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# FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## P7- Draft Assignment of Local Input Point for Division Needs Projects

FRENCH BROAD RIVER MPO

## Introduction

This informational packet reflects the DRAFT assignment of local input points by the French Broad River MPO as part of the current process of prioritizing transportation projects in North Carolina. The French Broad River MPO is holding a public comment period on its draft assignment of local input points from October 30th to November 20th in order to get feedback from members of the public. These comments will be considered on Thursday, November 20th at the MPO Board meeting that will provide the final assignment of local input points.

## How to Comment on the Draft Assignment of Local Input Points

Comments may be sent in a variety of ways:

**Email:** [MPO@landofsky.org](mailto:MPO@landofsky.org)

**Mail** (mailed comments received after November 20th will be forwarded to the Board after their final decision):

French Broad River MPO

339 New Leicester Highway, Suite 400

Asheville, NC 28806

**In-Person:** comments may be provided at the French Broad River MPO Board meeting, scheduled for 12:30 PM on Thursday, November 21st at Land of Sky Regional Council (with a Zoom option.)

## FAQs

### What is P7?

P7 is the seventh iteration of North Carolina's data-driven and transparent prioritization process used to determine what transportation projects become funded by state and federal funds in North Carolina allocated for improvement projects.

### What are Local Input Points?

Local Input Points are a part of the prioritization process used by MPOs, RPOs, and NCDOT Divisions to "boost" the score of projects in the Regional Impact or Division Needs tiers. This enables these entities to reflect projects they see as priorities or not.

### **What is the Division Needs tier?**

Based on the rules of the prioritization process, there are three funding tiers that are differentiated by eligible project types, the geographic area in which they compete, and the amount of funding. The Division Needs tier for highway projects on secondary roads, transit capital projects, stand-alone bicycle/pedestrian projects, Regional Impact tier is for highway projects on US or NC routes, passenger rail projects that cross multiple counties, or projects from the Statewide Mobility tier that are requested to be considered by MPO Board or TCC members.

### **How does the MPO determine what projects receive Local Input Points?**

The MPO developed a methodology, approved by the MPO Board, that is used to score projects based on safety, congestion, local priorities, freight, multimodal aspects, resiliency, impacts on the environment, and previous planning efforts. The methodology also includes considerations for when a maximum/minimum number of points should be used and notes that local input point assignments can be altered at the discretion of the MPO Board.

### **The MPO has 1,900 Local Input Points available, why isn't it planning on using all of those points?**

The MPO methodology includes a section on using a minimal number of Local Input Points if there is no funding available. In this round of prioritization there is projected to be negative funding available in Division 13 and Division 14 funding tiers in which the MPO competes for funding. The MPO utilizes fewer points in order to reflect top priorities in case funding becomes available in the near-future.

## HIGHWAY PROJECTS ASSIGNED DRAFT LOCAL INPUT POINTS

<b>County</b>	<b>Funding Tier</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Type of Improvement</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Draft Local Input Points</b>
Henderson, Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 1358 (Fanning Bridge Rd)	US 25	NC 280	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 6,000,000	<b>100</b>

## BIKE/PED PROJECTS ASSIGNED DRAFT LOCAL INPUT POINTS

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Buncombe	Division Needs	Reed Creek Greenway Connector	Reed Creek Greenway	SR 3602 (Clingman Avenue)	4 - On-Road Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 880,000	<b>100</b>
Henderson	Division Needs	Church Street and King Street	US 176	North Main Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,720,800	<b>100</b>
Henderson	Division Needs	Above The Mud Greenway Connector	Ecusta Trail	Oklawaha Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,096,200	<b>100</b>
Buncombe	Division Needs	Tunnel Road Sidewalks	New Haw Creek Road	Blue Ridge Parkway	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,332,200	<b>100</b>
Buncombe	Division Needs	Patton Avenue	Old Haywood Road	Johnston Blvd	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,462,600	<b>100</b>

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Buncombe	Division Needs	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)	\$ 2,068,800	<b>100</b>
Buncombe	Division Needs	US 70 Sidewalks	Franklin Street	Warren Wilson Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,010,000	<b>100</b>
Buncombe	Division Needs	Merrimon Ave	Lake Louise Drive	Brown Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 675,000	<b>100</b>
Haywood	Division Needs	US 19/23	Bridge Street	Chestnut Mountain Road	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,396,000	<b>100</b>
Madison	Division Needs	Bailey/Banjo Branch Greenway	Otis T Duck Greenway Northern Termini	Bailey Street	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,614,600	<b>100</b>

## TRANSIT PROJECTS ASSIGNED DRAFT LOCAL INPUT POINTS

County	Funding Tier	Project	To	Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Draft Local Input Points
Haywood	Division Needs	Two expansion vehicles would allow for new fixed-route service that would provide transit service to Maggie Valley and tie-in to the existing fixed-route between Waynesville and Canton.	Purchase two expansion vehicles to expand service in Haywood County	1 - Mobility (route-specific) - New Service	\$ 270,000	<b>100</b>

