant is not awarded, then the project is void.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 130,000,000	N/A	41.81	23.85	McDowell, Burke, Catawba, Buncombe, Iredell, Rowan
Regional Impact	NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	SR 1004 (Newfound Road)	SR 1377 (Gouges Branch Road)	Improve the intersections of NC 63 with SR 1004(Newfound Road), SR 1302 (Ramsey Road,) and SR 1377 (Gouges Branch Road)	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 7,800,000	N/A	41.56	31.68	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 19 (Patton Avenue)	US 19 (Patton Avenue) / US 23 / US 74 Alternate and NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	N/A	Construct final intersection improvements.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 42,000,000	59.82	41.49	31.48	Buncombe
Regional Impact	NC 191 (Brevard Road)	SR 3486 (Glenn Bridge Rd SE., Avery Creek Road), Southwicke Drive	N/A	Realign Glenn Bridge Rd to Laurel Park Dr. to covert to 4-leg intersections. Add exclusive left turn lanes on NC 191 at both intersections. Cul-de-sac Glenn Bridge Rd SE to maintain access to parcels near existing 5-leg intersection.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 4,004,000	N/A	40.82	31.32	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	US 74 (Great Smokey Mountains Expressway), US 23	SR 1777 (Balsam View Drive)	SR 1158 (Old Balsam Rd)	Modernize Roadway	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 4,000,000	63.17	40.59	30.58	Haywood, Jackson
Regional Impact	US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	Wembley Drive	I-240	Upgrade Merrimon Avenue. Include road diet with complete streets elements and intersection improvements	26 - Upgrade Roadway	\$ 56,500,000	N/A	40.10	32.55	Buncombe
Regional Impact	NC 280 (Boylston Highway)	NC 191 Northern Intersection (Old Haywood Road)	NC 191 Southern Intersection (Old Haywood Road)	Construct access management and intersection improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 40,500,000	N/A	39.91	30.36	Henderson
Statewide Mobility	I-26	US 25	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	Add Additional Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 168,400,000	73.16	39.53	25.09	Henderson

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Regional Impact	US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	North Main St	N/A	Construct roundabout	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 11,900,000	N/A	38.87	29.72	Henderson
Regional Impact	US 25 Alternate (Sweeten Creek Road)	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	SR 3116 (Mills Gap Road)	Widen to Multi-Lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 135,000,000	58.92	38.71	20.03	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 19, US 23	NC 151 (Pisgah Highway)	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road)	Perform access management along US 19/23 within the project limits. Include complete streets elements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 95,500,000	N/A	37.73	28.36	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	NC 146 (Long Shoals Road)	NC 280 (Airport Road)	Implement access management along the corridor with complete streets improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 132,200,000	N/A	37.60	29.17	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 25 (McDowell Street)	US 25 (Southside Avenue)	All Souls Crescent	Upgrade roadway to improve safety, address congestion bottlenecks, and accommodate pedestrian and bicycle facilities.	26 - Upgrade Roadway	\$ 75,100,000	N/A	37.00	29.95	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	I-40	SR 1004 (Newfound Road)	N/A	Upgrade interchange to a diamond interchange with round-a-bouts at the ramp junctions.	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 34,300,000	58.18	35.66	25.54	Haywood
Regional Impact	NC 191 (Brevard Road - Old Haywood Road)	SR 3498 (Ledbetter Road)	North of Blue Ridge Parkway	Widen to Multi-Lanes with Bicycle Lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 86,500,000	N/A	34.72	30.45	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	I-240	Blue Ridge Parkway	Roadway improvements and access management to include complete streets elements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 102,000,000	N/A	33.62	25.60	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	NS AS Line	SR 2500 (Blue Ridge Rd), Buncombe County	N/A	Construction of grade separation of SR 2500 (Blue Ridge Road) and closure of existing at-grade crossing (Crossing # 729 426N) in Black Mountain	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	\$ 30,400,000	46.97	33.46	25.36	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 176 (Spartanburg Highway)	NC 225	SR 1783 (Upward Road)	Construct median, sidewalk, and side path along road. Attempt to consolidate driveway cuts.	11 - Access Management	\$ 121,700,000	N/A	33.26	25.68	Henderson
Statewide Mobility	I-26	I-26/I-40/I-240 Final Interchange Improvements	N/A	Reconstruct interchange	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 284,000,000	53.79	31.55	22.49	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	I-240	US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	N/A	Improve Interchange.	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 118,500,000	52.36	31.50	24.49	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	Beaucatcher Tunnel	US 74 ALT (South Tunnel Road)	Implement a road diet with intersection improvements on US 70 (Tunnel Road) from Beaucatcher Tunnel to US 74A (South Tunnel Road)	24 - Implement Road Diet to Improve Safety	\$ 58,300,000	N/A	31.20	26.27	Buncombe
Statewide Mobility	I-40	I-240, US 74 Alternate	N/A	Upgrade interchange	8 - Improve Interchange	\$ 175,600,000	51.33	30.83	22.40	Buncombe

