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FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Technical Coordinating Committee

May 10, 2018 – 11:00 A.M., Land of Sky Offices

Agenda

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING (10 min)
   - A. Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda — Josh O'Conner

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. CONSENT AGENDA — Josh O'Conner
   - A. March 2018 Minutes and January 2018 Minutes
   - B. Approval of an Additional Member for the Citizens Advisory Committee Roster
   - C. UPWP FY 2019 Amendment to Reflect an Additional Study Previously Selected for Funding

4. REGULAR UPDATES (15 min)
   - A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates — Jay Swain/Brian Burch or Designee
   - B. Transportation Planning Branch — Daniel Sellers
   - C. FHWA/FTA Updates — Michael Dawson
   - D. Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports, Staff Updates, and Housekeeping — MPO Staff
   - E. Legislative Updates — MPO Staff

5. BUSINESS (45-60 min)
   - A. MTP 2040 Amendments — MPO Staff
   - B. SPOT 5 Prioritization—Survey Results and Preliminary Regional Tier Points Assignment — MPO Staff
   - C. Changing the MPO Dues Billing Process — MPO Staff
   - D. STBG Projects Selection — MPO Staff
   - E. JARC 5310 Projects Selection — MPO Staff
   - F. Balfour Parkway Resolution to Withdraw the FBRMPO Support for this Project — MPO Staff

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (15 min)

7. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING (June 14)? (3 min)

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

FRENCH BROAD RIVER
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Staff Report & Recommendations

Item 3:

Consent Agenda

3A. March 8 Minutes

Staff recommends approval of the minutes.

1. **March 2018 Minutes and January 2018 Minutes**
2. **Approval of an Additional Member for the Citizens Advisory Committee Roster**
3. **UPWP FY 2018 Amendment to Reflect an Additional Study Previously Selected for Funding**

3B. Approval of an Additional Member for the Citizens Advisory Committee Roster

Staff recommends approval of an additional member for the Citizens Advisory Committee, Dennis Flanagan, a resident of Flat Rock (Henderson County). Application form attached.

3B. UPWP FY 2019 Amendment to Reflect an Additional Study Previously Selected for Funding

Staff recommends approval of the UPWP FY 2019 Amendment to reflect a greenway feasibility study for the Town of Waynesville which was previously approved for funding in the summer of 2017 but was left off the earlier version of UPWP 2019. Additional small changes include:

- Reflecting the Land Use and SE Data Forecast Special Study being carried over into FY 2019 at 100%, draw-down for this study is not expected to start until July 2018
- Fixing a rounding error for FTA 5303 funds
- Reflecting additional detail in the narrative for III-D-1 Statewide and Extra-Regional Planning item—travel to conferences and statewide working group meetings

Staff recommends the TCC approve the consent agenda.

French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization

Minutes from the TCC meeting March 8, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Meeting Date: 03/08/2018

	Representing	VotingTCC		Via Phone
☑	Asheville, City of	Dan	Baechtold	☐
☑	Asheville, City of- Transit	Vaidila	Satvika	☐
☑	Biltmore Forest, Town of	Adrienne	Isenhower	☐
☑	Black Mountain, Town of	Jessica	Trotman	☐
☑	Buncombe County	Josh	O'Conner	☐
☑	Canton, Town of	Jason	Burrell	☐
☑	Haywood County	Jodie	Ferguson	☐
☑	Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	☐
☑	Henderson County/Apple Country Tra	Brian	Burgess	☐
☑	Hendersonville, City of	Matt	Champion	☐
☑	NCDOT, Division 13	Brendan	Merithew	☐
☑	NCDOT, TPB	Daniel	Sellers	☐
☑	Weaverville, Town of	James	Eller	☐

13 Voting Members Present

	Non Voting At TCC			
☑	Bell Engineering	Josh	Kerrick	☐
☑	FBRMPO/LOSRC	Zia	Rifkin	☐
☑	FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	☐
☑	FBRMPO/LOSRC	Lyuba	Zuyeva	☐
☑	FBRMPO/LOSRPO	Nick	Kroncke	☐
☑	FHWA	Mike	Dawson	☐
☑	LOSRC	Erica	Anderson	☐
☑	LOSRC	Ritchie	Rozzelle	☐
☑	NCDOT, Division 13	Troy	Wilson	☐
☑	NCDOT, Division 14	Steve	Cannon	☐
☑	Vaughn and Melton	Joel	Setzer	☐

