

**French Broad River MPO
Prioritization Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
August 5th, 2026**

ATTENDANCE in Person or Remote

Voting Members

Archie Pertiller, Town of Black Mountain
Anthony Sutton, Town of Waynesville
Jessica Morriss, City of Asheville
Mark Endries, Town of Weaverville
William High, Buncombe County
Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County
Elizabeth Teague, Town of Waynesville

Non-Voting Members

Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO	Hannah Bagli, FBRMPO
Daisy O'Conner FBRMPO	Sandy Broadwill, FBRMPO TDM
John Hunter, NCDOT	Doug Phillips, NCDOT
Steve Williams, NCDOT	Daniel Sellers, TPD
Alex Mumby, Waynesville	Janna Bianculli, Apple Country Transit
Mike Malecheck, Town of Mills River	Anna Sexton, City of Asheville

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Autumn Radcliff started the meeting at 9:30AM with introductions.
A quorum was announced, and roll was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Autumn Radcliff opened the floor for public comment. No comments were heard.

APPROVAL of April 2026 MEETING MINUTES AND AGENDA

Anthony Sutton moved to approve the June 2026 Meeting Minutes and agenda. Elizabeth Teague seconded the motion which passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

BUSINESS

4A: P8 Public Survey Results

MPO staff will present on results from the P8 Survey. The final report is available here: [FBRMPO-p8-Public-Feedback-Survey-Results-Report.pdf](#)

Information Only.

Discussion occurred around 191 and the area where all the industries are and the surprise that it didn't get more public attention and concern. It really came down to who distributed the survey in their neighborhoods. More discussion around 191 area.

4B. P8 Regional Impact Local Input Points

Background

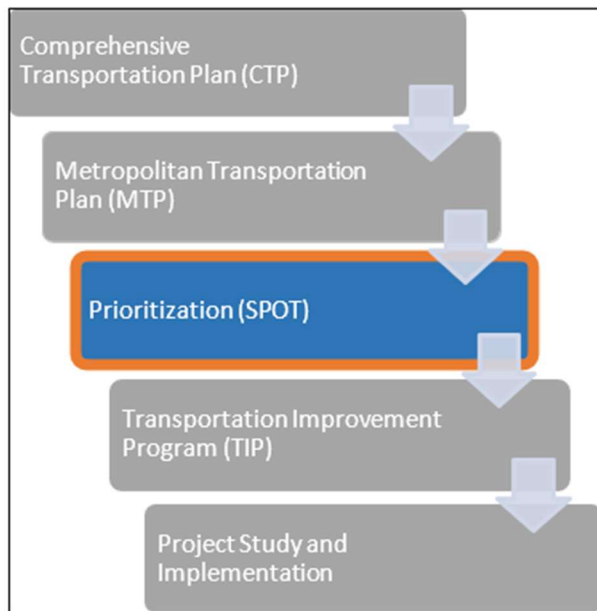
The Prioritization Process (AKA SPOT, AKA P 8) is the process in North Carolina that helps determine the majority of transportation improvements across the State. The process is dictated by the [Strategic Transportation Investments Act \(STI\) of 2012](#) and is generally designed to be a data-driven, transparent process to determine what transportation projects are funded or not.

MPOs are engaged throughout the process to submit projects for consideration (along with Divisions and RPOs) as well as local input points that are used to boost the scores of projects competing for Regional Impact or Division Needs funding.

Regional Impact Funding Tier

The Regional Impact funding tier in Prioritization is determined by State Law which splits North Carolina into seven regions and provides funding for eligible facility types, including US and NC highways, regional rail projects, and anything elected to be "cascaded" down from the Statewide Mobility tier. Region G is where FBRMPO competes for funds, which encompasses Divisions 13 and 14 of NCDOT and includes Foothills RPO, Greater Hickory MPO, High Country RPO, Land of Sky RPO, and Southwestern RPO.

The MPO has **1,900 Local Input Points** to assign to projects at each funding tier. The current recommendation is to use 900 points due to limited funding availability.