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Statewide Mobility	I-26, US 19, US 23	US 25, US 70 (Weaver Boulevard)	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	Upgrade existing 4-lane section to Interstate Standards	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards	\$ 204,000,000	52.31	30.77	19.19	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 19 Business (Weaverville Highway), US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	Elkmont Road	SR 1740 (New Stock Road)	Upgrade US 25 and US 19 Business to current NCDOT standards as well as add complete streets elements.	26 - Upgrade Roadway	\$ 16,000,000	N/A	30.05	25.21	Buncombe
Regional Impact	NC 191	US 25 (Asheville Highway)	SR 1381 (Mountain Road)	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 119,400,000	N/A	29.19	22.06	Henderson
Statewide Mobility	I-26, US 19, US 23	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	South of SR 2148 (Stockton Branch Road)	Upgrade existing 4-lane section to Interstate Standards	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards	\$ 59,200,000	50.10	28.36	18.72	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 19 (Dellwood Road)	SR 1207 (Dayton Drive)	US 23, US 74	Construct median and side path. Construct 2 lane roundabouts at intersections with South Lakeshore Drive, Golf Course Road, North Lakeshore Drive, and Dayton Drive.	11 - Access Management	\$ 130,100,000	N/A	28.23	20.98	Haywood
Regional Impact	US 19 (Carolina Blvd)	Smathers Street	Pleasant Hill Road	Construct median along corridor and bring road up to complete streets standards. Construct multi-use side path on one side and sidewalks on the other.	11 - Access Management	\$ 84,000,000	N/A	27.00	20.79	Haywood
Regional Impact	NC 213	US 25, US 70	SR 1362 (Bone Camp Road)	Widen NC 213 to a 4 lane median divided facility	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 130,700,000	N/A	26.70	21.15	Madison
Regional Impact	US 64 (Chimney Road)	SR 1574 (Fruitland Road)	SR 1602 (Gilliam Mountain Road)	Bring road up to standards (lane width, paved shoulders). Construct side path.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 99,800,000	N/A	24.96	18.62	Henderson
Regional Impact	US 70 (W State Street)	SR 2500 (Blue Ridge Road)	NC 9 (Broadway Street)	Reduce the number of travel lanes and add complete streets elements.	24 - Implement Road Diet to Improve Safety	\$ 38,400,000	N/A	24.26	18.87	Buncombe
Regional Impact	NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road)	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	US 74 (South Tunnel Road)	Upgrade Roadway	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 53,000,000	N/A	23.11	12.48	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 19 (Soco Road)	SR 1304 (Fie Top Road) at Ghost Town in the Sky	Blue Ridge Parkway	Modernize Roadway.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 55,800,000	N/A	23.06	17.33	Haywood
Regional Impact	NC 280 (Asheville Highway)	Northern Termini of R-5799	SR 1323 (Brickyard Road)	Upgrade roadway, Eliminate 5 lane section to 4 lane divided add multi use path on one side and bike lanes. Widen 4 lane undivided section to four lane divided with a 17.5' median. Continue Multi use path and bike lanes.	11 - Access Management	\$ 93,800,000	N/A	22.28	15.96	Transylvania, Henderson
Regional Impact	US 276 (Pigeon Rd)	NC 110 (Pisgah Dr)	Raccoon Rd	Bring road up to standards, add paved shoulder and buffered bike lanes. Construct "peanut roundabout" at Lake Logan Rd intersection and NC 110 intersection.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 97,600,000	N/A	21.35	15.99	Haywood

