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Carryover Projects

These projects will be automatically submitted into P8 unless the MPO takes action to remove, modify, or swap them. Carryover projects do not count towards the MPO's 18 new submittals.

TIP	Project Category	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type
A-0010AB	Statewide Mobility	I-26, US 19, US 23	US 25, US 70 (Weaver Boulevard)	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	NC 251/SR 1728 (BROADWAY STREET) INTERCHANGE. IMPROVE INTERCHANGE.	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards
A-0010AC	Statewide Mobility	I-26, US 19, US 23	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	South of SR 2148 (Stockton Branch Road)	SR 1684 (ELK MOUNTAIN ROAD) INTERCHANGE. IMPROVE INTERCHANGE.	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards
A-0010AD	Statewide Mobility	I-26 (US 19/US 23)	US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	N/A	US 25 (MERRIMON AVENUE) INTERCHANGE. IMPROVE INTERCHANGE.	8 - Improve Interchange
A-0010AG	Statewide Mobility	I-26 (US 19/US 23)	NC 251/SR 1728 (BROADWAY STREET)	US 25/US 70	NC 251/SR 1728 (BROADWAY STREET) TO US 25/US 70. WIDEN ROADWAY TO EIGHT AND SIX LANES.	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards
A-0010AJ	Statewide Mobility	I-26, US 19, US 23	US 25, US 70 (Weaver Boulevard)	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	Upgrade existing 4-lane section to Interstate Standards	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards
A-0010AK	Statewide Mobility	I-26, US 19, US 23	SR 2207 (North Buncombe School Road)	South of SR 2148 (Stockton Branch Road)	Upgrade existing 4-lane section to Interstate Standards	17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards
U-2801AA	Statewide Mobility	US 25A (SWEETEN CREEK ROAD)	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	SR 3116 (Mills Gap Road)	US 25 (HENDERSONVILLE ROAD) TO SR 3116 (MILLS GAP ROAD)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway
U-2801AB	Statewide Mobility	US 25A (SWEETEN CREEK ROAD)	SR 3116 (Mills Gap Road)	SR 3081 (Rock Hill Road)	SR 3116 (MILLS GAP ROAD) TO SR 3081 (ROCK HILL ROAD)	1 - Widen Existing Roadway

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I-2513C	Statewide Mobility	I-26/I-240	I-26/I-40/I-240 Final Interchange Improvements	N/A	I-26/I-40/I-240 FINAL INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS	8 - Improve Interchange
U-5971B	Statewide Mobility	US 19 (Patton Avenue)	US 19 (Patton Avenue) / US 23 / US 74 Alternate and NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	N/A	Construct final intersection improvements.	10 - Improve Intersection
A-0010AF	Regional Impact*	I-26 (US 19/US 23)	US 25/US 70	N/A	US 25/US 70 INTERCHANGE. IMPROVE INTERCHANGE.	8 - Improve Interchange
U-6047	Regional Impact	NC 112 (SARDIS ROAD/ SANDHILL ROAD)	NC 191 (Brevard Road)	US 19/23 (Smokey Park Highway)	NC 191 (BREVARD ROAD) TO US 19/23 (SMOKEY PARK HIGHWAY). WIDEN ROADWAY TO MULTI-LANES.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway
U-5832	Regional Impact	NC 81 (SWANNANOA RIVER ROAD)	SR 3214 (Biltmore Avenue)	US 74A (South Tunnel Road)	SR 3214 (BILTMORE AVENUE) TO US 74A (SOUTH TUNNEL ROAD). WIDEN EXISTING ROADWAY.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway

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I-4400A	Statewide Mobility	I-26	US 25	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	Add Additional Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway
I-4400BA	Statewide Mobility	I-26	US 64		US 64 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS	8 - Improve Interchange
R-2588A	Regional Impact	NC 191	US 25 (Asheville Highway)	SR 1381 (Mountain Road)	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway
U-4712	Regional Impact	US 23 BUSINESS (SOUTH MAIN STREET)	SR 1164 (Hyatt Creek Road)	US 276 (Pigeon Street)	SR 1164 (HYATT CREEK ROAD) TO US 276 (PIGEON STREET). WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway
U-6159	Regional Impact	US 276 (RUSS AVENUE)	US 23-74 (Great Smoky Mountain Expressway)	US 19 (Dellwood Rd)	US 23-74 (GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN EXPRESSWAY) TO US 19 (DELLWOOD ROAD). ACCESS MANAGEMENT.	11 - Access Management
U-6158	Regional Impact	US 276	SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Rd), Raccoon Rd		SR 1134 (CRYMES COVE ROAD) AND RACCOON ROAD. INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT.	21 - Realign Multiple Intersections

