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Technical Coordinating Committee & Governing Board

November 19, 2026 – 1:00 P.M., Hybrid Meeting, In-Person at Land of Sky Regional Council or Via Zoom

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Agenda

1. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING (5 min)**
   - A. **Welcome and Introductions** *(Joint Action)* — William High & Anthony Sutton
   - B. **Ethics Statement for MPO Board Members** — Anthony Sutton

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA** — William High & Anthony Sutton
   - A. **October, 2026TCC Minutes** *(TCC Action)*
   - B. **October, 2026 Board Minutes** *(Board Action)*
   - C. **City of Asheville TAM Plan** *(Joint Action)*
   - D. **2027 Meeting Schedule** *(Joint Action)*
   - E. **Resolution of Support- City of Asheville Paved Trail Feasibility Study Grant Application** *(Joint Action)*
   - F. **Letter of Support- NCDOT MADISON Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grant Application** *(Joint Action)*
   - G. **Letter of Support- NCDOT I-40 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grant Application** *(Joint Action)*

4. **BUSINESS (45-60 min)**
   - A. **P8 Division Needs Priority Projects** — MPO Staff
   - B. **Funding & Schedule Changes to Existing Projects (TIP Amendments)** — MPO Staff
   - C. **City of Asheville 5310 Program Management Plan** — MPO Staff

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (0 min)**

6. **PARTNER UPDATES (15-30 min)**
   - A. **NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates** — Tim Anderson/Wesley Grindstaff or Designee
   - B. **Transportation Planning Branch** — Daniel Sellers
   - C. **FHWA/FTA Updates** — George Hoops
   - D. **Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports, Staff Updates, and Housekeeping** — MPO Staff
   - E. **Legislative Updates** — MPO Staff

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (5 min)**
8. **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING (January 14th and 21st)**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Buncombe County (PS)	Parker Sloan
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Biltmore Forest	Drew Stephens
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Consent Agenda

Item 3A: October, 2026 TCC Meeting Minutes
Item 3B: October, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
Item 3C: City of Asheville Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan Adoption
Item 3D: 2027 Meeting Schedule
Item 3E: Letter of Support- City of Asheville Paved Trail Feasibility Study Grant Application for Smith Mill Creek Greenway
Item 3F: Letter of Support- NCDOT MADISON Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grant Application
Item 3G: Letter of Support- NCDOT I-40 Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grant Application

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Item 3A:

October, 2026 TCC Meeting Minutes:

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Item 3B:

October, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes:

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Item 3C:

City of Asheville Transit Asset Management Plan Adoption

Background

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires transit providers that receive federal financial assistance under 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53 to establish Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance targets. TAM is intended to support a state of good repair by helping transit agencies monitor the condition and performance of revenue vehicles, non-revenue service vehicles, facilities, and other capital assets.

The City of Asheville, as the operator of Asheville Rides Transit (ART), has established TAM targets via its 2026 Transit Asset Management Plan for the applicable federal performance measures. These measures are outlined in the table below.

Asset Category - Performance Measure	Asset Class	2027 Target	2028 Target	2029 Target	2030 Target
REVENUE VEHICLES (% Exceeding ULB)	Heavy-Duty Bus (BU)	15%	20%	20%	20%
FACILITIES (% Below 3.0 TERM Rating)	Admin / Maintenance Facility	100%	100%	100%	100%
FACILITIES (% Below 3.0 TERM Rating)	Downtown Transit Center	100%	100%	100%	100%

Federal transportation planning regulations require MPOs to establish performance targets, coordinate with transit providers, and incorporate performance-based planning and programming into the metropolitan transportation planning process. An MPO may establish its own targets or agree to support the targets established by the relevant transit provider.

Proposed Action

The City of Asheville has provided its current TAM performance targets for Board consideration. Staff recommends that the Board adopt and support the City of Asheville's TAM targets for the FBRMPO planning area.

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Adoption of these targets does not create a financial commitment by the MPO or its member jurisdictions. The targets will be considered, as applicable, during development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Unified Planning Work Program, and other performance-based planning activities.

Action Required

Consider adoption of the City of Asheville's 2026 TAM targets as presented in the 2026 Transit Asset Management Plan.