11 Non-Voters Present

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Chairman O'Conner opened the meeting and introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman O'Conner requested approval for the Consent Agenda consisting of the February 2018 TCC minutes; the update to the Committee Meeting Calendar Moving TCC and Prioritization to 3rd week in September; and the STBG Flex to FTA 5307 for TA 5702 Project. He also requested that the agenda be approved at this time, as well.

Autumn Radcliff moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Dan Baechtold seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Regular updates included NCDOT Divisions 13 and 14 and TPB updates and FHWA/FTA updates. MPO Subcommittee and Staff updates were also presented.

Lyuba Zuyeva announced that there would be no MPO (TCC and Board) meetings in the month of April. A New Board Member Orientation is coming up on March 16 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Land of Sky offices. A workshop about Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding is planned for March 19 at the Pack Library in downtown Asheville. Parking is free for the event. "Coffee with a Transportation Planner" event to take place on March 21 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Ivory Road Café in Arden.

Lyuba Zuyeva shared legislative updates including that the federal government is operating under a Continuing Resolution until March 23. Also at the federal level a bill has been introduced, which would require that the conduit for broadband cables be installed as part of federal transportation projects. The bill has not been finalized yet. For our region, this could be a good move to enable further broadband development in rural areas. At the state level, the gas tax is still on the General Assembly's radar.

BUSINESS

<u>UPWP for FY 2019, Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification</u>

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the FBRMPO is required to adopt a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) annually. The UPWP is the budget for the MPO planning work for the year. A five-year schedule is also adopted annually. She continued that the Self-Certification is required of MPOs to certify to the FHWA and the FTA on an annual basis that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is conducted in accordance with all applicable federal requirements. Lyuba Zuyeva presented the UPWP for FY 2019 for consideration and she noted that Special Studies funding will be incorporated into the UPWP and that the UPWP includes additional administrative funding to provide staff support for the Corridor Studies Pilot. The FY 2019 UPWP has no other significant changes, at this time. She communicated that the Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification is also requested to be approved.

Dan Baechtold moved to recommend for FBRMPO adoption the UPWP for FY 2019, Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification. Vaidila Satvika seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

TIP Amendments and Modifications

Tristan Winkler shared a quick overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process. He then reviewed the TIP Amendments presented for consideration including the acceleration of right of way from FY 2020 to FY 2019 for the NC 191 widening in Henderson County; a delay in construction on Russ Avenue in Waynesville from FY 18 to FY 19; an increase in funds flexed from STGB to Planning for MPO planning purposes; a delay in ROW to FY 18 and construction to FY 19 for the Riverside Drive Greenway; and a number of transit amendments that modify transit grant funding amounts for Buncombe and Henderson Counties; and, the addition of Asheville Transit Vehicle and Hybrid Bus Battery Purchases.

Vaidila Satvika requested a change to the description from electric vehicles to ART vehicles as some of the purchases in the outer years would be diesel.

Brian Burgess moved to recommend for the MPO Board to approve the TIP Amendments as presented. Matt Champion seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Performance Measures Coordination Agreement between FBRMPO, NCDOT and the City of Asheville

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that this is one of the new requirements for the MPOs coming down from the federal level as part of performance measures new regulations. All parties must adopt the agreement by May 20, 2018. Since the MPO will not have a meeting cycle in April, this is the month to approve the agreement. The City and NCDOT may not be adopting the agreement until a later date. She communicated that the Agreement speaks to the coordination and information sharing regarding performance measures targets and applicable data. She communicated that the transportation performance measures were first required under MAP-21 and later affirmed by the FAST Act. Asheville Redefines Transit (ART) will be putting together a transit Asset Management Plan for urban transit vehicles in our region. She noted that the spirit of the Coordination Agreement is to continue sharing information. Lyuba Zuyeva also shared which performance measures have come before the TCC and Board; and, which are still to come.