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Recommended New Highway Submittals: Buncombe County (Nine New Submittals)

Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
US 19/23 (Smokey Park Highway)	I-40	NC 151	Access Management (Regional Impact)	Yes	Highest scoring MPO submittal P6, P7
NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	Newfound Road	Gouges Branch Road	Improve Multiple Intersections (Regional Impact)	No	Lower cost submittal, based on public input from P7, scored well in P7
NC 191 (Brevard Road)	Glenn Bridge Road/Avery Creek Road	-	Improve Intersection (Regional Impact)	No	Lower cost submittal, scored well in P7, frequently brought up by the public
US 70 (Tunnel Road)	Beaucatcher Tunnel	US 74A (South Tunnel Road)	Road Diet (Regional Impact)	No	Lower cost submittal, highest scoring project on US 70 in P7
US 70 (State Street)	Blue Ridge Road	NC 9	Road Diet (Regional Impact)	Yes	Lower cost submittal, overlaps with Safe Streets priority corridor
Clingman Avenue	Patton Avenue	Hilliard Avenue	Multiple Intersection Improvements	Yes	Replaced Sand Hill Road @ Sand Hill School Road
Reems Creek Road	US 19/23 (Weaverville Highway)	Ox Creek Road	Modernization (Division Needs)	Yes	Scored well in P7, Weaverville priority, partially overlaps with Safe Streets priority
North Louisiana Avenue	US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	Emma Road	Modernization (Division Needs)	Yes	Previously funded, overlaps with Safe Streets priorities, scored well in P7
Elkwood Avenue/Old Burnsville Highway	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	Modernization (Division Needs)	Yes	Priority sidewalk corridor for Woodfin & Asheville; notable crash history.

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Haywood County (Three Submittals)

Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
US 19/23 (Asheville Highway/Park Street)	Chestnut Mountain Road	NC 215	Modernization (Regional Impact)	Yes	Haywood priority greenway connection; roundabout at NC 215
NC 215 (Penland Street)	US 19/23 (Park Street)	-	Intersection Improvement (Regional Impact)	Yes	Safe Streets priority intersection
I-40	Exit 27 (US 23/74)	Exit 44 (US 19/23 Smokey Park Highway)	Widening	Partial	Replaces Dellwood Road, enables further managed lane discussion through January

Henderson County (Five Submittals)

Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
US 176 (Spartanburg Highway)	NC 225 (Greenville Highway)	Upward Road	Access Management (Regional Impact)	Yes	High scoring project from P7
US 25B (Asheville Highway)	North Main Street	NC 191	Multiple Intersection Improvements (Regional Impact)	Yes	Lower-cost submittal, high scoring project in P7
NC 280 (Boylston Highway)	NC 191 (Haywood Road)	NC 191 (Brevard Road)	Access Management (Regional Impact)	No	Previously funded project, scored well in P7

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Signal Hill/Berkely/Thompson Street	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	US 25B (Asheville Highway)	Modernization (Division Needs)	Yes	Henderson County priority project; expected to score better in P8
Fanning Bridge Road	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	NC 280 (Airport Road)	Modernization (Division Needs)	Yes	Fletcher priority project; modified from Multiple Intersection Improvements

Madison County (One Submittal)

Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
NC 213	Athletic Street	Bone Camp Road	Access Management (Regional Impact)	No	Madison County priority

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New Bike/Ped Submittals:

Buncombe County (Nine New Submittals)

Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
Tunnel Road Sidewalks	New Haw Creek Road	Blue Ridge Parkway	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Yes	
Patton Avenue	Old Haywood Road	Johnston Blvd	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Yes	
North Blue Ridge Road	US 70 (State Street)	Cragmont Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	No	Scored well in P7; replaces Old Haywood Road sidewalks
Lake Julian Greenway	French Broad River	Lake Julian	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Yes	
Fairview Road	Swannanoa River Road	Liberty Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Yes	
Bent Creek Greenway (Hominy Creek/WNC Farmer's Market Segment)	Hominy Creek Greenway	French Broad River Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Yes	PE funding programmed by MPO
US 70 Sidewalks	Franklin Street	Warren Wilson Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Yes	Request of FANS
NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	Future 1-26	Woodfin Ave	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Yes	NCDOT IMD Study Getting Started
Reems Creek Greenway	Quarry Road	Karpen Soccer Field	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Yes	PE funding programmed by MPO