## HIGHWAY PROJECTS CONSIDERED FOR LOCAL INPUT POINTS AT THE DIVISION NEEDS TIER

County	Funding Tier	Route	From	To	Type of Improvement	Cost Estimate
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 1332 (North Louisiana Avenue)	US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	SR 1338 (Emma Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 30,600,000
Henderson	Division Needs	SR 1508 (Berkeley Road), SR 1508 (Signal Hill Road), SR 1511 (Berkeley Road), SR 1519 (Thompson Street)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 33,300,000
Henderson	Division Needs	SR 1127 (Kanuga Road)	US 25 Business (Church Street)	SR 1123 (Little River Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 62,600,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 1130 (Old US 19/23 Highway)	US 19, US 23 (Smokey Park Highway)	SR 1120 (Youngs Cove Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 32,900,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 3136 (Cane Creek Road)	US 74 ALT (Charlotte Highway)	SR 3116 (Mills Gap Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 99,000,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 3412 (Sand Hill Road)	SR 1224 (Sand Hill School Road)	N/A	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 6,100,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 2002 (Riceville Road)	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	SR 2285 (Clear Vista Lane)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 19,800,000

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Henderson	Division Needs	SR 1525 (Duncan Hill Road)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	Signal Hill Road	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 26,300,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	Peachtree Road Extension	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	US 25 ALT (Sweeten Creek Road)	18 - Widen Existing Local (Non-State) Roadway	\$ 4,037,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 1003 (Reems Creek Road)	US 19, US 23 Busines (Weaverville Highway)	SR 2109 (Ox Creek Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 124,500,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 2500 (Blue Ridge Road)	NC 9	Blue Ridge Assembly Drive, White Pine Drive	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 15,900,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 2776 (Old Fort Road)	US 74 ALT (Charlotte Highway)	SR 2782 (Whitaker Road)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 66,800,000
Henderson	Division Needs	SR 2162 (Blythe Street)	NC 191(Haywood Road)	US 64 (6th Avenue West)	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 17,400,000
Henderson	Division Needs	SR 1173 (White Pine Drive)	US 64 (Brevard Road)	Hebron Road	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 45,200,000
Henderson	Division Needs	SR 1793 (Tracy Grove Road)	SR 1006 (Howard Gap Road)	N/A	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 6,100,000



## BIKE/PED PROJECTS CONSIDERED FOR LOCAL INPUT POINTS AT THE DIVISION NEEDS TIER

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Buncombe	Division Needs	Old Haywood Road Sidewalks	US 19/23/74 (Patton Avenue)	US 19/23/74 (Smokey Park Highway)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,080,400
Buncombe	Division Needs	Lake Julian Greenway	French Broad River	Lake Julian	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 3,782,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	Fairview Road	Swannanoa River Road	Liberty Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,630,200
Buncombe	Division Needs	Bent Creek Greenway (WNC Farmers Market to Asheville Outlets)	WNC Farmers Market	Asheville Outlets	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 4,696,200
Buncombe	Division Needs	US 19 (Smokey Park Hwy)	Rutherford Road	NC 151	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,073,600
Henderson	Division Needs	Allen Branch Greenway	US 64	I-26	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,516,800
Buncombe	Division Needs	Reed Creek Greenway Extension	WT Weaver Boulevard	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 1,960,200
Henderson	Division Needs	N Main Street/Clear Creek Road Sidewalks	Nix Road	Baldwin Avenue	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,953,400
Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 2500 (North Blue Ridge Road)	US 70	Fortune St	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 675,800

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Buncombe	Division Needs	NC 63 (New Leicester Hwy)	Old County Home Road	Mt. Carmel Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 667,600
Buncombe	Division Needs	North Louisiana Avenue Sidewalks	Mallard Drive	Adams Hill Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 314,400
Henderson	Division Needs	Fanning Bridge Road	Underwood Road	US 25	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,521,400
Henderson	Division Needs	Mills River Valley Trail	French Broad River	NC 191	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 4,312,600
Henderson	Division Needs	Greenway-Jackson Park to Blue Ridge CC	Jackson Park	Blue Ridge Community College	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 3,542,600
Buncombe	Division Needs	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	Future 1-26	Woodfin Ave	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,753,000
Buncombe	Division Needs	US 70 - Swannanoa	SR 2748 (Buckeye Cove Rd)	Ingles driveway	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,782,800
Haywood	Division Needs	Raccoon Creek Greenway	Waynesville Greenway	Junaluska Elementary School	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 1,427,200
Haywood	Division Needs	Richland Creek Greenway-North	Recreation Park	Haywood High Tech Center	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,572,400
Buncombe	Division Needs	Reems Creek Greenway	Quarry Road	Karpen Soccer Field	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 5,183,200
Haywood	Division Needs	NC 215 (Champion Drive)	SR 1589 (North Canton Road)	SR 1513 (Thickety Road)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,884,600

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Buncombe	Division Needs	SR 1368 (Lees Creek)	SR 1803 (Tipperary Dr)	SR 1367 (Erwin Hills Rd)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 524,400
Buncombe	Division Needs	US 70A (Charlotte Hwy)	Charles Lytle Lane	Olde Eastwood Village Boulevard	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 253,200