Vaidila Satvika moved to recommend the Coordination Agreement to the MPO Board for consideration of approval. Jason Burrell seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

MTP 2040 Amendment:

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that MPO staff have been in coordination with FHWA to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in order to bring it up to FAST Act requirements. The MTP was passed in September 2015; the FAST Act was passed in December 2015. Amendments to the MTP are required to include: the addition of two new planning factors- to enhance Travel and Tourism and to improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; the addition of national performance measures as well as the process in which the MPO will be working with NCDOT to develop performance targets, are required by the FAST Act; the addition of intercity bus consideration; and modifying the Public Involvement section to include additional stakeholders such as intercity bus providers (Greyhound), as required by the FAST Act. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the MPO region has some significant projects coming up and the MTP has to be in compliance with the FAST Act rules and regulations and these amendments are required to be completed by May 27 or the MPO's MTP will be considered out of compliance and changes to the TIP could not be considered

until the MTP is brought into compliance. She noted that a full MTP 2045 update must be completed by September 2020.

Informational only. No action required at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

STBG applications are due by March 30, 2018. An STGB workshop will be held on March 19 at Pack Library in downtown Asheville. Women in Transportation (WTS) will be hosting an event on March 14 in downtown Asheville. More information will be distributed about the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ritchie Rozzelle shared about a summit planned for May 18 at Sierra Nevada Brewing in Mills River that is part of Strive Not to Drive. More information will be communicated about the summit soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O'Conner adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.

DRAFT

French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes from the TCC meeting on January 11, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Voting
Brian Burgess (Apple Country Transit)
Dan Baechtold (City of Asheville)
Vaidila Satvika (Asheville Transit)
Jonathan Kanipe (Town of Biltmore Forest)
Jessica Trotman (Town of Black Mountain)
Josh O'Conner (Buncombe County)
Jason Burrell (Town of Canton)
Mark Biberdorf (Town of Fletcher)
Autumn Radcliff (Henderson County)
Vicki Eastland (LOSRPO)
Jesse James (Town of Mills River)
Matt Cable (Mountain Mobility)
Brendan Merithew (NCDOT Division 13)
Brian Burch (NCDOT Division 14)
Daniel Sellers (NCDOT TPB)
James Eller (Town of Weaverville)

Non-Voting
Adrienne Isenhower (Town of Biltmore Forest alt.)
Mike Dawson (FHWA)
Lyuba Zuyeva (FBRMPO)
Nick Kroncke (FBRMPO)
Tristan Winkler (FBRMPO)
Zia Rifkin (FBRMPO)
Ritchie Rozzelle (LOSRC TDM Program)
Troy Wilson (NCDOT Division 13)
Steve Cannon (NCDOT Division 14)

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING
Vice Chair Radcliff opened the meeting and introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA
Chairman O'Conner indicated that the Consent Agenda included November minutes, STBG-DA, 5310 and JARC Spring Call for Projects. He requested approval for the Agenda at this time as well.

Vaidila Satvika moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Dan Baechtold seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that several public comments have been received from residents of Flat Rock about North Highland Lake Road; several comments have also been received from residents of West Asheville who are opposed to I-26 Connector Section A.

REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS
Regular updates included NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates and FHWA/FTA updates. MPO Subcommittee and Staff updates were also presented.

Lyuba Zuyeva shared staff updates with the TCC that included information about the NCAMPO Conference coming up at the end of April and the NC Statewide Planning Conference in September. She also communicated that the TCC meeting in September may move to the third Thursday of that month.

Lyuba Zuyeva shared legislative updates including that at the federal level, a Continuing Resolution is in place until February 19. Also at the federal level, the tax reform package has been adopted, but the bill did not resolve the Highway Trust Fund solvency issue. Lastly, waiting for details about the infrastructure bill to fund transformative projects. Hopefully, some details of that plan will be available later in January.

BUSINESS

Proposed Amendments to the 2018-2027 TIP

Tristan Winkler shared a very brief overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document which is required to be in conformance with the state STIP. With that in mind, there are a number of proposed amendments to the 2018-2027 TIP including to add committed funding for I-26 widening I-4400B and split the project into two sections; delay construction on U-5548 (Brown Avenue Realignment in Waynesville); Remove EB-5757 (Brown Avenue Road Diet in Waynesville) from the TIP; and, to delay PE funding for EB-5822 (the North RAD Greenway); and, add FTA 5307 funding for Buncombe County and Mountain Projects; and, to add a new Transit Vehicle Project for the City of Asheville.