TCC Recommendation

Recommend adoption of the City of Asheville's 2026 TAM targets as presented in the 2026 Transit Asset Management Plan

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Item 3D:

2027 Meeting Schedule

Prioritization Subcommittee	TCC	Board	Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee
January 6th	January 14th	January 21st	January 5th
February 3rd	February 11th	February 18th	
March 3rd	March 11th	March 18th	
April 7th	April 8th	April 15th	April 6th
May 5th	May 13th	May 20th	
June 2nd	June 10th	June 24th	
July 7th	No Meeting in July	No Meeting in July	July 6th
August 4th	August 12th	August 19th	
September 1st	September 9th	September 16th	
October 6th	October 14th	October 21st	October 5th
November 3rd	November 10th	November 18th	
December 1st	No Meeting in December	No Meeting in December	

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Item 3E:

Resolution of Support- City of Asheville Paved Trail Feasibility Study Application for Smith Mill Creek Greenway

The City of Asheville applied for a Paved Trail Feasibility Study through NCDOT's Integrated Mobility Division for the Smith Mill Creek Greenway. As part of the application process, a letter of support from the MPO is required.

About the Smith Mill Creek

- The Smith Mill Creek Greenway is a proposed roughly 1.6-mile greenway corridor in West Asheville, generally following Smith Mill Creek through the Falconhurst/Burton Street area toward the French Broad River and connecting into Asheville's broader greenway network. Earlier City planning documents described the corridor as running from the Falconhurst area through Burton Street toward the river.
- The corridor appeared in Asheville's 2013 Greenway Master Plan, and the Burton Street community has advocated for a Smith Mill Creek Greenway connection for years; City Council discussions in 2024 referenced it as being in the neighborhood plan since 2010.
- The project is now one of the top 10 greenway priorities in Asheville's Close the GAP Plan**.**
- The City's 2024 Transportation GO Bond specifically included funding for a Smith Mill Creek feasibility study and design as part of the $5.5 million greenway/multi-use path program.
- NCDOT's I-2513B (I-26 Connector) design-build requirements include a Smith Mill Creek Greenway/MUP segment along Patton Avenue and connections to the West Asheville Greenway.
- The study is expected to cost up to about $120,000**.** The NCDOT grant would cover up to $96,000 (80%)**,** with Asheville providing up to $24,000 (20%) from its already-programmed 2024 bond funding. NCDOT has not yet made the grant award.

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE'S APPLICATION TO THE NCDOT INTEGRATED MOBILITY DIVISION GRANT PROGRAM FOR PAVED TRAILS AND SIDEWALKS FEASIBILITY STUDIES

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has submitted an application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Integrated Mobility Division Grant Program for Paved Trails and Sidewalks Feasibility Studies for the Smith Mill Creek Greenway Feasibility Study; and

WHEREAS, the proposed study would evaluate the feasibility of the Smith Mill Creek Greenway and help define the project scope, potential constraints, costs, and next steps necessary to advance the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has identified the Smith Mill Creek Greenway Feasibility Study and Phase I Design as a priority project and has identified Transportation General Obligation Bond funding to provide the required local match; and

WHEREAS, feasibility studies can help communities identify potential project-development issues early, refine project scopes and cost estimates, and better position projects for future design, funding, and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization supports efforts by its member governments to advance bicycle and pedestrian projects through appropriate planning and project development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Board supports the City of Asheville's application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation Integrated Mobility Division Grant Program for Paved Trails and Sidewalks Feasibility Studies for the Smith Mill Creek Greenway Feasibility Study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution expresses the MPO's support for the City's grant application and does not constitute a commitment of MPO funding for the study or any subsequent phase of the project.

ADOPTED: This the 19 day of November, 2026.

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Anthony Sutton, FBRMPO Board Chair

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Attest, Tristan Winkler, Director, French Broad River MPO

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Item 3F:

Letter of Support- NCDOT Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grant Application for I-26 in Madison County

About the Grant Application

In September 2024, NCDOT submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program for improvements along approximately nine miles of I-26 in Madison County between the Tennessee state line at Sam's Gap and the Mars Hill area. NCDOT requested approximately $5.78 million in federal funding toward a total project cost of approximately $7.23 million, with NCDOT providing approximately $1.45 million in non-federal matching funds.

