

P8 – Draft Assignment of Local Input Points for Division Needs Projects

FRENCH BROAD RIVER MPO

Introduction

This informational packet reflects the DRAFT assignment of local input points by the French Broad River MPO as part of the current process of prioritizing transportation projects in North Carolina. The French Broad River MPO is holding a public comment period on its draft assignment of local input points from October 21 to November 18 in order to get feedback from members of the public. These comments will be considered on Thursday, November 19th at the MPO Board meeting that will provide the final assignment of local input points.

How to Comment on the Draft Assignment of Local Input Points

Comments may be sent in a variety of ways:

Email: MPO@landofsky.org

Mail (mailed comments received after November 18th will be forwarded to the Board after their final decision):

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In-Person: comments may be provided at the French Broad River MPO Board meeting, scheduled for 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 19th at Land of Sky Regional Council (with a Zoom option.)

FAQs

What is P8?

P8 is the eighth iteration of North Carolina's data-driven and transparent prioritization process used to determine what transportation projects become funded by state and federal funds in North Carolina allocated for improvement projects.

What are Local Input Points?

Local Input Points allow MPOs, RPOs, and NCDOT Divisions to reflect local and regional priorities alongside NCDOT's quantitative project scores. Local Input Points account for 50% of a project's score in the Division Needs tier.

What is the Division Needs funding tier?

Based on the rules of the prioritization process, there are three funding tiers that are differentiated by eligible project types, the geographic area in which they compete, and the amount of funding. The Division Needs funding tier is for highway projects on secondary routes, stand-alone bicycle and pedestrian projects, transit capital projects, or projects from the Statewide Mobility or Regional Impact tiers that are requested to be “cascaded” by MPO Board or TCC members. These projects compete for available funding in each of the NCDOT Divisions in the MPO- Divisions 13 & 14.

How Does the MPO Determine What Projects Receive Local Input Points?

The MPO developed a methodology, approved by the MPO Board, that is used to score projects based on safety, congestion, local priorities, freight, multimodal aspects, resiliency, impacts on the environment, and previous planning efforts. The methodology also includes considerations for when a maximum/minimum number of points should be used and notes that local input point assignments can be altered at the discretion of the MPO Board.

A draft assignment of 0 points does not mean that the MPO opposes a project or considers it unimportant. Local Input Points are limited and are being targeted to projects where they are expected to have the greatest effect during this round of prioritization.

The MPO has 2,400 Local Input Points Available, Why Isn't It Planning on Using All of Those Points?

The MPO methodology includes a section on using a minimal number of Local Input Points if there is no funding available. In this round of prioritization there is projected to be limited funding available in the Division Needs tiers in which the MPO competes for funding. The MPO utilizes fewer points in order to better reflect top priorities.

Projects Assigned Draft Local Input Points

Division	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Draft Local Input Points
14	Church Street and King Street	US 176	North Main Street	Fill gaps between existing sidewalks on Church and King Streets in Hendersonville. This includes upgrading signals and other pedestrian infrastructure to be ADA compliant.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,569,200	100
13	Bent Creek Greenway (Hominy Creek/WNC Farmer's Market Segment)	Hominy Creek Greenway	French Broad River Greenway	Construct a new multi-use path from the French Broad River Greenway to the Hominy Creek Greenway.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 7,555,952	100
13	Lake Julian Greenway	French Broad River	Lake Julian	Construct multi-use path from Lake Julian to the French Broad River.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 7,880,800	100