Jason Burrell moved to approve the TIP Amendments as presented and recommend those to the MPO Board for consideration. Dan Baechtold seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Draft FY 2019 UPWP

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that every year the FBRMPO is required to adopt a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is the budget for the MPO and describes the planning work tasks for the year; in addition a five-year schedule is adopted. FTA-funded transportation planning tasks for our region are also included. NCDOT Public Transportation Division has coordinated with FTA to ensure that federal transit planning funding can be made available at the start of the state fiscal year in July, which means that MPOs have to adopt the UPWP draft in January. The draft FY 2019 UPWP is posted on the MPO website at http://www.fbrmpo.org/upwp-budget/. Lyuba Zuyeva reviewed the new items in the draft FY19 UPWP including beginning work on the MTP Plan update; the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update; and the Special Studies newly selected for funding in FY 19, which are no yet reflected in this draft UPWP and will be added to the version brought back for adoption in March. The FY19 UPWP also outlines the continuation of ongoing items including data collection and analysis, SPOT 5, TIP Maintenance and project development participation. The narrative is included in the full UPWP draft on the MPO website.

Mark Biberdorf moved to recommend for FBRMPO Board approval the draft FY 2019 UPWP and Five-Year Plan for 2019-2023. Jason Burrell seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

Corridor Study Set-Aside

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that this item is a continuation of the discussion started in September 2017 regarding the potential to fund corridor studies for critically important corridors in the MPO region, utilizing the unobligated fund balance with an additional local match. A cost of $175,000 per year is expected to cover one study with most of the funds ($157,500) becoming a pass-through for a selected qualified consultant firm to undertake the study, and 10% of the funding ($17,500) supporting the additional MPO staff time to administer the study. She communicated that MPO staff have presented information to the Henderson

County Commission. Many of those potential corridors are identified in the Congestion Management Process; sometimes, there seems to be a gap between a need for improvements being identified in the CTP and more detailed recommendations that are needed to move a project forward once it is funded. Many of those corridors carry longer cross-county trips allow people to commute to work and to other important destinations. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the planning region is expecting a large projected population increase due to people moving into the region. This would contribute to increased congestion on the major corridors. Today's goal is to narrow the decide on the funding scenario:

- One would be to fund three corridor studies (City of Asheville, Buncombe County and Henderson County), with participation from the City of Asheville, the City of Hendersonville, Buncombe County and Henderson County
- The other option would be a four-year pilot for four corridor studies that would also include one corridor in Haywood County.

A multi-year local match would be required for each scenario.

Vaidila Satvika shared that the City of Asheville has discussed this and prefers the three-year study program scenairo. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that typically, for smaller municipalities, the counties pick up the dues. The Town of Waynesville would be responsible for their local match should the four-year option be approved. She continued that local jurisdictions could also apply for funding through STBG-DA funds flexed to PL funds for other corridor studies.

Autumn Radcliff shared that Henderson County Commissioners seemed very open to moving forward and staff would prefer to wait for elected officials input regarding additional funding for dues. Mark Biberdorf wanted to know if the Henderson Commission was leaning towards the four-year option. Discussion occurred regarding the US 64 corridor in Laurel Park and how a corridor study may have improved the public response to specific projects. Chairman O'Conner noted support from the Buncombe Commission to commit funding (through a 3-year pilot) to tackle some issues regarding major corridors. Lyuba Zuyeva offered to provide presentations to other elected officials upon request. MPO staff is open to forwarding this item to the MPO Board for consideration.