The project would install approximately 6.5 miles of 10-foot wildlife fencing along I-26 to direct wildlife toward two existing wildlife underpasses and the I-26 bridge over Big Laurel Creek. The project would also include drainage improvements at one of the existing underpasses, final design and environmental documentation, construction, monitoring, and public outreach.

The existing wildlife crossings were constructed when this section of I-26 opened in 2003, but the standard 4.5-foot control-of-access fencing has not been effective at keeping wildlife off the roadway or directing animals toward the crossings. NCDOT identified 117 reported wildlife-vehicle crashes within the project area between 2003 and March 2023; the application notes that wildlife crashes are typically substantially underreported. Black bear, white-tailed deer, and other wildlife have been documented using the existing crossings.

The project is intended to provide two primary benefits: improve roadway safety by reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity across I-26. The French Broad River MPO and Land of Sky RPO's 2023 wildlife-crossing planning work identified this section of I-26 as a high-priority location for wildlife connectivity improvements.

If funded with the latest application, NCDOT anticipated beginning construction within approximately six months of receiving funding and completing construction within one year. The project would occur primarily within existing NCDOT right-of-way and is not expected to require additional right-of-way acquisition.

The letter provided by staff is available here: https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/2026_11_12_FBRMPO_MADISON_WCPP_LoS.pdf

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Item 3G:

Letter of Support- NCDOT Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grant Application for I-40 in Haywood County

About the Grant Application

NCDOT is applying to the Federal Highway Administration's Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program for the I-40 SAFE PASSAGE project in Haywood County, focused on the Pigeon River Gorge.

The project would build on previous wildlife research and the substantial wildlife-passage investments already underway along I-40. It would evaluate how existing, planned, and under-construction wildlife crossings function together as a coordinated system; identify remaining wildlife-vehicle collision hotspots and terrestrial and aquatic connectivity barriers; and develop a corridor-wide strategy for future improvements.

The project would also advance selected high-priority wildlife-passage improvements to preliminary design, helping position those projects for future funding and construction.

The work builds on NCDOT bridge replacement projects, Hurricane Helene-related I-40 reconstruction, the NCDOT Wildlife Passage Program, previous corridor research, and other public and private investments in wildlife connectivity.

Information Only: Letter Provided by MPO Staff due to deadline- https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/2026_11_12_FBRMPO_I40_WCPP_LoS.pdf

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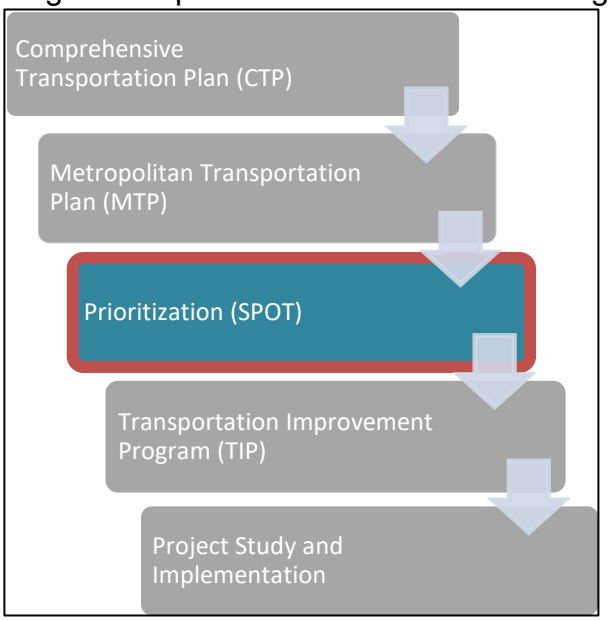
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Item 4A:

P8 Division Needs Priority Projects

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.



Funding Tiers

The STI Law breaks up funds for this process into three different funding tiers. Each tier has different eligibilities, as shown below:

Statewide Mobility- Freeway projects and Asheville Airport

Regional Impact- US/NC Highways, Passenger Rail

Division Needs- Secondary Roads, Bike/Ped, Transit

Action Items for Today

- Determine the Final Assignment of Local Input Point Assignment for Division Needs projects

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Background
The MPO Board reviewed draft Local Input Point assignments for P8 Division Needs projects in October. Local Input Points are added to NCDOT's quantitative scores and can improve a project's competitiveness for funding.

Since the draft was released, staff have continued coordinating with project sponsors and NCDOT and have received public comments on the proposed assignments.