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Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
Richland Creek Greenway-North	Recreation Park	Haywood High Tech Center	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Yes	
Old Basalm Road	Hyatt Creek Road	400 Feet SW of Piney Mountain Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	No	
NC 215 (Champion Drive)	SR 1589 (North Canton Road)	SR 1513 (Thickety Road)	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Yes	PE and ROW Programmed With MPO Funds

Henderson County (Five Submittals)

Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
Church Street and King Street	US 176	North Main Street	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Yes	Highest scoring Division 14 project in P7
Above The Mud Greenway Connector	Ecusta Trail	Oklawaha Greenway	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Yes	2 nd highest scoring Division 14 project in P7
N Main Street/Clear Creek Road Sidewalks	Nix Road	Baldwin Avenue	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	Yes	Connection to Oklawaha and Clear Creek Greenways
Mills River Valley Trail	French Broad River	NC 191	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Yes	PE previously programmed
Oklawaha Greenway-Jackson Park to Blue Ridge CC	Jackson Park	Blue Ridge Community College	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Yes	

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Madison County (One Submittal)

Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
Park Drive Sidepath	NC 213	Mars Hill Recreation Park	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	Yes	#1 Priority from Mars Hill Bike/Ped Plan

New Rail Submittals:

Route	From	To	Project Type	MTP?	Notes
NS AS Line	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	N/A	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	Yes	
NS AS Line (WNC Passenger Service)	Salisbury	Asheville	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	Yes	
NS AS Line	SR 2500 (Blue Ridge Rd),	N/A	3 - Highway-rail crossing improvement (point)	Yes	

New Public Transportation Submittals:

Transit System	Route / Facility Name (or Project Name)	Project Description
Haywood Public Transit	Haywood County Transfer Station	Transfer Building with Bathrooms and Side Small Vehicle Maintenance Capabilities
Haywood Public Transit	Expansion Vehicles	Two (2) expansion vehicles.
City of Asheville	Transit Maintenance Facility	Construct a new maintenance facility in order to accommodate additional vehicles and address current maintenance facility capacity through a facility assessment.
City of Asheville	Transit Multimodal Facility	Construct a new transit multimodal facility to accommodation vehicles that pick-up and drop transit riders.
Apple Country Transit	Expansion Vehicles	25' LTV hybrid vehicle for Route 2 expansion.

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Changes from the Draft Submittal List

Draft Submittal Project	Final Submittal Project	Justification
Sand Hill Road @ Sand Hill School Road Intersection Improvement (Buncombe, Highway)	Clingman Avenue from Patton Avenue to Hilliard Avenue, Multiple Intersection Improvements (Buncombe, Highway)	Draft Submittal Scored Okay
US 19 (Dellwood Avenue) Access Management from US 23/74 to US 276 (Jonathan Creek Road) (Haywood, Highway)	I-40 Widening from Exit 27 to Exit 44 (Buncombe, Haywood)	Allows more time for I-40 considerations, Division 14 will submit a shorter section of US 19 (Dellwood Road) on the MPO's behalf from US 23/74 to US 276 (Russ Avenue)
Old Haywood Road Sidewalks from Patton Avenue to Patton Avenue (Buncombe, Bike/Ped)	North Blue Ridge Road from US 70 (State Street) to Cragmont Road (Buncombe, Bike/Ped)	Both projects scored well in P7; North Blue Ridge Road provides more geographic equity, Division 13 may submit Old Haywood Road.

Project Donation from the RPO:

The Land of Sky RPO (LOSRPO) plans to donate the following project to the French Broad River MPO. Accepting this project does require MPO Board approval:

Route	From	To	Improvement Type	County
US 19/23 (Smokey Park Highway)	NC 151 (Pisgah Highway)	Wiggins Road	Access Management	Buncombe

Action Needed: Recommend a List of Final P8 Project Submittals to the MPO Board

Prioritization Subcommittee Recommendation: Approve the Final List

TCC Recommendation: Approve the Final List & Project Donated from the LOSRPO