Dan Baechtold moved to approve the 3-year Pilot Corridor Study set aside and to recommend that to the MPO Board for consideration. Vaidila Satvika seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

<u>Planning Studies Selection</u>

Tristan Winkler reviewed the call for planning projects timeline. Applications were due December 31, 2017 and $90,000 in federal funding was available. A 20% local match is required from local jurisdictions. He reviewed what types of projects may be funded and he reviewed the applications that were received: City of Asheville request for Bicycle and Pedestrian Counting Equipment; Town of Black Mountain request for a Downtown Parking Study; and Henderson County request for Mud Creek Greenway Feasibility Study. Tristan Winkler noted that the applications request more funding than what is available. He noted that the Prioritization Subcommittee determined that all of the projects could be funded through flexing a slightly larger amount from STBG funds to PL planning funds. All three projects are recommended for approval by

the Prioritization Subcommittee with an increase of $26,000 from STBG funding flexed to MPO PL funding. Chairman O'Conner noted that the next round of STBG projects does not have feasibility and planning projects as an eligible expense. Tristan Winkler communicated that the MPO has close to $22 million in STBG funding and flexing $30,000 or so should not have too much of an impact. Lyuba Zuyeva communicated that flexing additional STBG funding might also be needed to provide sufficient funding for the corridor studies pilot program.

Vaidila Satvika moved to recommend the increase in STBG flex to PL funds and the funding for planning studies for FY 2019 as presented for consideration by the FBRMPO Board. Matt Cable seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Safety Performance Measures

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that performance measures have been around since MAP-21 in 2012 and have been further required as part of the FAST Act adopted in 2015. She noted that any TIP or MTP update after May 2018 would have to reflect how performance measures would be impacted. She shared that the FBRMPO can sign off on the NCDOT performance measures targets or the region could develop its own target measures. Five areas where safety performance measures targets are required include the number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles travelled (VMT), number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT, and number of non-motorized (bicycle/pedestrian) fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries. Lyuba Zuyeva reviewed some of the crash trends in the MPO planning region. Total crashes have started to go back up (from being down during the recession period) and total fatalities have remained more or less stable. Bike fatalities can fluctuate very significantly and pedestrian fatalities represent 11% of all traffic fatalities and are on an upward trend. Motorcycle crashes have increased during the recession and have decreased post-recession. Lyuba Zuyeva indicated that it makes sense to go along with NCDOT targets; otherwise a higher level of staff time burden and increased scrutiny from the FHWA would be expected. There would not be a penalty for our region for not meeting those targets over the next year. Many of the data received from the state are currently at the county level and MPO staff are working with NCDOT to obtain the data at the MPO Planning area level for future reference and comparison. She noted that the Prioritization Subcommittee recommends going with the state's targets. This will be an ongoing process to update the targets from year to year. MPO staff inclination is to go ahead and go with the proposed NCDOT targets.

Discussion occurred about targets increasing over time and whether NCDOT has been aggressive in trying to reduce crashes over time. Autumn Radcliff shared that at some point, continuous reduction in crashes may no longer be feasible once a stable plateau is achieved. Chairman O'Connor discussed that there are human factors involved in crashes. Many variables go into these safety factors, not just the built environment. Vaidila Satvika shared that our streets are very unsafe. Tristan Winkler shared that when faster traffic is moving through areas with non-motorized traffic demand, this typically leads to safety issues. Chairman O'Conner shared that there is a need to be aware of the finite resources that are available to reduce crashes. Matt Cable commented that for the next round, it would be good to take into account major construction projects (i.e. I-26); those projects could affect safety performance. Jessica

Trotman asked if those (county-level) reports are the only data sources available. Lyuba Zuyeva communicated that there are other sources for crash and safety data.

Vaidila Satvika moved to approve MPO staff recommendation on safety performance measures targets and to forward that to the MPO Board for consideration. Dan Baechtold seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

SPOT 5.0 Local Input Methodology Discussion

Tristan Winkler provided a very brief overview of how STI/SPOT Prioritization works and indicated that the MPO has three major roles in this process: submitting projects, scoring projects, and assigning MPO local priority points. He reviewed the use of local input points. Methodology changes as currently proposed would consolidate data sources used to calculate safety, congestion and freight categories of the MPO score. This change would allow the MPO to use the SPOT safety score, SPOT congestion score and SPOT freight score in calculating the MPO internal score. He clarified that the state scoring methodology is determined by the SPOT Workgroup which decides on specific criteria to obtain a quantitative score for all projects across the state. Discussion occurred regarding the need to make changes to the current methodology.

