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FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

DRAFT P 8 PROJECT SUBMITTAL LIST

A DRAFT LIST OF HIGHWAY, BIKE/PED, TRANSIT, AND RAIL PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED
FOR POTENTIAL FUNDING THROUGH NORTH CAROLINA'S PRIORITIZATION PROCESS

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Quick Introduction

What is P8/the Prioritization Process?

The Prioritization Process (also known as P8 or “SPOT”) is a “data-driven and transparent” process in North Carolina that determines what transportation improvement projects are selected for funding. The process is structured by the Strategic Highway Investments Act of 2012 and involves NCDOT, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs), along with local government partners, public transit providers, airports, and others.

What are “Project Submittals”?

Every NCDOT Division, MPO, and RPO is given a set number of projects they may submit- by transportation mode- to the prioritization process for consideration. Once these organizations submit their projects, the projects are given a quantitative score based on data points, and (potentially) considered for local input points from NCDOT Divisions, MPOs, and RPOs, and the highest scoring projects are programmed based on available funding.

How Can I Comment on What Projects the MPO is Planning to Submit?

The French Broad River MPO’s public comment period is running from August 22nd to September 17th (2025). Comments may be submitted via:

- Email: mpo@landofsky.org
- Phone: 828.251.7454
- Mail: 339 New Leicester Highway, Suite 140; Asheville, NC 28806
- In-Person: MPO Board Meeting at Land of Sky Regional Council (same address as above) on Thursday, September 18th at 1:00 PM

Highway Submittals

Quick Key:

-Access Management = Add a Median, Intersection Improvements, and Complete Streets Improvements

-Modernization = Bring the Road Up to Current Standards with Intersection Improvements and Complete Streets Improvements

-Road Diet = Reduce Travel Lanes and Reutilize Roadway Space for Complete Streets or Other Infrastructure Needs, may Include Intersection Improvements

Buncombe County

Route	From	To	Project Type
US 19/23 (Smokey Park Highway)	I-40	NC 151	Access Management (Regional Impact)
NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	Newfound Road	Gouges Branch Road	Improve Multiple Intersections (Regional Impact)
NC 191 (Brevard Road)	Glenn Bridge Road/Avery Creek Road	-	Improve Intersection (Regional Impact)
US 70 (Tunnel Road)	Beaucatcher Tunnel	US 74A (South Tunnel Road)	Road Diet (Regional Impact)
US 70 (State Street)	Blue Ridge Road	NC 9	Road Diet (Regional Impact)
Sand Hill Road	Sand Hill School Road	-	Intersection Improvement (Division Needs)
Reems Creek Road	US 19/23 (Weaverville Highway)	Ox Creek Road	Modernization (Division Needs)
North Louisiana Avenue	US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	Emma Road	Modernization (Division Needs)
Elkwood Avenue	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	Modernization (Division Needs)

Haywood County

Route	From	To	Project Type
US 19/23 (Asheville Highway/Park Street)	Chestnut Mountain Road	NC 215	Modernization (Regional Impact)
NC 215 (Penland Street)	US 19/23 (Park Street)	-	Intersection Improvement (Regional Impact)
US 19 (Dellwood Road)	US 23/74 (Great Smoky Mountain Expressway)	US 276 (Jonathan Creek Road)	Access Management (Regional Impact)

Henderson County

Route	From	To	Project Type
US 176 (Spartanburg Highway)	NC 225 (Greenville Highway)	Upward Road	Access Management (Regional Impact)
US 25B (Asheville Highway)	North Main Street	NC 191	Multiple Intersection Improvements (Regional Impact)
NC 280 (Boylston Highway)	NC 191 (Haywood Road)	NC 191 (Brevard Road)	Access Management (Regional Impact)
Signal Hill/Berkely/ Thompson Street	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	US 25B (Asheville Highway)	Modernization (Division Needs)
Fanning Bridge Road	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	NC 280 (Airport Road)	Modernization (Division Needs)

Madison County

Route	From	To	Project Type
NC 213	Athletic Street	Bone Camp Road	Access Management (Regional Impact)

Bike/Ped Projects

Buncombe County

Route	From	To	Project Type
Tunnel Road Sidewalks	New Haw Creek Road	Blue Ridge Parkway	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
Patton Avenue	Old Haywood Road	Johnston Blvd	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
Old Haywood Road Sidewalks	US 19/23/74 (Patton Avenue)	US 19/23/74 (Smokey Park Highway)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
Lake Julian Greenway	French Broad River	Lake Julian	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)
Fairview Road	Swannanoa River Road	Liberty Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
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)
US 70 Sidewalks	Franklin Street	Warren Wilson Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	Future 1-26	Woodfin Ave	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
Reems Creek Greenway	Quarry Road	Karpen Soccer Field	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)

Haywood County

Route	From	To	Project Type
Richland Creek Greenway-North	Recreation Park	Haywood High Tech Center	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)
Old Basalm Road	Hyatt Creek Road	400 Feet SW of Piney Mountain Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
NC 215 (Champion Drive)	SR 1589 (North Canton Road)	SR 1513 (Thickety Road)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)

Henderson County

Route	From	To	Project Type
Church Street and King Street	US 176	North Main Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
Above The Mud Greenway Connector	Ecusta Trail	Oklawaha Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)
N Main Street/Clear Creek Road Sidewalks	Nix Road	Baldwin Avenue	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)
Mills River Valley Trail	French Broad River	NC 191	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)
Oklawaha Greenway-Jackson Park to Blue Ridge CC	Jackson Park	Blue Ridge Community College	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)

Madison County

Route	From	To	Project Type
Park Drive Sidepath	NC 213	Mars Hill Recreation Park	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)

Rail Submittals

Route	From	To	Project Type
NS AS Line	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	N/A	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)
NS AS Line (WNC Passenger Service)	Salisbury	Asheville	5 - Passenger rail service (line)
NS AS Line	SR 2500 (Blue Ridge Rd),	N/A	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)

Transit Submittals

Transit System	Route / Facility Name (or Project Name)	Project Description
Haywood Public Transit	Haywood County Transfer Station	Transfer Building with Bathrooms and Side Small Vehicle Maintenance Capabilities
Haywood Public Transit	Expansion Vehicles	Two (2) expansion vehicles.
City of Asheville	Transit Maintenance Facility	Construct a new maintenance facility in order to accommodate additional vehicles and address current maintenance facility capacity through a facility assessment.
City of Asheville	Transit Multimodal Facility	Construct a new transit multimodal facility to accommodation vehicles that pick-up and drop transit riders.
City of Asheville	Mobile Fair Collection System	
Apple Country Transit	Expansion Vehicles	25' LTV hybrid vehicle for Route 2 expansion.