

## MPO Governing Board

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April 16, 2026 – 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)**

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

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

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  - A. March, 2026 TCC Meeting Minutes
  - B. FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment
  - C. P8 Express Design Assignments
  - D. Resolution of Support- Waynesville Bike/Ped Planning Grant Application
  - E. Amendments to the 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
4. **BUSINESS**

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  - A. Congestion Management Process (CMP) Biennial Data Report MPO Staff, 15 Min
5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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  - A. Potential Improvements Near Exit 44 NCDOT Division 13 Staff, 15 Min
  - B. WNC Passenger Rail Project Updates NCDOT Rail Division Staff, 15 Min
  - C. FY 2026 5307 Suballocation MPO Staff, 10 Min
6. **REGULAR UPDATES**

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  - A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates Tim Anderson/Wesley Grindstaff or Designee
  - B. Transportation Planning Branch Daniel Sellers
  - C. Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports, Staff Updates, and Housekeeping MPO Staff
  - D. Legislative Updates MPO Staff
7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (5 min)**

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8. **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING (June 18<sup>th</sup>)**

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9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Land of Sky Regional Council	Board (ends 3:30pm)	4:11pm	4:21pm

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# Item 3:

## Consent Agenda

**Item 3A:** March, 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Item 3B:** Amendments to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

**Item 3C:** P8 Express Design Assignments

**Item 3D:** Resolution of Support- Waynesville Bike/Ped Planning Grant

**Item 3E:** Amendments to the 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

# FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 3A:

## March, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Available here: To be Updated

## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 3B:

## Amendment to the FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

### What is the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)?

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization's annual planning work plan and budget. It describes what transportation planning activities the MPO and its partners will undertake during the fiscal year, how those activities support federal and regional goals, and how federal, state, and local planning funds will be used.

The UPWP is required under federal law to ensure that metropolitan transportation planning activities are:

- Continuing
- Comprehensive
- Cooperative

In practice, the UPWP functions as both:

- a scope of work for MPO staff and planning studies, and
- a financial plan that documents the use of federal planning funds.

No planning activity using federal funds may occur unless it is included in an adopted UPWP.

### Proposed Amendments

Following the adoption of the FY 2027 UPWP in March, 2026, the City of Asheville was notified that it did not program the full amount of FTA 5303 Metropolitan Planning Funds that were made available to the region.

The amendment would fully program the allotment of 5303 funds from \$127,241 to \$151,871 to the City of Asheville.