Tristan Winkler shared that another change suggested to the Methodology is to change local priority points (25% of total MPO score) by limiting the number of points available and by having at least 25 points put on a project or none in order to make the best use of the MPO's points. For this round, it is proposed that 500 points be set aside for Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transit projects, if applicable, at the Division Needs Tier. After those 500 points are applied, then the roadway projects would be reviewed for prioritization. In March, NCDOT plans to release state projects scores for SPOT 5. In May/June the MPO would be assigning points to Regional Impact Tier projects.

Information only. No action required at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that there is a broadband workshop planned for January 22, 2018 at Land of Sky offices and she may be contacted for more information on the workshop or how to RSVP.

Tristan Winkler announced that the Spring Call for Projects (STBG-DA, 5310, and JARC funding) is open through the end of March. Contact MPO staff if interested in submitting an application.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O'Conner adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.

DRAFT

FRENCH BROAD RIVER
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Citizens Advisory Committee Application

The French Broad River MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) plays a key role in getting the public involved in the transportation planning process. The CAC plans to meet quarterly during regular business hours to discuss the transportation planning process and public engagement strategies.

NAME: Dennis Flanagan

PLACE OF RESIDENCE: Flat Rock, NC

ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED: Historic Flat Rock Inc.

EMAIL: dennisjflanagan@gmail.com

PHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL): 8287027346

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON ANY FRENCH BROAD RIVER MPO OR LAND OF SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES? IF YES, WHAT COMMITTEE AND OVER WHAT TIME PERIOD?

No

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR INTEREST IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND WHAT UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE YOU WILL BRING TO THE CAC:

My interest is in the historic aspects of the Western North Carolina and how changes to transportation can be respectful of the past. While change is necessary with a growing population, how that change is managed and handled will continue to be very important. Preservation of our history and a respect of that history requires reminders of just what was previously established and built. Innovative approaches to change can and must be considered. "Complete Streets" should not always translate to concrete curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Thank you for your application!

Please send your application to mpo@landofsky.org or mail it to:

