

MPO Governing Board & Technical Coordinating Committee Special Joint Meeting

May 11, 2026 – 11:00 A.M., Hybrid Meeting, In-Person at Land of Sky Regional Council or

Via Zoom

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Meeting ID: 84466285206

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Agenda

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING (10 min)

 - A. Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda William High & Anthony Sutton
 - B. Ethics Statement for MPO Board Members Anthony Sutton
 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

 3. BUSINESS (15-30 min)

 - A. TIP Modification for BL-0008 MPO Staff
 4. PUBLIC COMMENT
 5. ADJOURNMENT
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Item 3A:

BL-0008: TIP Modification

Background

Project BL-0008 will construct a multi-use path from Berkeley Mills Park to Lakewood Road in the City of Hendersonville. The project is a locally administered bicycle and pedestrian project funded with MPO Direct Attributable (DA) funds, with a local match provided by the City of Hendersonville. The project is currently programmed with the following construction funding:

- \$2,763,000 – Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) (Federal)
- \$691,000 – Non-Federal Match
- Total Construction: \$3,454,000

The project was originally funded in 2020 from the MPO's Call for Locally Administered Projects for Design and Construction.

The project recently advanced to bid.

About the Funding

The MPO receives approximately \$6.5 million/year in direct allotments of funds from the USDOT Surface Transportation Block Grant, Transportation Alternative Program, and Carbon Reduction Program. In the last call for projects, held in 2022, the MPO programmed out five years worth of funds. Cost escalations for existing projects were added to that list and funds were programmed that were estimated to exhaust the funds through FY 2028 and into the estimated FY 2029 allocation.

Due to delays to other projects through the same funding source as well as an increase to the MPO's direct allotment in recent years, NCDOT and the MPO anticipate there to be funding available, however that funding will further deplete what would be available for future projects.

BL-0008 Cost Issue

BL-0008 recently wrapped up design and went to bid for construction. Construction bids were received and exceed the programmed construction budget. To proceed with the lowest responsive bid, the project requires:

- \$862,000 in additional federal funds (DA)
- \$216,000 in additional local match

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Without this adjustment, the project cannot proceed as bid and may be delayed, rebid, or reduced in scope, and jeopardize another grant from the State to the City of Hendersonville for the project. Due to bid validity timelines and the availability of local matching funds, this request is being brought forward prior to the MPO's next regularly scheduled meetings in June.

Proposed TIP Modification

Category	Current	Proposed	Change
Federal (STBG)	\$2,763,000	\$3,625,000	+\$862,000
Local Match	\$691,000	\$907,000	+\$216,000
Total Construction	\$3,454,000	\$4,532,000	+\$1,078,000

Staff Evaluation

- Current bid results are consistent with recent cost escalation trends for greenway and infrastructure projects.
- Rebidding introduces risk of further cost increases and schedule delays.
- Scope reductions would require redesign and coordination, delaying delivery and potentially reducing project benefits.
- The City of Hendersonville has indicated willingness to provide the additional required local match.

Alternatives

Alternative #1: Approve the Modification

- Project Outcomes: the project moves forward into construction
- Funding Outcomes: there will be a reduction of funds available for a future call for projects by \$862,000

Alternative #2: Do Not Approve the Modification

- Project Outcomes: the project would not be able to move forward with current bids.
- Funding Outcomes: \$862,000 is preserved for a future call for projects

Staff Recommendation: Alternative #1

- The project was previously noted as a priority of the City of Hendersonville as well as the MPO
- The cost increases are consistent with experiences of other projects
- The funding is available to program

