

Transportation Matters



photo from Rey Castillo Jr. Photography

Eight schools in our region hosted bike/walk to school events on May 7th. This picture is from the Black Mountain Primary and Elementary Schools walk where 78 students participated for the first time. Our Safe Routes to School program helped facilitate three new school events that day.

Strive Not to Drive Week Recap

Strive Not to Drive celebrated its 35th year in Western North Carolina with 17 events across Buncombe, Haywood, and Henderson Counties. This was Haywood County's biggest year for Strive Not to Drive ever. The events included a kid's bike drive, free transit all week, and a Bikes, Buses & Brews

Social Ride. Plus, Haywood Public Transit produced a new commercial for its services and the City of Waynesville did a ceremonial proclamation to designate the week. Bike Walk HVL also had its first ever social ride as a part of Strive Not to Drive this year. Partners for this year's

events included AARP, Asheville on Bikes, Asheville Bike Polo, City of Asheville, Henderson County, Buncombe County, Waynesville Development Services, Blue Ridge Bicycle Club, Bike Walk HVL, the Asheville Tourists, Liberty Bicycles, Mountain True, and Mountain Mobility.



Safe Streets for WNC Leadership Summit

Join us on June 5th at the Ivy building on AB Tech's campus to share tools & resources that can help unlock data and funding, & to build regional commitment to reduce serious injuries and fatalities on our roads. Sign up [here](#).

I-26 Connector Public Meeting

NCDOT held a public meeting in late April to display plans for the northern section of the I-26 Connector Project. Linked [here](#) is a document on the changes made on the project. For more information or to make public comment, click [here](#).

Elevate 2050 Public Engagement

We will have three opportunities for community feedback on the draft plan (including project list). Each date is from 4-8 pm.
July 7th: Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Center
July 8th: Mills River Town Hall
July 9th: Waynesville Town Hall



June Events

- 6/5 SS4WNC Leadership Summit
Ivy Building from 9-11 am
- 6/25 Asheville Airport North Concourse Opens

Public Meetings

- Prioritization Subcommittee**
June 4th 9:30am - 11:30am
- MPO TCC**
June 12th 11am - 1pm
- MPO Board**
June 19th 1pm - 3:30pm

No RPO meetings this month



photo from Craig Varley

Land of Sky Regional Council had 7 staff participate in National Bike to Work Day on Friday, May 16th.

Grant Opportunities

- Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant**
Due: June 26th
 - Competitive grant to support planning, infrastructural, behavioral, & operational initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads & streets
- NC Recreational Trail Program Grant**
Due: Sept 5th
 - \$10,000 to \$100,000 to fund trail development projects.

Resource Spotlight

Do you have an active transportation campaign message that you would like to bring to your network? Our SRTS coordinator designed a week-long Instagram takeover for Hendersonville Middle School this month. This media package gave simple safety tips for students, teachers, and families to explore. We love to spread safety messages in your communities, reach out if you have an idea.

Get involved & stay connected



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