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Regional Impact	US 25, US 70	North of SR 1584 (Tillery Branch Road)	SR 1727 (Monticello Road)	Reduce intersection conflicts.	4 - Upgrade Arterial to Signalized RCI Corridor	\$ 49,700,000	N/A	19.48	14.61	Buncombe, Madison
Regional Impact	US 19, US 23	NC 215	SR 1836 (Chestnut Mountain Road)	Modernization of roadway including Complete Streets elements and improving intersection operations as appropriate.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 40,200,000	N/A	16.84	10.13	Haywood
Regional Impact	NC 191 (Brevard Road / Old Haywood Road)	NC 280 (Boylston Highway)	To SR 3498 (Ledbetter Road)	Widen to Multi-Lanes with Bicycle Lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 68,700,000	N/A	15.13	11.63	Henderson, Buncombe
Regional Impact	NC 213	Athletic Street	SR 1362 (Bone Camp Road)	Perform Access Management	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 44,300,000	N/A	12.70	9.14	Madison

Item 5A:

NCDOT Resiliency Plan

Nastasha Earle-Young, the Policy Director at NCDOT, will present on NCDOT's Resiliency Plan.

The 2022 NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report is available here: <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/transportation-resilience/Documents/ncdot-resilience-report.pdf>

The NCDOT Resilience Policy is available here: <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/transportation-resilience/Documents/ncdot-resilience-policy.pdf>

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Division Project Updates

Division 13: https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Div13_June_Updates.pdf

Division 14: https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Div14_June_Updates.pdf

Item 6B:

TPD Updates

Item 6C:

FHWA/FTA Updates

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

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

FHWA Updates – June 2024

FHWA Announces \$1.3 Billion in Available Funding for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure

On May 30, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published a [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) to announce the availability of \$1.3 billion in funding through the [Charging and Fueling Infrastructure \(CFI\) Grant Program](#) and a 10 percent set-aside from the [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure \(NEVI\) Program](#). This funding opportunity offers up to \$800 million in funding for newly submitted applications and reserves an additional \$521 million for previously received applications, making a total of \$1.3 billion available. New applications are due by August 28, 2024, and notices requesting reconsideration of past applications are due to FHWA by July 1, 2024. FHWA will host informational webinars on [Thursday, June 6](#) and [Tuesday, June 11](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$50 Million in Available Funding for SMART Grants Program

On May 13, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) [announced](#) the availability of \$50 million in funding through the [Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation \(SMART\) Grants Program](#). The SMART Grants Program provides grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety. The application deadline is July 12, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

FTA Announces \$10.5 Million in Available Funding for Transit-Oriented Development Planning

On May 23, 2024, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced](#) the availability of nearly \$10.5 million through the [Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning](#). The Pilot Program helps support FTA's mission of improving America's communities through public transportation by providing funding to local communities to integrate land use and transportation planning with a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit capital investment. The application deadline is July 22, 2024. More information is available [here](#) and [here](#).

FTA Announces \$343 Million in Awards for All Stations Accessibility Program

On May 28, 2024, FTA [announced](#) \$343 million in awards from the [All Stations Accessibility Program \(ASAP\)](#). Grant recipients will use the funding to make rail stations more accessible and in line with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards by installing elevators, renovating platforms for level boarding, improving signage, and enhancing visual and audio systems. More information is available [here](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$64 Million in Awards for Safe Streets and Roads for All Program

On May 17, 2024, the U.S. DOT [announced](#) \$64 million in awards for planning and demonstration grants from the [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Program](#). These planning and demonstration grants will help cities, counties, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), and Tribal governments better understand the safety challenges in their communities and begin to identify solutions to make streets, roads, and highways safer for all road users. More information is available [here](#).

Application Deadlines Approaching for Other U.S. DOT Discretionary Grant Opportunities

Please be aware of the approaching application deadlines for the following discretionary grant opportunities from the U.S. DOT:

- [June 5 – Exploratory Advanced Research \(EAR\) Program](#),
- [June 10 – Low-Carbon Transportation Materials \(LCTM\) Grants Program](#),
- [June 17 – Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#),
- [June 17 – Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program](#),
- [June 17 – Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program](#),
- [June 17 – Passenger Ferry Grant Program](#),
- [June 18 – Pollinator-Friendly Practices on Roadsides and Highway Rights-of-Way Program](#),
- [July 16 – Communities Taking Charge Accelerator](#), and
- [August 29 – Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\): Planning and Demonstration Grants](#).