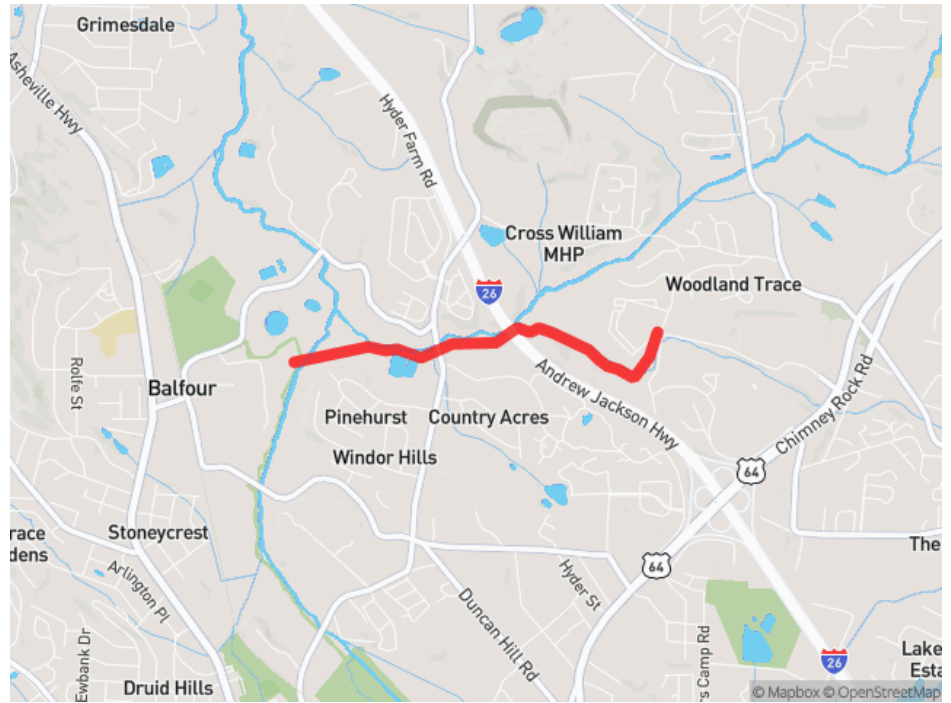
Requested Action

- TCC: Recommend approval
- Board: Approve TIP amendment

BL-0008 - CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH FROM BERKELEY MILLS PARK TO LAKEWOOD ROAD.

CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH FROM BERKELEY MILLS PARK TO LAKEWOOD ROAD.

LEAD AGENCY:	Hendersonville
PROJECT TYPE:	BIKE/PED
COUNTY:	HENDERSON
DIVISION(S):	14
CONSTRUCTION YEAR:	2025
LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECT:	YES
ROUTE/ROAD NAME:	CLEAR CREEK GREENWAY/ HENDERSONVILLE
TOTAL LENGTH:	0
TOTAL COST:	\$4,634,000



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FY2034	FY2035	Future	Total
ENGINEERING	Local	\$21,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,000
ENGINEERING	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)	\$82,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,000
Total ENGINEERING		\$103,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103,000
CONSTRUCTION	Local	\$0	\$906,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$906,000
CONSTRUCTION	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Any Area)	\$0	\$78,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$78,000
CONSTRUCTION	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)	\$0	\$3,547,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,547,000
Total CONSTRUCTION		\$0	\$4,531,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,531,000
Total Prior Costs		\$103,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103,000
Total Programmed		\$103,000	\$4,531,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,634,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Addition to the TIP or changes to locally-funded bicycle or pedestrian projects
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "January 2026 Amendments (26-35)" to "May Special Modification"
Funding Changes:	Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (Direct Attributable)
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$0 to \$862,000
Funding Changes:	Local

Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$0 to \$215,000
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Federal Project Cost:	Increased from \$2,845,000 to \$3,707,000 (30.30%)
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Total Project Cost:	Increased from \$3,557,000 to \$4,634,000 (30.28%)
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RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

FOR PROJECT BL-0008: CLEAR CREEK GREENWAY

WHEREAS, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Asheville Urbanized Area and is responsible for transportation planning and programming in accordance with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, the FBRMPO maintains a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifying transportation projects and associated funding over a multi-year period; and

WHEREAS, Project BL-0008 (Clear Creek Greenway) is a locally administered bicycle and pedestrian project in the City of Hendersonville, currently programmed with Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the project has advanced to the construction bidding phase and bids received exceed the currently programmed construction funding; and

WHEREAS, to proceed with the lowest responsive bid, the project requires an increase of \$862,000 in federal STBG-DA funds and \$216,000 in local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, due to time-sensitive constraints associated with bid validity and the availability of matching funds, timely action is necessary to avoid project delay; and

WHEREAS, the proposed modification is consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and applicable federal requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Board hereby approves an amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to:

- Increase federal funding for Project BL-0008 by \$862,000 in STBG Direct Attributable (DA) funds;
- Increase local matching funds by \$216,000; and

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- Revise the total construction cost of the project accordingly to reflect current bid amounts;

Adopted this 11th day of May, 2026.

Anthony Sutton
Chair, French Broad River MPO Board

ATTEST, Tristan Winkler
Director, French Broad River MPO