Updates Since the Draft Recommendation

- **Local Match:** Buncombe County has not provided a letter of local match for three bike/ped projects so recommended points have been removed. These projects include a section of the Bent/Hominy Creek Greenway, the Lake Julian Greenway, and Smokey Park Highway sidewalks.
- **US 70 (Tunnel Road) Sidewalks:** points have been added after discussions with NCDOT Division 13 and the City of Asheville
- **NC 191/Pond Road:** NCDOT has requested that the MPO consider supporting the NC 191 at Pond Road intersection improvement project with Local Input Points.
- Staff have updated the recommended point assignments to reflect these items and any other changes received since the Draft approval.

Division	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Division Needs Quantitave Score (Out of 50)	MPO SCORE	Public Input Score	Local Input Points
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	**37.78**	**85**	2.8	~~100~~ **0**
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	**35.31**	**80**	2.54	~~100~~ **0**

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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	**35.16**	**82**	2.57	**100**
13	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	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	**33.43**	**67**	2.54	**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	**31.57**	**95**	2.19	~~**100**~~ **0**

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13	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	30.49	54	1.40	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	25.57	75	2.05	100
13	SR 1332 (North Louisiana Avenue)	US 19/23 (Patton Avenue)	SR 1338 (Emma Road)	Modernize Roadway	16 - Modernize Roadway	$ 28,100,000	22.92	77	1.71	100

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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	**16.13**	**50**	1.48	**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	**15.67**	**38**	2.2	**100**
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	**12.99**	**25**	2.4	**100**

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14	Church Street and King Street	US 176	North Main Street	Fill gaps between existing sidwalks 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	40.79	87	2.51	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.	2 - Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (Bicycle)	$ 12,000,000	29.33	77	2.7	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	**28.95**	**61**	2.64	**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	**27.01**	**64**	1.75	**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	**24.78**	**79**	2.08	**100**

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Division	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Division Needs Quantitative Score (Out of 50)	MPO SCORE	Public Input Score	Local Input Points
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	**23.93**	**78**	2.04	**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	**15.99**	**47**	1.94	**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	**8.78**	**46**	1.79	**100**

Action Requested
TCC: Recommend final P8 Division Needs Local Input Point assignments to the MPO Board.
MPO Board: Approve final P8 Division Needs Local Input Point assignments.

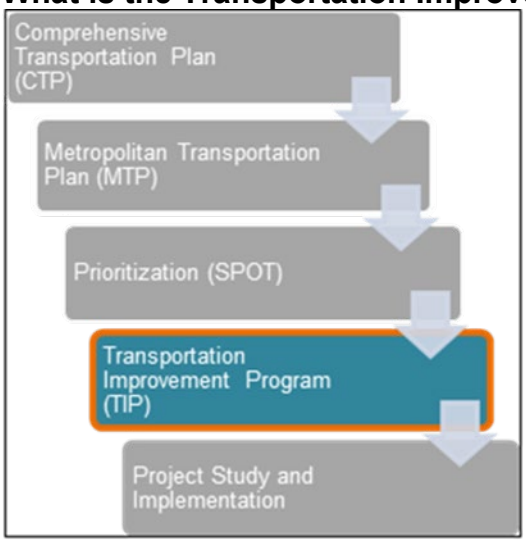
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Item 4B:

Amendments to the 2026-2035 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

What is the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)?



The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is our region's document that reflects planned transportation investments over a ten-year period. The TIP describes each project, a schedule for implementation, funding sources, and estimated costs.

Amendment Highlights:

Amendments this month include:

- A-0010AE (New Stock Road Interchange): Total project cost increases from $120.3 million to $168.5 million.
- HL-0014 (White Fawn Drive Intersection Improvements) & EB-5774AA (251/Woodfin Greenway): Addition of utility phases not previously programmed.
- Addition of various transit TIP IDs for ART, Apple Country Transit, Haywood Transit, and Mountain Mobility that will be general IDs for capital, planning, and operations expenses.

All TIP Amendment Summaries can be found here: https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/November2026_TIPAmendments_FBRMPO_R1.pdf

Action Required: Consider Adoption of the Amendments to the 2026-2035 TIP.

Staff Recommendation: Approve the proposed amendments to the 2026-2035 TIP.