CEQ Publishes Final Rule for Phase 2 Revisions of NEPA Implementing Regulations

On May 1, 2024, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published a Final Rule in the Federal Register [[89 FR 35442](#)] to revise its regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), including the recent amendments to NEPA in the Fiscal Responsibility Act. The CEQ is making these revisions to provide for an effective environmental review process; ensure full and fair public engagement; enhance efficiency and regulatory certainty; and promote sound Federal agency decision making. The effective date is July 1, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

FHWA Amends Uniform Act Regulations for Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition

On May 3, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published a Final Rule in the Federal Register [[89 FR 36908](#)] to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act) regulations. The final rule is the first update in almost 20 years and makes important changes to help those displaced or otherwise affected by federally-funded projects, such as raising benefit levels to account for inflation. The effective date is June 3, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

Comment Deadlines Approaching for U.S. DOT Federal Register Notices

Please be aware of the approaching comment deadlines for the following Federal Register notices from the U.S. DOT:

- [June 11 – Request for Information on Goals, Criteria, Thresholds, and Measurable Data Sources for Designating the National Multimodal Freight Network \(NMFN\)](#), and
- [July 2 – Opportunities and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in Transportation; Request for Information](#).

U.S. DOT Announces \$750,000 in Cash Prizes for Modernizing NEPA Challenge

On April 15, 2024, the U.S. DOT launched the [Modernizing NEPA Challenge](#) to help make documents associated with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) more accessible and transparent to reviewing agencies and the public, while also saving time and improving document quality. The submission deadline is July 15, 2024. More information is available [here](#).

New Resources and Publications from the U.S. DOT

The U.S. DOT recently published the following resources:

- [E-Bike Libraries Advance Mobility Options that Incorporate Equity and Climate Goals in Denver, Colorado](#),
- [Federal Land Management Agency \(FLMA\) Database](#),
- [National Highway Institute: Fundamentals of Community Impact Assessment Course \(#142096\)](#),
- [Operations Performance Management Primer: From Performance Measures to Performance Management](#),
- [State Carbon Reduction Strategies: A View from Across the Country](#), and
- [Using Public Engagement to Respond to Community Needs and Priorities: Rethinking I-94 and Reconnecting Communities in the Twin Cities](#).

Upcoming Webinars and Virtual Meetings

Here is the registration information for some upcoming webinars and virtual meetings:

- [June 4 – Explore Cutting-Edge Solutions for Roadway Safety](#),
- [June 6 – CFI Grant NOFO Overview](#),
- [June 6 – Dangerous by Design: How Street Design Contributes to the Pedestrian Safety Crisis](#),
- [June 10 – State Experiences with Safety Performance Management](#),
- [June 11 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Data Gathering and Reporting](#),
- [June 11 – CFI Grant NOFO Overview - Reconsideration of Round 1 Applications](#),
- [June 11 – FHWA Global Benchmarking Program - Turbo Roundabouts Study Findings](#),
- [June 11 – Innovations in Accessibility](#),
- [June 11 – Talking Freight: Electrification of Freight](#),
- [June 12 – Transportation Asset Management: Organization and People](#),
- [June 13 – Designing Transportation for Involuntary Non-Drivers Improves Accessibility for All](#),
- [June 13 – Fiscal Year 2024 August Redistribution Webinar](#),
- [June 13 – U.S. DOT Transforming Transportation Advisory Committee \(TTAC\) Public Meeting](#),
- [June 18 – Climate Change Research and Technology](#),
- [June 25 – Freight Analysis Framework Modernization: Overview & Feedback](#),
- [June 25 – Unleashing the Power of Effective Organizational Risk Management](#), and
- [September 4 – Roadway Safety for People Experiencing Homelessness](#).

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NCDOT IMD Updates

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Committee & Workgroup Updates

Prioritization Subcommittee— met on June 5th; next meeting July 10th.

-MTP Kick-Off

-P7 Draft Local Input Point Assignment for Regional Impact Projects

Transit Operators' Workgroup— last met on September 18th; next meeting TBD

Points of Business/Discussion:

- **September 18th Agenda:**
 - 5307 funding updates
 - NCDOT Regional Transit Study Update
 - Updates from Agencies

5307 Subrecipient Workgroup- met on April 25th; plans to meet in July

Points of Business/Discussion:

- TIP/STIP Updates Needed
- FY 2025 UPWP
- FY 2024 5307 Allocations

Hellbender Trail Stakeholder Group/Regional Trail Forum Updates- met on April 23rd; next meeting TBD.