Action Items for Today

- Discuss a recommendation for the final local input point assignment for Regional Impact projects
- Discuss proposed point donations from LOSRPO
- Discuss transferring points to the Division Needs tier

Draft Local Input Points for Regional Impact Projects

At the June TCC & Board meetings, the MPO Board elected to assign DRAFT local input points to the following projects:

County	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Draft LIP Points
Buncombe	US 19 (Smokey park Highway), US 23	I-40	NC 151 (Pisgah Highway)	Implement access management and complete streets improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 194,600,000	100
Buncombe	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	Beaucatcher Tunnel	US 74 ALT (South Tunnel Road)	Implement a road diet with intersection improvements on US 70 (Tunnel Road) from Beaucatcher Tunnel to US 74A (South Tunnel Road)	24 - Implement Road Diet to Improve Safety	\$ 125,600,000	100
Buncombe	US 25 (Sweeten Creek Road)	SR 3116 (Mills Gap Road)	SR 3081 (Rock Hill Road)	Widen to multi-lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 182,100,000	100
Buncombe	NC 63 (New Leicester Highway)	SR 1004 (Newfound Road)	SR 1377 (Gouges Branch Road)	Improve the intersections of NC 63 with SR 1004 (Newfound Road), SR 1302 (Ramsey Road,) and SR 1377 (Gouges Branch Road)	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 29,000,000	100
Buncombe	WNC Passenger Rail	Asheville	Salisbury	Upgrade rail infrastructure to support new intercity passenger service from Salisbury to Asheville on the AS Line.	5 - Passenger rail service (line)	\$ 96,400,800	15

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Haywood	US 19 (Dellwood Road)	South Lakeshore Dr	SR 1207 (Dayton Drive)	Access management project which will eliminate the TWLTL.	11 - Access Management	\$ 39,100,000	100
Haywood	US 23 BUS (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	\$ 65,400,000	100
Henderson	US 176 (Spartanburg Highway)	NC 225	SR 1783 (Upward Road)	Construct median, sidewalk, and side path along road. Attempt to consolidate driveway cuts.	11 - Access Management	\$ 109,900,000	100
Henderson	US 25 BUS (Asheville Highway)	North Main Street	NC 191 (Haywood Road)	Improve Multiple Intersections along US 25B to improve safety	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 22,800,000	100
Henderson	US 64 (Brevard Road)	SR 1312 (South Rugby Road)	SR 1424 (Brickyard Road)	Improve 5 Intersections along US 64.	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 29,000,000	100
Madison	NC 213 (Cascade Street)	Athletic Street	Bone Camp Road	Modernize NC 213 from Athletic Street to Bone Camp Road including Complete Streets	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 18,400,000	100

Other Projects Considered for Local Input Points

County	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Draft LIP Points
Buncombe	US 74 ALT (Patton Avenue)	NC 63 (New Leicester Hwy)	SR 1332 (North Louisiana Avenue)	Construct an additional westbound <u>through lane</u> to correspond to the U-5971B project, creating four receiving lanes west of the intersection of SR 1332 (N Louisiana Ave) at US 19/23 (Patton Ave). Change the northbound geometry to two left-turn lanes with a shared through-right lane.	25 - Improve Multiple <u>Intersections</u> along Corridor	\$ 50,800,000	0
Buncombe	US 19, US 23, I-26	US 25/US 70	N/A	US 25/US 70 Interchange. Improve interchange.	8 - Improve <u>Interchange</u>	\$ 47,400,000	0
Buncombe	US 25 ALT (Sweeten Creek Road)	US 25 (<u>Hendersonville Road</u>)	SR 3116 (Mills Gap Road)	Widen to multi-lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 209,500,000	0

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Buncombe	NC 191 (Brevard Road)	SR 3431 (Pond Road)	N/A	Construct an additional left turn lane on Pond Rd in order to provide dual left turns onto NC 191	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 2,300,000	0
Buncombe	NC 112 (Sardis Road/Sandhills 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	\$ 190,200,000	0
Buncombe	NC 191 (Brevard Road)	SR 3486 (Glenn Bridge Rd SE, Avery Creek Road), Southwicks Drive	N/A	Realign Glenn Bridge Rd to Laurel Park Dr. to <u>covert</u> to 4-leg intersection s. Add exclusive left turn lanes on NC 191 at both <u>intersection</u> s. Cul-de-sac Glenn Bridge Rd SE to maintain access to parcels near existing 5-leg intersection.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 8,600,000	0