**TCC Recommendation:** Approve the Adoption of the Amendment to the FY 2027 UPWP

**Action Required:** Consider Adoption of the Amendment to the FY 2027 UPWP

FTA CODE	TASK CODE	TASK DESCRIPTION	Transit Planning - 5303				Transit Program Support- 5307			Transit Program Support- 5305 -2 (AoPP)			Total			
			Local 10%	State 10%	Federal 80%	Total	Local 20%	Federal 80%	Total	Local 10%	Federal 90%	Total	Local	State	Federal	Total
	<b>II-A</b>	<b>Data and Planning Support</b>														
44.24.00	II-A-1	Networks and Support Systems	\$1,898	\$1,898	\$15,187	\$18,984										
44.23.01	II-A-2	Travelers and Behavior	\$475	\$475	\$3,797	\$4,746										
44.23.02	II-A-3	Transportation Modeling	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0										
	<b>II-B</b>	<b>Planning Process</b>														
44.23.02	II-B-1	Targeted Planning	\$2,848	\$2,848	\$22,781	\$28,476				\$32,814	\$328,140	\$360,954				
44.23.01	II-B-2	Regional Planning	\$1,898	\$1,898	\$15,187	\$18,984										
44.27.00	II-B-3	Special Studies														
	<b>III-A</b>	<b>Planning Work Program</b>														
44.21.00	III-A-1	Planning Work Program	\$7,594	\$7,594	\$60,748	\$75,936										
44.24.00	III-A-2	Metrics and Performance Measures														
	<b>III-B</b>	<b>Transp. Improvement Plan</b>														
44.25.00	III-B-1	Prioritization														
44.25.00	III-B-2	Metropolitan TIP	\$949	\$949	\$7,594	\$9,492										
44.25.00	III-B-3	Merger/Project Development														
	<b>III-C</b>	<b>Cvl Rgts. Cmp./Otr .Reg. Reqs.</b>														
44.27.00	III-C-1	Title VI Compliance	\$949	\$949	\$7,594	\$9,492										
44.27.00	III-C-2	Environmental Justice														
44.27.00	III-C-3	Minority Business Enterprise Planning	\$949	\$949	\$7,594	\$9,492										
44.27.00	III-C-4	Planning for the Elderly														
44.27.00	III-C-5	Safety/Drug Control Planning	\$475	\$475	\$3,797	\$4,746										
44.27.00	III-C-6	Public Involvement	\$949	\$949	\$7,594	\$9,492										
44.27.00	III-C-7	Private Sector Participation														
	<b>III-D</b>	<b>Statewide &amp; Extra-Regional Planning</b>														
44.27.00	III-D-1	Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning														
	<b>III-E</b>	<b>Management Ops, Program Suppt Admin</b>														
44.27.00		Management Operations					\$81,232	\$324,929	\$406,161							
	<b>TOTALS</b>		\$18,984	\$18,984	\$151,871	\$189,839	\$81,232	\$324,929	\$406,161	\$32,814	\$328,140	\$360,954	-	-	-	-

## TABLES OF FY 26 UPWP FTA SECTION 5303 WORK TASKS TO BE PERFORMED

II-A Data and Planning Support		
II-A-1	<b>Networks and Support Systems</b>	<p>The City of Asheville Transit Planning Division collects and analyzes various data related to the operation and maintenance of the transit system. This includes ridership data compiled from the Automatic Passenger Counters, fare data collected from the fareboxes, performance data collected from the real-time GPS and AVL system, etc. The data is used in reporting current system functions, as well as analyze the impact of system service changes, and to plan for future service improvements to increase system-wide ridership.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> Monthly ridership reports, on-time-performance reports, fare revenue reports, etc.</p>
II-A-2	<b>Travelers and Behavior</b>	<p>The City of Asheville Transit Planning Division utilizes land use and demographic data in partnership with the MPO and the City's Planning and Urban Design department to coordinate land use and transportation decision-making on proposed new developments. In addition, the information is used in planning improvements to the transit system to ensure connectivity among ART's fixed-route service and to other regional modes of transportation.</p>
II-A-3	<b>Transportation Modeling</b>	
II-B Planning Process		
II-B-1	<b>Targeted Planning</b>	<p>The City will be beginning a planning process for the development of a new/expanded downtown transit center, affordable housing, and potential other compatible uses - The ART Place Project funded by FTA Section 5305-2 AoPP. Preliminary planning activities will be performed in FY 26 and FY 27 and will include an analysis of the operational needs for ingress/egress of the site, a space needs analysis, environmental and historic preservation compliance, community engagement, a financial plan, and creation of conceptual designs.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> Deliverables will consist of conceptual designs and visioning for the future project, development of a financial plan, and a report summarizing technical analyses.</p>
II-B-2	<b>Regional Planning</b>	<p>The City of Asheville Transit Planning Division continues to implement recommended service improvements in the transit master plan, as well as Implement the vision/long range plan outlined in the Multimodal Transportation Plan. Participate in the Regional Transit Operators meetings to discuss</p>