French Broad River MPO
339 New Leicester Highway, Suite 140
Asheville, NC 28806

FTA CODE	TASK CODE	TASK DESCRIPTION	MPO Planning and Admin - PL104 Local 20%	MPO Planning and Admin - PL104 Federal 80%	MPO Planning and Admin - PL104 TOTAL	Transit Planning - 5303 Local (10%)	Transit Planning - 5303 State (10%)	Transit Planning - 5303 Federal (80%)	Transit Planning - 5303 Fund Total	SECTION 5307 Local	SECTION 5307 State	SECTION 5307 FTA 80%	SECTION 5307 5307 Total	TIGER II Local	TIGER II Federal	TIGER II TIGER	STBG Flex Funds Project	STBG Flex Funds Local	STBG Flex Funds Federal	STBG Flex Funds STP-DA Flex Total
	II-A	**Data and Planning Support**	**$ 8,821**	**$35,279**	**$ 44,100**	**$2,363**	**$2,362**	**$18,900**	**$23,625**								Asheville Transit Master Plan	$19,200	$76,800	$96,000
44.24.00	II-A-1	Networks and Support Systems	$ 5,146	$20,582	$ 25,728	$1,890	$1,890	$15,120	$18,900								TDM Coordinator	$11,588	$46,350	$57,938
44.23.01	II-A-2	Travelers and Behavior	$ 2,943	$11,770	$ 14,713	$473	$472	$3,780	$4,725								Bike Share Study	$25,000	$25,000	$50,000
44.23.02	II-A-3	Transportation Modeling	$ 732	$2,927	$ 3,659												Biltmore Ave Feasibility Study	$40,000	$160,000	$200,000
	II-B	**Planning Process**	**$ 79,083**	**$316,331**	**$ 395,414**	**$740**	**$740**	**$5,920**	**$7,400**								Asheville Pedestrian Plan	$35,000	$140,000	$175,000
44.23.02	II-B-1	Targeted Planning	$ 8,088	$32,351	$ 40,439												Flat Rock Greenway Feas. Study	$6,400	$25,600	$32,000
44.23.01	II-B-2	Regional Planning	$ 10,592	$42,368	$ 52,960	$740	$740	$5,920	$7,400								Oklawaha Greenw. Southern Ext. Study	$8,000	$32,000	$40,000
44.27.00	II-B-3A	Special Studies Operations	$ 2,203	$8,812	$ 11,015												Bl. Mountain Downtown Parking Study	$7,000	$28,000	$35,000
44.27.00	II-B-3B	Corridor Studies Pilot Operations	$ 3,500	$14,000	$ 17,500												Asheville Bike Ped Count Equipment	$12,000	$48,000	$60,000
44.27.00	II-B-3C	Special Studies Pass-Through	$ 54,700	$218,800	$ 273,500												Mud Creek Greenway Feasibility Study	$10,000	$40,000	$50,000
	III-A	**Planning Work Program**	**$ 2,935**	**$11,739**	**$ 14,674**	**$202**	**$203**	**$1,620**	**$2,025**								Waynesville Grnway Feasibility Study	$14,400	$57,600	$72,000
44.21.00	III-A-1	Planning Work Program	$ 2,203	$8,812	$ 11,015	$202	$203	$1,620	$2,025								Oklawaha Greenw. Northern Ext. Study	Programmed under II-B-3C Spec. Studies		
44.24.00	III-A-2	Metrics and Performance Measures	$ 732	$2,927	$ 3,659												FBRMPO LU Forecast to 2045	Programmed under II-B-3C Spec. Studies		
	III-B	**Transp. Improvement Plan**	**$ 7,356**	**$29,425**	**$ 36,781**	**$540**	**$540**	**$4,320**	**$5,400**								Corridor Studies Pilot--Year 1	Programmed under II-B-3C Spec. Studies		
44.25.00	III-B-1	Prioritization	$ 2,203	$8,812	$ 11,015															
44.25.00	III-B-2	Metropolitan TIP	$ 1,471	$5,885	$ 7,356	$540	$540	$4,320	$5,400											
44.25.00	III-B-3	Merger/Project Development	$ 3,682	$14,728	$ 18,410															
	III-C	**Cvl Rgts. Cmp./Otr .Reg. Reqs.**	**$ 6,325**	**$25,299**	**$ 31,624**	**$1,675**	**$1,675**	**$13,400**	**$16,750**											
44.27.00	III-C-1	Title VI Compliance	$ 732	$2,927	$ 3,659	$1,675	$1,675	$13,400	$16,750											
44.27.00	III-C-2	Environmental Justice	$ 1,471	$5,885	$ 7,356															
44.27.00	III-C-3	Minority Business Enterprise Planning	$ 77	$308	$ 385															
44.27.00	III-C-4	Planning for the Elderly	$ 370	$1,479	$ 1,849															
44.27.00	III-C-5	Safety/Drug Control Planning	$ -	$0	$ -															
44.27.00	III-C-6	Public Involvement	$ 3,675	$14,700	$ 18,375															
44.27.00	III-C-7	Private Sector Participation	$ -	$0	$ -															
	III-D	**Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning**	**$ 11,031**	**$44,124**	**$ 55,155**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**											
44.27.00	III-D-1	Statewide & Extra-Regional Planning	$ 11,031	$44,124	$ 55,155															
	III-E	**Management Ops, Program Suppt Admin**	**$ 16,178**	**$64,712**	**$ 80,890**	**$1,980**	**$1,980**	**$15,840**	**$19,800**	**$30,231**	**$0**	**$120,922**	**$151,153**							
44.27.00		Management Operations	$ 16,178	$64,712	**$ 80,890**				$0	$0	$0	$0	$0							
44.27.00		Program Support Administration	$ -	$0		$1,980	$1,980	$15,840	$19,800	$ 30,231	$0	$120,922	$ 151,153							
		TOTALS	**$ 131,729**	**$526,909**	**$ 658,638**	$7,500	$7,500	$60,000	$75,000	$30,231	$0	$120,922	$151,153	$0	$0	$0	**STBG Flex Spec. Studies Total**	**$188,588**	**$679,350**	**$867,938**

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Item 4A:

Division Project Updates

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(Division 13)

http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Division14_ProjectUpdate_May2018.pdf
(Division 14)

Item 4B:

TPB Updates

Item 4C:

FHWA/FTA Updates

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Item 4D:

Committee & Workgroup Updates

Prioritization Subcommittee—March meeting cancelled, April meeting held on April 10 and May meeting held on May 8th. MTP Amendments and SPOT Prioritization results were discussed. STBG and JARC/5310 project selection took place.