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Item 4C:

City of Asheville 5310 Program Management Plan Adoption

Background

The City of Asheville administers Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 funding for the Asheville urbanized area. The Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program provides federal funding for transportation projects and services that address the mobility needs of older adults and individuals with disabilities.

FTA requires designated recipients and program administrators to maintain a Program Management Plan (PMP) describing how Section 5310 funds will be administered. The PMP establishes the policies, procedures, and requirements used to manage the program, including project selection, applicant eligibility, funding allocation, local match requirements, procurement, vehicle and equipment management, reporting, monitoring, and compliance with applicable federal requirements.

The City of Asheville has prepared an updated Section 5310 Program Management Plan for adoption. The plan is intended to provide a clear and consistent framework for administering Section 5310 funds within the Asheville urbanized area and supporting eligible transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Proposed Action

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the City of Asheville Section 5310 Program Management Plan. Adoption will support the City's continued administration of the Section 5310 program and provide a documented framework for local implementation of applicable FTA requirements.

Adoption of the Program Management Plan does not commit the MPO or its member jurisdictions to providing local match or other funding beyond actions separately approved through applicable programming, grant, and project-selection processes.

Action Required

Consider adoption of the City of Asheville Section 5310 Program Management Plan.

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Division Project Updates

Division 13: https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Division13_November2026_Updates.pdf

Division 14: https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Division14_November2026_Updates.pdf

Item 6B:

TPD Updates

Item 6C:

FHWA/FTA Updates

FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Website: https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/

FTA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Website: https://www.transit.dot.gov/BIL

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Committee & Workgroup Updates
Prioritization Subcommittee— Met on November 4, 2026. Next meeting is scheduled for December 2nd.

Discussion Items:
- P8 Division Needs Priorities
- Policy Changes to MPO-Awarded Projects

5307 Subrecipient Workgroup - Met on November 17, 2026, next meeting February 16, 2027.

Points of Business/Discussion:

- 5310/JARC Call for Projects
- Paratransit Training
- TAM Targets
- City of Asheville Program Management Plan
- NTD Data Summary (2025 NTD Release)
- Training Needs
- Regional Transit Needs

Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee- Met on October 21, 2026, next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2027.

Points of Business/Discussion:
- Orientation
- Election of Chair & Vice-Chair
- Topic Gathering

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MPO Studies Status

Study	Managing Entity	Year Programmed	Status
Woodfin-Weaverville Greenway Study	Town of Woodfin	2025	COMPLETE!
Buncombe County Pedestrian Plan	Buncombe County	2025	Adoption Expected in December, 2026
Hellbender Implementation Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Not Started
Regional ITS Plan	FBRMPO	2024	Underway
Travel Survey/Model Upgrades	FBRMPO	2024	Underway
Staffing & Compensation Study	LOSRC	2024	Not Started
MPO Strategic Plan	FBRMPO	2027	RFLOI Drafted
US 64 (Four Seasons Boulevard) Corridor Study	FBRMPO	2027	Agreement Drafted
Buncombe County Transit Plan	FBRMPO	2027	Not Started

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Locally Administered Projects

TIP ID	Project Title	County	Project Status	When Will Current Phase Be Completed?	Construction Year (Beginning)	Managing Entity/Impacted Jurisdiction	MPO Awarded Amount
BL-0005	Broadway St Ped Improvement	Buncombe	Closing Out	Recently Completed!		City of Asheville	Complete!
HL-0012	I-240/Charlotte St Interchange & Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Closing Out	Recently Completed!		City of Asheville	Complete!
BL-0007	Ecusta Trail (Kanuga Rd to US 64)	Henderson	Closed Out	Recently Complete!	2023	NCDOT/Henderson County	Complete!
EB-5948	Onteora Blvd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Closing Out	Recently Completed!	2023	NCDOT/City of Asheville	Complete!
U-5190	New Leicester Sidewalks	Buncombe	Closing Out	Complete.	2023	City of Asheville	Complete!
HL-0014	Biltmore Ave/White Fawn Dr Intersection Improvements	Buncombe	60% Design	Design complete, adding utility phase to project, ROW will begin in January 2027	2026	NCDOT/City of Asheville	$292,000
EB-5944	Johnston Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Under Construction – 40% Complete	Construction Underway, to be complete in Spring 2027	2026	City of Asheville	$1,880,000