		<p>prioritization of regional transit projects. Attend TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee), and other transit advisory board meetings. In FY 25 and FY 26 the City of Asheville plans to conduct a Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Financial plan that will analyze base level service after 2020 service improvements and recommend operational service efficiencies and existing and future financial investments needed to implement the phases of the transit master plan.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> Deliverables associated with Comprehensive Operational Analysis and Financial Implementation plan will be developed by the City of Asheville.</p>
II-B-3A	Special Studies Operations	
II-B-3B	Corridor Studies Operations	
II-B-3C	Special Studies Pass-Through	
<b>III-A Planning Work Program</b>		
III-A-1	Planning Work Program	<p>Program Administration entails working on multiple reporting and managerial functions. Program administration includes monitoring subrecipients planning and grant activities, and reporting requirements for (drug/alcohol, NTD, FTA, etc.), work with the MPO to develop the UPWP per federal and state requirements, manage and administer the City's FTA and State grants, manage FTA compliance program, monitor and oversee the operations and maintenance contracts for the fixed-route and paratransit services. In FY26, the City of Asheville, as the designated recipient will be conducting routine oversight and monitoring meetings of the City of Asheville subrecipients.</p> <p><b>Work Products:</b> Routine monitoring reviews of the subrecipients. Quarterly and Annual FTA Reports, Complete annual NTD reporting; work on Subrecipient Agreements and reports; Drug and Alcohol Reports, etc.</p>
III-A-2	Metrics and Performance Measures	
<b>III-B Transportation Improvement Program</b>		
III-B-1	Prioritization	
III-B-2	Metropolitan TIP	
III-B-3	Merger/Project Development	
<b>III-C Civil Rights Compliance (Title VI) and Other Regulatory Requirements</b>		
III-C-1	Title VI Compliance	<p>The City will continue conducting Title VI analysis for any future route and/or fare changes and will monitor Title VI programs and plans of the region's subrecipients.</p>

		<b>Work Product:</b> FY 23-25 City of Asheville Title VI Plan Update.
III-C-2	<b>Environmental Justice</b>	
III-C-3	<b>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Planning</b>	<p>The U.S. The Department of Transportation suspended the goal setting requirements for the DBE program under the October 3, 2025 Interim Final Rule under 49 CFR § 26.81. The City still continues to work with and support individuals and subrecipients who deem themselves socially and economically disadvantaged. The City will continue their DBE Program without goal setting and continue to work to evaluate individual transit projects and procurements to ensure compliance with 49 CFR § 26.81 federal DBE requirements.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> Evaluate individual transit projects and procurement standards.</p>
III-C-4	<b>Planning for Elderly</b>	
III-C-5	<b>Safety/Drug Control Planning</b>	<p>The City and subrecipients have approved Public Transportation Safety Plans. Required meetings and monitoring of performance measures will take place. Monitoring of Drug and alcohol reporting will also take place.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> PTSP Committee meetings notes, performance measures, reports and submissions for FTA.</p>
III-C-6	<b>Public Involvement</b>	<p>The City will be conducting public engagement as part of the Art Place Project funded by FTA Section 5305-2 AoPP for the purpose of planning and conceptual design. Public engagement will also take place for the City’s Comprehensive Operational Analysis, which will be prepared by the City with Buncombe County in FY 25 and FY 26.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> Engagement with the community will influence the priorities and outcomes of the ART Place Project and Comprehensive Operational Analysis.</p>
III-C-7	<b>Private Sector Participation</b>	
<b>III-D Statewide and Extra-Regional Planning</b>		
III-D	<b>Statewide and Extra-Regional Planning</b>	
<b>III-E Management and Operations</b>		
III-E	<b>Management, Operations, Program Support Administration</b>	<p>Conduct meetings as part of the City’s oversight responsibilities as part of grants management and administration. Meet quarterly with all subrecipients and work with subrecipients to address issues and/or concerns related to federal grants.</p> <p><b>5307:</b> Henderson County staff will provide program support and planning for Henderson County urban transit services.</p> <p><b>Work Product:</b> Complete quarterly meetings and submit reports to subrecipients on items to follow-up during meetings.</p>

## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 3C:

## P8 Express Design Assignments

### What are Express Designs?

Express designs are meant to be “quick” designs of a potential transportation project, developed in collaboration between NCDOT, the MPO, and local government staff. These designs serve primarily as a tool to get a better idea of the potential cost of a project and can also serve to look at high-level issues that a project may encounter.