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13	Patton Avenue	Old Haywood Road	Johnston Blvd	Construct sidewalks from the western terminus of Old Haywood Road to Johnston Blvd along Patton Avenue. This project would fill gaps in the existing sidewalk network on this corridor.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 6,086,400	100
13	US 19 (Smokey Park Hwy)	Rutherford Road	NC 151	Construct a sidewalk along US 19 (Smokey Park Hwy) from Rutherford Road to NC 151.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,632,800	100
14	Ecusta Rail Trail	Existing Estatoe Trail Cherry St Brevard	SR 1211 (Battle Creek Rd) Henderson Co.	Construct a rail to trail project on the Banked Ecusta Rail Line from existing Estatoe Trail in Brevard to SR 1211 Battle Creek Rd in Henderson Co. This project will construct remaining sections of EB-6037B from the southern terminus of BL-0007 to the existing Estatoe Trail in Brevard. (This is for BF-0002 and BL-0078)	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 12,000,000	39*

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14	Above The Mud Greenway Connector	Ecusta Trail	Oklawaha Greenway	Construct a greenway to connect the Ecusta Trail to the Oklawaha Greenway and Jackson Park.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 4,236,000	100
14	SR 1006 (Howard Gap Road)	SR 1734 (Sugarloaf Road)	N/A	Improve intersection at SR 1734, Sugarloaf Road, and SR 1006, Howard Gap Road. Consider a roundabout and include SR 1746, N. Allen Road.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 13,000,000	100
13	Transit Maintenance Facility	Facility location - 224 Louisiana Ave, Asheville, NC 28806 City of Asheville Service Area.	N/A	Construct a new maintenance facility in order to accommodate additional vehicles and address current maintenance facility capacity through a facility assessment.	9 - Facility - Maintenance	\$ 59,000,000	100
14	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

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14	SR 1511 (Berkeley Road), SR 1509 (Thompson Street), SR 1508 (Berkeley Road/Signal Hill Road)	US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard)	US 25 BUS (Asheville Highway)	Modernize the roadway to improve safety for all users.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 31,700,000	100
13	SR 1332 (North Louisiana Avenue)	US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	SR 1338 (Emma Road)	Modernize Roadway	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 28,100,000	100
13	SR 1003 (Reems Creek Road)	US 19, US 23 BUS (Weaverville Highway)	SR 2109 (Ox Creek Road)	Modernize SR 1003 to include paved shoulders, wider lanes and improved horizontal/vertical geometry where possible.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 116,000,000	100
14	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	100
13	SR 3548 (Clingman Avenue)	Patton Avenue	Hilliard Avenue	Improve the intersections of Clingman Avenue at Patton and Hilliard	25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor	\$ 18,300,000	100

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13	Park Drive	NC 213	Mars Hill Recreation Park	Construct a sidepath along Park Drive from NC 213 or Mars Hill Recreation Park.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 2,262,800	100
14	SR 1358 (Fanning Bridge Road)	US 25 (Hendersonville Road)	NC 280 (Airport Road)	Modernize Fanning Bridge Road with Complete Streets Improvements	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 75,000,000	100

*NOTE: 39 is the maximum number of points the MPO can assign to the Ecusta Trail project due to the project being 39% in the MPO. The other 61% is in the Land of Sky RPO.

Other Projects Considered For Local Input Points

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13	Transit Multimodal Facility	City of Asheville Service Area and routes provided by ART	N/A	Construct a new transit multimodal facility to accommodation vehicles that pick-up and drop transit riders.	5 - Facility - Passenger Station	\$ 50,000,000	0
13	Tunnel Road Sidewalks	New Haw Creek Road	Blue Ridge Parkway	Construct new sidewalks and fill-in sidewalk gaps from New Haw Creek Road to the Blue Ridge Parkway.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 6,186,800	0
13	Old Haywood Road Sidewalks	US 19/23/74 (Patton Avenue)	US 19/23/74 (Smokey Park Highway)	Construct new sidewalks from Patton Avenue to Smokey Park Highway.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,499,200	0
13	US 70 Sidewalks	Franklin Street	Warren Wilson Road	Construct sidewalks from Franklin Road to Warren Wilson Road.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 4,278,400	0
14	Greenway-Jackson Park to Blue Ridge CC	Jackson Park	Blue Ridge Community College	Construct greenway along existing sewer easement from terminus of existing Oklawaha Greenway in Jackson Park to Blue Ridge Community College.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 7,243,600	0

