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June Transportation Matters



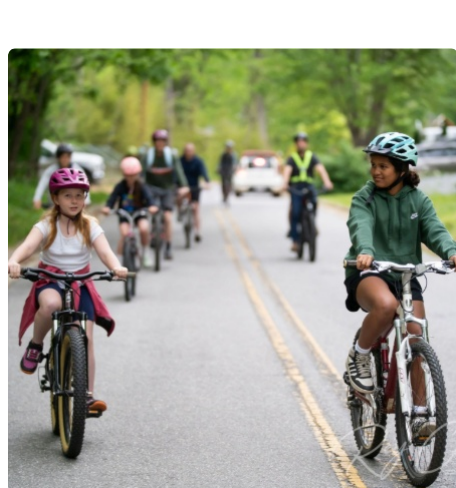
Strive Not to Drive is growing multimodal momentum!

Strive Not to Drive Week took place May 15-22 this year, with over 20 events in five counties, making it our largest Strive Not to Drive ever! Three new towns and several new agencies participated this year for the first time, including the Town of Clyde, Mars Hill, and Brevard. It was also the first time participating for Transylvania in Motion (Transylvania County transit) and the Madison County Transportation Authority. We're grateful to the over 30 partner agencies, advocacy groups, and sponsors who brought it all together this year. We're already looking forward to breaking more records in 2027.



National Bike to School Day

May 6th was National Bike and Roll to School Day. We supported ten schools participation through the region with around 20 students walking, and 115 students bicycling to school.



MPO's Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee

The French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization is establishing a Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) to provide input on matters related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation, safety, and multimodal planning.

The PBAC shall serve as a forum for community input and stakeholder perspectives on active transportation issues and shall provide recommendations to MPO staff, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), and the MPO Board.

Four members of the public will be appointed by County Commissioners to ensure geographic representation. The remaining five members of the committee will be selected from this application process.

Meetings of this committee will take place quarterly, during regular working hours on weekdays. Applicants must live within the French Broad River MPO Planning Area in order to be eligible, which includes Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and parts of Madison County.

Applications will close at midnight on Monday, July 6. Apply here: <https://forms.office.com/r/sfFhPOeEsE>

FRENCH BROAD RIVER
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PRIORITIZATION SURVEY

Help shape the future of transportation in our region!

Your input will help the MPO prioritize projects for funding through North Carolina's prioritization process.

Together, we can build a stronger, more connected region.

Take the survey today!
publicinput.com/prioritization

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P8 Regional Project Prioritization Survey

The French Broad River MPO is preparing for North Carolina's P8.0 transportation prioritization process, which helps determine which transportation projects receive state and federal funding. Through P8.0, communities across the state compete for funding for roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, transit, rail, aviation, and freight projects.



As part of this effort, the MPO is launching a public prioritization survey to gather input from residents, commuters, businesses, and community stakeholders throughout the region. Survey responses will help identify transportation needs and guide which projects the MPO advances for consideration in the next State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Public participation is a critical part of the process. Whether you are concerned about congestion, safety, transit access, sidewalks, bicycle connections, or freight movement, your feedback will help shape future transportation investments in our region.

The survey is now available at publicinput.com/prioritization or scan the QR code.

Clear Creek Greenway

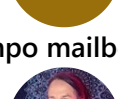
The MPO recently approved additional funding for the construction of the Clear Creek Greenway in Hendersonville. The Clear Creek Greenway will be a multi-use path that will run from Berkeley Mills Park to Lakewood Road. The project is funded with MPO Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable funds and local funds from the City of Hendersonville. The project is expected to begin construction this month!

I-40 Express Lane

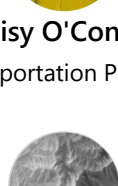
For the first time since P5.0 in 2018, regional funding is expected to be available in the French Broad River MPO region. After the release of NCDOT's quantitative scores, the I-40 Express Lanes project from Exit 44 to Exit 27 appears likely to be programmed, though probably not for construction funding in this round. The MPO will now begin considering Regional Impact local input points to help identify which remaining projects best reflect regional needs and priorities.

Upcoming Events

- Every Wednesday, all summer:** [Bear's Community Ride](#). Hosted by Asheville on Bikes and Bear's Smokehouse BBQ. Meet at Bear's on Coxe Ave at 6pm, roll out at 6:30pm for fun social bike rides.
- Thursday, June 4:** [Brewing for Greenways](#). 5pm at Burial Brewing on South Slope. Hosted by Connect Buncombe.
- Thursday, June 11:** [MPO TCC Meeting](#). 11am-1pm, online or in person at the Land of Sky Regional Council, 339 New Leicester Hwy, Suite 140.
- Sunday, June 14:** [Butterfly Trail Bike Tour](#). 10am at the Asheville Visitor Center (36 Montford Ave). Learn about pollinator conservation on a family-friendly no-drop group ride along the Asheville Butterfly Trail, hosted by Bee City USA Asheville. Optional ice cream social after at The Hop S&W!
- Thursday, June 18:** [MPO Board Meeting](#). 1pm-3pm, online or in person at the Land of Sky Regional Council, 339 New Leicester Hwy, Suite 140.
- Wednesday, June 24:** [Safe Routes to School Summer Stroll](#), 8:30-9:30 am at Southern Streams Coffeehouse in Hendersonville.
- Thursday, June 25:** [Bike Hendo Community Meeting](#), 4 pm-7 pm at The Taproom at Trailside Brewing Hendersonville.
- Wednesday, July 1:** [Safe Routes to School Summer Stroll](#), 8:30-9:30 am at Rowan Coffee, West Asheville
- Wednesday, July 1:** [Memorial Ride for Lennie Antonelli and Jake Hill](#), on the one-year anniversary of their deaths. Meet at 6pm at On Your Bike in Marshall, NC. It will be an 11-mile no-drop group ride to the crash site and back, escorted by the Madison County Sheriff's Office.



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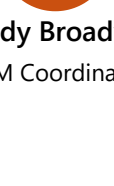
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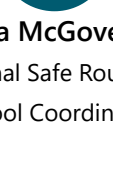
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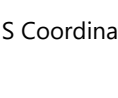
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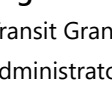
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