### Express Design Requirement for P9

The Prioritization Workgroup recommended that express designs be required for projects in the Prioritization process by P9 (next round- expected to begin in 2027). To begin work towards that requirement, express designs are starting in early 2026 to get as many express designs done as possible.

There are exceptions to the requirement. As of right now, lower-cost projects (projects expected to cost <\$10,000,000) are exempt and POs are allowed to have one project per round that is not required to have an express design.

### Express Design Allotments

NCDOT has said that their capacity for express designs is roughly 200/year or 400/prioritization cycle. Split between the different MPOs, RPOs, and Divisions, the French Broad River MPO is being allotted 10 express designs over the P8 cycle.

Due Dates for Express Design Selection:

November 30<sup>th</sup> – 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Express Design Assignments Due

May 31<sup>st</sup>- 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Express Design Assignments Due

September 30<sup>th</sup>- 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of Express Design Assignments Due

### Previously Assigned Express Designs (Approved 11/30/25)

- US 19 (Smokey Park Highway) Access Management from I-40 to Wiggins Road
- Clingman Avenue Multiple Intersection Improvements from Patton Avenue to Hilliard Avenue
- NC 63 (New Leicester Highway) Multiple Intersection Improvements from Newfound Road to Gouges Branch Road

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- US 25B (Asheville Highway) Multiple Intersection Improvements/Access Management from North Main Street to Berkley Road

### **New Recommendations for 5/31/26**

- Fanning Bridge Road Modernization from US 25 (Hendersonville Road) to NC 280 (Airport Road)
- US 70 (Tunnel Road) Road Diet from Beaucatcher Tunnel to US 74A (South Tunnel Road)
- US 70 (State Street) Road Diet from Blue Ridge Road to NC 9

**Action Required:** Consider Approval of P8 Express Design Assignments

**Prioritization Subcommittee & TCC Recommendation:** Approve New Recommendations for P8 Express Design Assignments

## **Staff Report & Recommendations**

# Item 3D:

## **Resolution of Support- Waynesville Bike/Ped Planning Grant**

### **What is the Multimodal Planning Grant Program?**

The Multimodal Planning Grant Program is a program through NCDOT that makes resources available to local governments to do pedestrian and/or bicycle planning efforts for their communities, including Bicycle and/or Pedestrian Network Plans, Multimodal Plan, Plan Updates, or Project Acceleration Plans. A local match is required, based on the population of the local government.

### **What is Waynesville Planning to Apply For?**

Waynesville is planning to apply for Update to their Pedestrian Plan, which was initially adopted in 2010.

### **What is Needed from the MPO?**

Applications for the Multimodal Planning Grant Program are required to have resolutions of support from the applicable MPO or RPO.

**Action Required:** Consider Approval of a Resolution to Support the City of Waynesville's Multimodal Planning Grant Application.

**TCC Recommendation:** Recommend the MPO Board Approve the Resolution of Support

# FRENCH BROAD RIVER

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## Staff Report & Recommendations

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE'S APPLICATION TO THE NCDOT MULTIMODAL PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM FOR A BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) serves as the regional transportation planning body for Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Madison Counties, and provides a forum for cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Waynesville last adopted a pedestrian plan in 2010, and an update is needed to reflect current conditions, community priorities, safety needs, and development patterns; and