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EB-5947	New Haw Creek Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Under Construction – 98% Complete	Estimated to be complete in Winter 2026	2026	City of Asheville	$1,900,000
U-5019A	Nasty Branch Greenway	Buncombe	Design – 100% R.O.W. – 100%	Currently undergoing cost corrections	2026	City of Asheville	$4,252,000
U-5019E	Craven St Bridge	Buncombe	Design – 15%, ROW beginning in October 2027		2028	NCDOT/City of Asheville	$4,250,000
HL-0003	Haywood Rd Resurfacing & Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Construction – 90%	Estimated to be complete in November 2026	2026	NCDOT/City of Asheville	$1,968,000
EB-5965	Deaverview Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Surveying underway	ROW – 2028 Construction - 2031	2031	NCDOT/City of Asheville	$4,867,000
BL-0008	Clear Creek Greenway	Henderson	Under Construction	Construction expected to be complete October 2027	2026	NCDOT/City of Hendersonville	$3,707,000
BL-0076	Riceville Rd Sidewalks	Buncombe	Design – 75% ROW – 25%	Utility relocation to begin June 2027, will LET for construction in November 2027	2027	NCDOT/City of Asheville	$1,311,000
EB-5547A	Riverwalk Greenway (Black Mountain Ave to Flat Creek Greenway)	Buncombe	Design – 90% ROW - 0%	Just restarted – will be let with EB-5547B	2026	NCDOT/Town of Black Mountain	$1,279,000

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EB-5547B	Riverwalk Greenway (Black Mountain Ave to Into the Oaks Trail)	Buncombe	Design – 90%	Release of ROW funds has been requested – will be let with EB-5547A	2027	NCDOT/Town of Black Mountain	$1,257,000
EB-5774AA	Woodfin Greenway – Broadway St to Mill at Riverside	Buncombe	Design – 90%	ROW to begin in Fall 2026, adding utility phase not previously programmed	2027	Buncombe County/Town of Woodfin	$8,214,000
EB-5774AB	Woodfin Greenway – Mill at Riverside to Beaverdam Creek	Buncombe			Post 2030	Buncombe County/Town of Woodfin	$350,000 (placeholder money to keep project on the TIP/STIP)
EB-5824	Enka Heritage Trail	Buncombe		County is requesting the project be removed	Post 2028	Buncombe County	$1,247,000
EB-5831	Coxe Ave Bike/Ped Improvements	Buncombe	Design – 92% ROW – 5%	ROW – Fall 2026 Construction – FY27	2027	City of Asheville	$8,982,000
EB-5790	On-Street Crossings and Connections for Bicycles and Pedestrians in Asheville	Buncombe	Construction substantially complete	Construction to be complete Fall/Winter 2027	2026	City of Asheville	$1,197,000
BL-0006	Various Ped Improvements within Asheville City Limits	Buncombe		City of Asheville is currently exploring safety improvements around Asheville City Schools	2027	City of Asheville	$660,000

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EB-5774B	Beaverdam Creek Greenway	Buncombe	Design – 55%	Bridge and drainage plans submitted, 60% design anticipated November 2026	2028	Buncombe County/Town of Woodfin	$3,246,000
EB-5822	Wilma Dykeman Greenway Extension	Buncombe	Design – 30%	Division 13 is working with the alternative delivery unit to potentially add to scope of I-2513B/D	2030	NCDOT/City of Asheville	$3,303,000
HL-0013	9th Ave Bridge Replacement	Buncombe	Under Construction – 15% complete	Anticipate open to traffic in June 2027, complete in December 2027	2026	NCDOT/Town of Black Mountain	$1,406,110
BL-0078	Ecusta Trail (US 64 to Transylvania County Line)	Henderson	Design – 30%	Out to Bid as Design/Build	2027	NCDOT/Henderson County	$9,027,000
EB-5945	Champion Dr Multi-Use Path	Haywood	Currently evaluating new concept for the project with the Town and NCDOT		Funded for ROW Only	NCDOT/Town of Canton	$307,000
EB-5946	NC 280 Multi-Use Path	Henderson	PE to Begin in 2028		Funded for PE Only	NCDOT/Town of Mills River	$300,000
EB-5823	Bent Creek Greenway	Buncombe	PE to Begin in 2029		Funded for PE Only	Buncombe County	$320,000

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Legislative Updates