

Transportation Matters



photo from Tristan Winkler

The Asheville Regional Airport had a ribbon cutting for their new North Concourse on June 20th. This is a milestone for Phase 1 of their “AVL Forward” project.

Go Mountain Commuting Rebrand

Although Strive Not to Drive has a lot of name recognition, less people realize our Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program as a whole is called Go Mountain Commuting. In an effort to increase awareness, the Go Mountain logo, socials, and website are getting a refresh. Follow us @gomountaincommuting on Facebook and Instagram. Our new website is launching later this month at www.gomountain.org (formerly www.strivebeyond.org). The website will be a one-stop shop for multimodal transportation resources and community events across the five counties. It will highlight all Go Mountain programs, and be a resource to employers, commuters, visitors, and anyone traveling in or around Western North Carolina. Have a resource or event you'd like to see on the new website? Contact sandy@landofsky.org



I-26 Update

NCDOT provided an update on the I-26 connector to the MPO at its June Board and TCC meetings. Nathan Moneyham provided an overview of the document NCDOT created that illustrates all of the changes made to the project since 2018, as well as discussing on-going collaborative efforts with the I-26 Aesthetics Committee and efforts to look at changes requested out of a citizen charette process. View the recording [here](#).



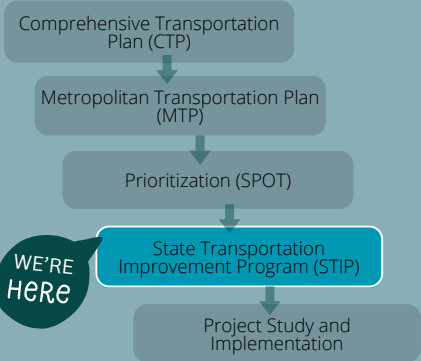
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MTP Public Engagement

The FBRMPO invites the community to weigh in on its draft Elevate 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, shaping priorities for highways, transit, bike, and pedestrian projects over the next 25 years. Three meetings are planned in July to review the plan and the fiscally constrained project list.

- Monday, July 7th from 4-8PM at the Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center
- Tuesday, July 8th from 4-8PM at the Mills River Town Hall
- Wednesday, July 9th from 4-8PM at Waynesville Town Hall

Details: elevate2050.org.



Draft STIP

NCDOT released the final draft 2026-2035 STIP and it is set to be adopted by the NC Board of Transportation in July 2025. The STIP identifies the construction funding and schedule for state transportation projects over a 10-year period. The STIP is updated every two years. Read the final STIP document [here](#). The MPO also adopts the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) on the same timeline. The draft TIP is currently open for public comment through August 20th. Click [here](#) for more information on the 2026-2035 TIP and to make public comment.

Public Meetings

 **Prioritization Subcommittee**
July 2nd 9:30am - 11:30am

No MPO or RPO Board & TCC this month

Smart Cycling Course

The League of American Bicyclists curriculum “Smart Cycling” is aimed to develop confidence and competence of a bicycle commuter. Asheville on Bikes will be hosting this course for free on July 19th with an emphasis on riding cargo bikes with kids. Find out more [here](#).

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