**WHEREAS**, improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and connectivity is critical to enhancing safety, accessibility, public health, and quality of life for residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the update of Waynesville's pedestrian plan would support regional goals related to safety, multimodal connectivity, and implementation of locally adopted and regional plans, including the FBRMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Safe Streets initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Multimodal Planning Grant Program provides funding to assist communities in developing comprehensive transportation plans that address pedestrian, bicycle, and multimodal needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Waynesville intends to apply for funding through this program to update its pedestrian plan and identify priority projects, policies, and implementation strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the French Broad River MPO supports efforts by member jurisdictions to improve multimodal transportation systems and advance projects that enhance safety and connectivity across the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Board hereby expresses its support for the Town of Waynesville's application to the NCDOT Multimodal Planning Grant Program for a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan; and

**ADOPTED** this 16th day of April, 2026.

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Anthony Sutton, Chair, FBRMPO Board

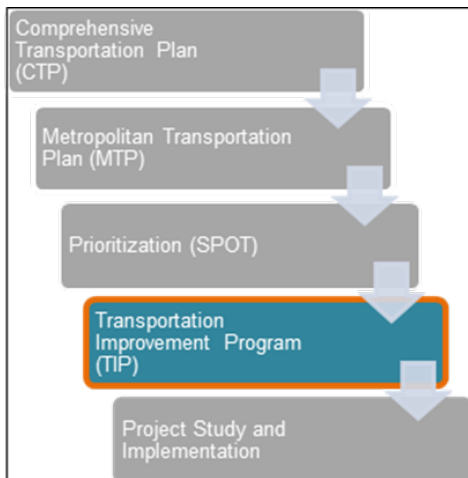
**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Tristan Winkler, MPO Director

## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 3E:

## Amendments to the 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program

### 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.

#### Amendment Highlights:

Amendments this month include:

- Editing the programming 5310 and JARC Projects from the most recent call for projects to include the rescinded FY21 and FY22 Madison County funds.
- Moving engineering funds for EB-5946 (Mills River Valley Trail) from FY26 to FY28
- U-5616: Amending FY27 funding for the French Broad River MPO Planning Supplement

- Minor corrections to multiple City of Asheville Transit projects

All TIP Amendment Summaries can be found here: [https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/FBRMPO\\_April2026\\_TIPAmendments\\_UPDATED.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/FBRMPO_April2026_TIPAmendments_UPDATED.pdf)

**Action Required:** Consider Adoption of the Amendments to the 2026-2035 TIP.

**TCC Recommendation:** Recommend Approval of the Amendments to the 2026-2035 TIP.

## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 4A:

## Congestion Management Process – Biennial Data Update

As a Transportation Management Area (TMA), the French Broad River MPO is required to maintain a Congestion Management Process (CMP) for the region which includes congestion monitoring on a biennial basis. A draft biennial report is included below. A presentation will be provided.

### What is a CMP?

“A congestion management process (CMP) is a systematic and regionally-accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on transportation system performance and assesses alternative strategies for congestion management that meet State and local needs.”

### When was the CMP last updated?

The full CMP was updated in 2018 and is available on the MPO website here:

[https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/DraftCMP\\_2018-1-1.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/DraftCMP_2018-1-1.pdf)

The previous biennial report was completed in 2023 with data focusing on 2021. The latest biennial report is available here: [https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/CMP\\_Report\\_2025.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/CMP_Report_2025.pdf)

MPO Staff will present on the latest data report.

**TCC Recommendation:** Approve the CMP Biennial Report

**Action Required:** Consider Approval of the CMP Biennial Report

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# Item 5A:

## Potential Improvements Near Exit 44 on I-40

NCDOT Division 13 will provide an update on potential improvements near Exit 44 on I-40 and the surrounding area.

**Information Only**

## **Staff Report & Recommendations**

# Item 5B:

### **WNC Passenger Rail Project Update**

NCDOT Rail Division will provide an update on the WNC Passenger Rail project, which is planned to expand passenger rail service from Salisbury to Asheville.