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MPO Studies Status

Study	Managing Entity	Year Programmed	Status
Reed Creek Greenway Feasibility Study	City of Asheville	2023	Underway
2050 Socio-Economic Projections	FBRMPO	2023	Underway
CTP/MTP Update	FBRMPO	2024	Underway
Safe Streets for All Regional Action Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Underway
Patton Avenue Corridor Study	City of Asheville	2023	Underway
Ridgecrest Connector Greenway Feasibility Study	Town of Black Mountain	2023	Underway
Cane Creek Greenway Study	Town of Fletcher	2024	Not Started
Woodfin-Weaverville Greenway Study	Town of Woodfin	2025	Consultant Selected; Contracting in Progress
Buncombe County Pedestrian Plan	Buncombe County	2025	RFLOI Drafted
Hellbender Implementation Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started
Regional ITS Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started
Travel Survey/Model Upgrades	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started
Staffing & Compensation Study	LOSRC	2024	Not Started

Additional Items:

Recommended Actions: Accept the reports.

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Locally Administered Projects

TIP ID	Project Title	County	Project Status	When Will Current Phase Be Completed?	Construction Year (Beginning)
BL-0005	Broadway St Ped Improvement	Buncombe	Closing Out	Recently Completed!	
HL-0012	I-240/Charlotte St Interchange & Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Under Construction	Recently Completed!	
BL-0007	Ecusta Trail (Kanuga Rd to US 64)	Henderson	Under Construction	Winter 2024 (Weather Dependent - Possibly Spring 2025)	2023
EB-5948	Onteora Blvd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Under Construction	Spring 2024, possibly later in the year.	2023
EB-5926	US 19 (Soco Rd) Bike/Ped Improvements	Haywood	Under Construction	2024	2023
U-5190	New Leicester Sidewalks	Buncombe	Under Construction	Spring 2024	2023
HL-0014	Biltmore Ave/White Fawn Dr Intersection Improvements	Buncombe	Working on Project Agreement	Construction to Begin This Year	2024
EB-5944	Johnston Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Design – 99% R.O.W – 99%	Construction to Begin This Year	2024
EB-5947	New Haw Creek Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Design – 99% R.O.W. – 99%	Construction to Begin This Year	2024
U-5019A	Town Branch Greenway	Buncombe	Design – 95% R.O.W. – 100%	Construction to Begin This Year	2024
HL-0003	Haywood Rd Resurfacing & Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Design – 80%	Construction to Begin This Year	2024

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BL-0008	Clear Creek Greenway	Henderson			2024
BL-0076	Riceville Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Design – 0%	October 2024	2025
EB-5547A	Riverwalk Greenway (Black Mountain Ave to Flat Creek Greenway)	Buncombe	Design – 30%	Late 2024	2025
EB-5547B	Riverwalk Greenway (Black Mountain Ave to Into the Oaks Trail)	Buncombe	Design – 30%	Late 2024	2025
EB-5774A	Woodfin Greenway	Buncombe	Design – 85%	R.O.W. – 2024 Construction - 2025	2025
EB-5824	Enka Heritage Trail	Buncombe	Design – 15%	R.O.W. – Late 2024 or Early 2025	2025
EB-5831	Coxe Ave Bike/Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Design – 10%	Spring 2024	2025
BL-0006	Various Ped Improvements within Asheville City Limits	Buncombe			2026
EB-5774B	Beaverdam Creek Greenway	Buncombe	Design – 30%	R.O.W. - Late 2024	2026
EB-5822	North RAD Greenway	Buncombe	Design to Begin Soon		2026
HL-0013	9 th Ave Bridge Replacement	Buncombe	Design – 30%	Design – Complete in 2025 R.O.W. – Beginning Late 2024	2026

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BL-0078	Ecusta Trail (US 64 to Transylvania County Line)	Henderson	Design Underway	Winter 2024	2027
EB-5945	Champion Dr Multi-Use Path	Haywood	ROW Underway		Funded for ROW Only
EB-5946	NC 280 Multi-Use Path	Henderson	PE to Begin in 2026		Funded for PE Only
EB-5823	Bent Creek Greenway	Buncombe	PE to Begin in 2029		Funded for PE Only
EB – 5946	NC 280 Multi-Use Path	Henderson			Funded for PE Only

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Legislative Updates