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Buncombe	US 19/23	NC 151 (Pisgah Highway)	SR 1200 (Wiggins Road)	Perform access management along US 19/23 within the project limits. Include complete streets elements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 111,100,000	0
Buncombe	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	\$ 126,000,000	0
Buncombe	US 70 (W State Street)	SR 2500 (Blue Ridge Road)	NC 9 (Broadway Street)	Reduce the number of travel lanes and add complete streets elements.	24 - Implement Road Diet to Improve Safety	\$ 51,100,000	0
Haywood	US 276 (Russ Avenue)	US 23-74 (Great Smoky Mountain Expressway)	US 19 (Dellwood Road)	US 23-74 (Great Smoky Mountain Expressway) to US 19 (Dellwood Road). Access management.	11 - Access Management	\$ 42,500,000	0

County	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Draft LIP Points
Haywood	NC 215 (Penland Street)	US 19/23 (Park Street)	N/A	Improve the intersection of NC 215 and US 19/23	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 22,000,000	0
Haywood	US 19 (Asheville Highway), US 23	NC 215	SR 1836 (Chestnut Mountain Road)	Modernization of roadway including Complete Streets elements and improving intersection operations as appropriate.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 47,900,000	0
Haywood	US 276	SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Rd), Raccoon Rd	N/A	SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Road) and Raccoon Road. Intersection realignment.	21 - Realign Multiple Intersections	\$ 6,500,000	0
Henderson	NC 280 (Boylston Highway)	NC 191 northern intersection (Old Haywood Road)	NC 191 Southern Intersection (Old Haywood Road)	Construct access management and intersection improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 53,100,000	0
Henderson	NC 191	US 25 (Asheville Highway)	SR 1381 (Mountain Road)	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 160,000,000	0

Proposed LOSRPO Point Donation

The Land of Sky RPO has proposed donating local input points to the MPO to assign points to two additional projects.

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Buncombe	NC 191 (Brevard Road)	SR 3486 (Glenn Bridge Rd SE, Avery Creek Road), Southwicke Drive	N/A	Realign Glenn Bridge Rd to Laurel Park Dr. to <u>covert</u> to 4-leg intersections. Add exclusive left turn lanes on NC 191 at both intersections. Cul-de-sac Glenn Bridge Rd SE to maintain access to parcels near existing 5-leg intersection.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 8,600,000
Haywood	US 276	SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Rd), Raccoon Rd	N/A	SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Road) and Raccoon Road. Intersection realignment.	21 - Realign Multiple Intersections	\$ 6,500,000

Consider:

1. Approving Point Donation from the RPO
2. Assigning MPO Points at the RPO's request
3. Rejecting the Request

Local Input Point Transfer to Division Needs

Each MPO and RPO can transfer up to 500 points to the Division Needs tier. While these points are unlikely to be needed at the Division Needs tier, it may enable some other options with more funding available at the Division Needs tier (currently) and a number of lower cost projects at that tier.

Next Steps

Final Local Input Points will be assigned at the August Board meeting.

Action Needed

Provide a recommendation to the MPO Board on the assignment of Local Input Points, including:

- Which Regional Impact projects will receive points
- Whether or not to accept RPO points for two additional projects
- Transferring 500 points to Division Needs

Discussion around who the MPO is seeking advice on I-77 Amendment. Discussion around the projects that are currently selected do seem to fall in line with the public comment that came in regarding the rail and multi-modal comments received. Discussion around the sidewalks in Swannanoa and the US 70 corridor. Discussion around the RPO requested donation of points. Discussion around where the points go.

Anthony Sutton motioned to accept the regional impact projects that would receive the points, accept the 200 points from the RPO to apply to the two projects they recommended, donate some of our points to the other two RPOs for the passenger rail and then transfer 500 points stash. Mark Endries seconded the motion and it passed upon a unanimous roll call vote.

This meeting marked the last meeting of member Elizabeth Teague, Town of Waynesville. She is retiring and will be leaving the board. She was thanked for her service to the prioritization and the TCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Autumn Radcliff opened the floor for public comment. No comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT

Autumn Radcliff adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.