The previously completed Feasibility Study is available here:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/rail/Documents/western-nc-feasibility-study-final.pdf>

The recently completed Economic Impact Study is available here:

[https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Rail-Division-Resources/Documents/EconImpact-Asheville-Salisbury\\_FR.pdf](https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/Rail-Division-Resources/Documents/EconImpact-Asheville-Salisbury_FR.pdf)

### **Information Only**

## Staff Report & Recommendations

# Item 5C:

## FY 2026 5307 Suballocation

The Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program is a federal funding program administered by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in the United States. It provides grants to public transit systems in urbanized areas (UZAs) with populations of 50,000 or more.

Section 5307 funds are distributed based on formulas set in federal law (currently under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law – also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), 2021–2026).

Under the FY 2026 Section 5307 allocation, the UZA received \$4,322,617.

Historically, FBRMPO has designated 10% of the allotment toward Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) programs which are funded through a call for projects each year. This year's JARC allotment would be \$432,261.70.

FBRMPO uses a suballocation formula approved by the MPO Board in 2023 to allot the 5307 funding received among transit operators within the UZA. Under this formula, Asheville (who serves as the designated recipient) receives 46.9% of the total FTA 5307 allocation, Buncombe County receives 31.9%, and Henderson County receives 21.2%. Both Haywood and Madison County are outside of the UZA and are therefore ineligible for 5307 funding.

Under the FY 2026 Section 5307 allocation, the UZA received \$3,890,355.30 after the JARC set aside. According to the formula:

- Asheville would receive \$1,824,576.64
- Buncombe County would receive \$1,241,023.34
- Henderson County would receive \$824,755.32

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# Item 6A:

## Division Project Updates

Division 13: [https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Division13\\_April2026\\_Updates.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Division13_April2026_Updates.pdf)

Division 14: [https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Division14\\_April2026\\_Updates.pdf](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Division14_April2026_Updates.pdf)

# Item 6B:

## TPD Updates

## 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>

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# Item 6C:

### Committee & Workgroup Updates

**Prioritization Subcommittee**— met on April 1<sup>st</sup>, next meeting June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- P8 Express Design Assignments

**5307 Subrecipient Workgroup**- met on February 17<sup>th</sup>, next meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Points of Business/Discussion:

- Grant management update by the City of Asheville
- Shared document repository discussion
- Locally Coordinated Plan update
- Service connection update
- 5310/JARC Call for Projects update
- Knowledge-sharing opportunities within current group composition

### MPO Studies Status

Study	Managing Entity	Year Programmed	Status
Woodfin-Weaverville Greenway Study	Town of Woodfin	2025	Underway
Buncombe County Pedestrian Plan	Buncombe County	2025	Underway
Hellbender Implementation Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started
Regional ITS Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Underway
Travel Survey/Model Upgrades	FBRMPO	2024	RFP Released
Staffing & Compensation Study	LOSRC	2024	Not Started

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### Locally Administered Projects

TIP ID	Project Title	County	Project Status	When Will Current Phase Be Completed?	Construction Year (Beginning)
<b>BL-0005</b>	Broadway St Ped Improvement	Buncombe	Closing Out	Recently Completed!	
<b>HL-0012</b>	I-240/Charlotte St Interchange & Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Closing Out	Recently Completed!	
<b>BL-0007</b>	Ecusta Trail (Kanuga Rd to US 64)	Henderson	95% Complete	Spring 2026	2023
<b>EB-5948</b>	Onteora Blvd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Under Construction	Recently Completed!	2023
<b>U-5190</b>	New Leicester Sidewalks	Buncombe	Closing Out	Complete.	2023
<b>HL-0014</b>	Biltmore Ave/White Fawn Dr Intersection Improvements	Buncombe	15% Design	Moving to next phase in June 2026	2026
<b>EB-5944</b>	Johnston Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Design – 99% R.O.W – 99%	Construction to Begin This Year, submitted final plans to NCDOT, awaiting action.	2024
<b>EB-5947</b>	New Haw Creek Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Under Construction	Estimated to be complete in April 2026	2025
<b>U-5019A</b>	Town Branch Greenway	Buncombe	Design – 95% R.O.W. – 100%	Construction to Begin This Year	2026
<b>HL-0003</b>	Haywood Rd Resurfacing & Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Design – 90%	Going to bid in September 2024	2024