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14	Richland Creek Greenway-North	Recreation Park	Haywood High Tech Center	Construct a new section of multi-use path from the existing recreation park to tie in with an existing path near the Haywood Industrial Park in the Town of Waynesville.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 5,461,600	0
13	North Louisiana Avenue Sidewalks	Mallard Drive	Adams Hill Road	Construct sidewalks from Mallard Drive to Adams Hill Road	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 714,000	0
14	N Main Street/Clear Creek Road Sidewalks	Nix Road	Baldwin Avenue	Construct sidewalks from Nix Road to Baldwin Ave along Clear Creek Rd/N Main Street in Hendersonville.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,539,600	0
13	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	Future I-26	Woodfin Ave	Construct sidewalks along NC 251 (Riverside Drive) from future I-26 to Woodfin Ave.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,321,200	0
13	Reems Creek Greenway	Quarry Road	Karpen Soccer Field	Construct Reems Creek Greenway from Quarry Road to Karpen Soccer Field.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 9,831,000	0
14	Mills River Valley Trail	NC 191 (Old Haywood Rd)	NC 191 (Haywood Rd)	Construct the Mills River Valley Trail multi-use path from NC 191 to NC 191 through Mills River.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 5,464,000	0

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14	Haywood County Transfer Station	The site is located on 50 Armory Drive in Clyde NC. This location houses Haywood Public Transit operated by Mountain Projects Inc. This land was deeded from Haywood County Government to Mountain Projects on December 21, 2007	N/A	The Passenger Transfer Station would serve Haywood Public Transit as a location for the public to transfer from one bus to another. The building would have public bathrooms and an out of the weather waiting area.	5 - Facility - Passenger Station	\$ 1,065,000	0
13	SR 1674 (Elkwood Avenue/Old Burnsville Hill Road)	NC 251 (Riverside Drive)	US 25 (Merrimon Avenue)	Modernize Elkwood Road to improve safety, improve intersections, and add complete streets improvements.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 49,700,000	0

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13	SR 2500 (North Blue Ridge Road)	US 70	Cragmont Street	Construct sidewalks along North Blue Ridge Road from US 70 to end of existing sidewalk on Cragmont Street.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,589,600	0
13	Fairview Road	Swannanoa River Road	Liberty Street	Construct sidewalks along Fairview Road to from Swannanoa River Road to Liberty Street.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 3,967,600	0
14	Saluda Grade Rail Trail	SR 1105 (Greenville Street)	Bell Park (Near SR 1852/US 176)	Convert railway to MUP.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	\$ 4,304,200	0
13	Merrimon Ave	Lake Louise Drive	Brown Street	Construct sidewalks along Merrimon Ave from Lake Louise Drive to Brown Street.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,374,000	0
14	NC 215 (Champion Drive)	SR 1589 (North Canton Road)	SR 1513 (Thickety Road)	Construct approximately 3,600 feet of ADA compliant sidewalk on the eastern side of NC 215 (Champion Drive).	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 2,843,000	0

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14	Haywood County Expansion Vehicles	Two expansion vehicles would allow for new fixed-route service that would provide transit service to Maggie Valley.	N/A	Purchase two expansion vehicles (25' LTVs) to expand service in Haywood County	1 - Mobility (route-specific) - New Service	\$ 185,197	0
14	Old Balsam Road	Hyatt Creek Rd	Piney Mountain Rd	Construct a sidewalk from Hyatt Creek Rd to approximately 400ft southwest of Piney Mountain Rd in Waynesville to connect to fill a sidewalk gap.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,112,800	0
14	SR 1147 (Allens Creek Road)	SR 1149 (Piney Mountain Road)	Knothead Drive (Private Drive)	Extend sidewalk on the East side of Allens Creek Road to allow pedestrian access to shopping areas and services and to Allens Creek Park.	7 - Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (Pedestrian)	\$ 1,613,400	0