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TIP ID	Project Title	County	Project Status	When Will Current Phase Be Completed?	Construction Year (Beginning)
BL-0008	Clear Creek Greenway	Henderson	ROW – To be completed in May 2025 Construction- To be transferred to NCDOT	ROW complete in 2025, Construction to begin in FY26	2026
BL-0076	Riceville Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Design – 30%	Late 2025	2025
EB-5547A	Riverwalk Greenway (Black Mountain Ave to Flat Creek Greenway)	Buncombe	Design – 90%  ROW - 0%	Summer 2026	2026
EB-5547B	Riverwalk Greenway (Black Mountain Ave to Into the Oaks Trail)	Buncombe	Design – 90%	Release of ROW funds has been requested	2027
EB-5774A	Woodfin Greenway	Buncombe	Design – 65%	Redoing plans in progress	2027
EB-5824	Enka Heritage Trail	Buncombe	Design – 15%	R.O.W. – 2028	Post-2028
EB-5831	Coxe Ave Bike/Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Design – 75%	ROW/Construction – June 2026	2026
BL-0006	Various Ped Improvements within Asheville City Limits	Buncombe			2026
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# FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## Staff Report & Recommendations

<b>EB-5774B</b>	Beaverdam Creek Greenway	Buncombe	Design – 25%	R.O.W. – 2026 Final landowner coordination required post Helene	2026
<b>EB-5822</b>	Wilma Dykeman Greenway Extension	Buncombe	Design – 25%	30% Design will determine the path forward/interaction with I-2513B/D	2027
<b>HL-0013</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Ave Bridge Replacement	Buncombe	Design – 90%	LET date was in March, 2026.	2026
<b>BL-0078</b>	Ecusta Trail (US 64 to Transylvania County Line)	Henderson	Design – 30%	Out to Bid as Design/Build	2027
<b>EB-5945</b>	Champion Dr Multi-Use Path	Haywood	ROW Underway		Funded for ROW Only
<b>EB-5946</b>	NC 280 Multi-Use Path	Henderson	PE to Begin in 2028		Funded for PE Only
<b>EB-5823</b>	Bent Creek Greenway	Buncombe	PE to Begin in 2029		Funded for PE Only

# Item 6E:

## Legislative Updates

# STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE WEEK

## BUNCOMBE COUNTY MAY 15-22

**WIN PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATING!** More events in Haywood, Henderson, Madison, & Transylvania Counties. Check the website for the full list of events and prize details!

[www.strivebeyond.org](http://www.strivebeyond.org)



### FRIDAY, MAY 15

#### Roll Outta Work

Gather 5pm @ Pritchard Park, roll out at 5:30pm. End at Downtown After 5!



### SUNDAY, MAY 17

#### Bike Polo Newbie Night

5pm-9pm @ Malvern Hills Park. No experience or equipment needed!



### TUESDAY, MAY 19

#### Trivia Night Group Bus Ride

Meet at 6pm at The Wyre Apartments, ride to Hi-Wire Brewing South Slope for trivia! RSVP required at [mountaintrue.org](http://mountaintrue.org)

### THURSDAY, MAY 21

#### Fix-a-Flat Clinic

6pm @ the Asheville Recyclery. 271 Haywood St.



### SATURDAY, MAY 16

#### Smart Cycling Class

10am-5pm @ the Collider. Learn safe and confident urban cycling with a mix of classroom and on-street instruction.



### MONDAY, MAY 18

#### Free Transit Day!

Asheville



### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

#### Ride of Silence

Gather at 6:30pm at Pack Square Park. Ride at 7pm. 5.2 mile ride.



# STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE WEEK

HAYWOOD COUNTY MAY 15-22

**FREE BUS RIDES ALL WEEK!**

Monday May 18 - Friday May 22. Two routes: from Waynesville to Haywood Community College and HCC to Canton. Visit [haywoodtransit.com](http://haywoodtransit.com) for route details.



## BIKES, BUSES & BREWS

**FRIDAY, MAY 15 @ 6PM.  
MEET AT FROG LEVEL  
BREWING IN WAYNESVILLE**

- Begin gathering at 5pm for helmet fitting and minor bike repair like pumping up bike tires!
- Tour Pigeon River Bikes at Folkmoot along the route!



## CLYDE FAMILY FUN RIDE

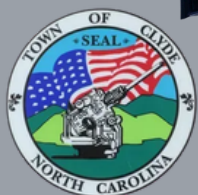
**MONDAY, MAY 18 @ 6PM.  
MEET AT LEGACY DANCE  
CENTER ON GLANCE ST.**

- Begin gathering at 5pm for helmet fitting and minor bike repair like pumping up bike tires!
- Food trucks on site!



Need bicycle repair? Visit Pigeon River Bikes at Folkmoot ahead of the rides! Open Saturdays noon-4pm. 112 Virginia Avenue, Waynesville, NC

**[WWW.STRIVEBEYOND.ORG](http://WWW.STRIVEBEYOND.ORG)**



# STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE WEEK

## HENDERSON COUNTY MAY 15-22

**WIN PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATING!** More events in Buncombe, Haywood, Madison, & Transylvania Counties. Check the website for the full list of events and prize details!

**BUS RIDES ARE ALWAYS FREE** on Apple Country Public Transit! **Downtown Dollars raffle** for anyone who uses multimodal transportation to go to participating stores. Pick up a passport at Visit Hendersonville, 201 S. Main St.



### FRIDAY, MAY 15

#### National Bike to Work Day

Drop in from 7:15am-9:30am

at plaza in front of the historic courthouse in downtown Hendersonville. FREE COFFEE AND PASTRIES on your morning commute.

### SATURDAY, MAY 16



#### Walk Audit Trainings

9:30am (OR) 11:30am at the Hendersonville Farmers Market, 650 Maple Street. EARN A TOKEN to spend at the market for participating!

#### Meet the Bus

10am-2pm at Jackson Park. Get to know Apple Country Public Transit! Learn how to load your bike on the bus, the bus routes in Henderson Co, and paratransit services.



### WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

#### Ride of Silence

Gather at 6:30pm, ride at 7pm. Meet at Guidon Brewing Co. This international bike ride honors cyclists injured or killed in road collisions. Post-ride social at the brewery.

### FRIDAY, MAY 22



#### Social Spin

6pm at Trailside Brewing. Ride or walk with Bike Walk HVL. Social to follow.

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# STRIVE NOT TO DRIVE WEEK

MADISON COUNTY MAY 15-22

**WIN PRIZES FOR PARTICIPATING!** More events in Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Transylvania Counties. Check the website for the full list of events and prize details!

## BUSES & BEETS



SATURDAY, MAY 16,  
10AM-1PM @  
MARS HILL FARMER'S &  
ARTISAN'S MARKET  
ON COLLEGE STREET

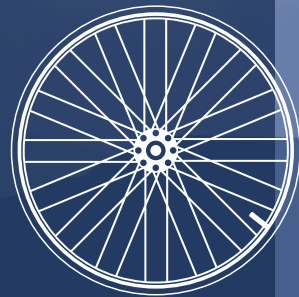
- Show up for the veggies, stay to learn about the buses and how you can use public transit to navigate Madison County!

## FIX-A-FLAT CLINIC



@ ON YOUR BIKE IN  
DOWNTOWN MARSHALL

- Details TBD



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