Transit Operators' Workgroup—Next urban transit (5307) subrecipients meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14 at 9 AM (prior to the March TCC meeting).

Citizens' Advisory Committee- Next meeting scheduled for June 6.

Recommended Actions:
Accept the reports.

Item 4E:

Legislative Updates

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Item 5A:

MTP 2040 Amendments

As previously presented in March, MPO staff have been in coordination with FHWA to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in order to bring the MTP up to Fast Act requirements. The MTP 2040 was adopted in September, 2015; the FAST Act was passed in December, 2015.
These amendments are required to include:

- The addition of two new planning factors: (1) Enhance Travel and Tourism and (2) Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation
- The addition of national performance measures as well as the process in which the MPO will be working with NCDOT to develop performance targets, as required by the FAST Act
- The addition of intercity bus considerations
- Modifying the Public Involvement section to include additional stakeholders such as intercity bus providers, as required by the FAST Act

These amendments are required to be completed by May 27th to keep the French Broad River MPO's MTP in compliance with federal regulations. The MTP 2040 Amendments have been posted for a public comment period from April 18-May 23, 2018, and are available at http://www.fbrmpo.org/metropolitan-transportation-plan-mtp/

The MTP 2040 Amendments also include an update to the fiscal forecast to reflect the available transportation funding numbers as reflected in the 2018-2027 TIP/STIP and an update to the MTP 2040 projects list to include projects already programmed in the TIP, as well as I-40 West widening projects which are being considered for funding as part of STI/SPOT Prioritization 5.0 and required to be in the MTP for the Liberty Road Interchange to be able to move forward. MTP 2040 additional projects and project modifications list is posted at http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Additional-Projects-and-Project-Modifications.pdf and also available on the next page.

Action: Recommend for FBRMPO Board adoption the MTP 2040 Amendments

FBRMPO MTP 2040 Amendments - Scheduled for Adoption May 24, 2018

County	MTP ID	TIP	Route/Facility Name	Description	From/Cross Street	To	Construction Year	Amendment Detail	Additional Amount Programmed by Horizon
HORIZON 1 (2016-2020)									**$ 175,361,390**
Haywood	HAYW4712-H	U-4712	US 23 Business (South Main Street)	SR 1164 (Hyatt Creek Road) To US 276 (Pigeon Street). Widen To Multi-Lanes.	Hyatt Creek Road	Pigeon Street	2023	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$44,900,000
Haywood	HAYW6048-H	U-6048	US 19/US 23	SR 1836 (Chestnut Mountain Road) To SR 1200 (Wiggins Road). Upgrade Roadway.	hestnut Mountain Roa	Wiggins Road	2021	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$4,635,000
Buncombe	BUNC6046-H	U-6046	Swannanoa River Road (NC 81)	US 70 (Tunnel Road) To US 74 (South Tunnel Road). Upgrade Roadway.	Tunnel Road	South Tunnel Road	2025	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$22,950,000
Henderson	HEND6049-H	U-6049	South Main Street (NC 225)	South Main Street At South King Street To US 176. Widen Bridge 143 To 5-Lanes.	South King Street	US 176	2021	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$4,750,000
Buncombe	BUNC6053-H	U-6053	New Route (Access Road)	Construct Access Road To Avadim Technologies Facility Near The Intersection of I-40 and SR 2500 (North Blue Ridge Road).	-	-	-	Funded through Applalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	$1,000,000
Buncombe	BUNC5971-H	U-5971	Intersection of Patton Avenue and New Leicester Highway	US 19 (Patton Avenue) And NC 63 (New Leicester Highway). Construction Intersection Improvements.	-	-	2022	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$2,700,000
Haywood	HAYW6055-H	U-6055	Intersection of Pisgah Drive at Locust Street	NC 110 (Pisgah Drive) At LocUSt Street. Improve Intersection.	-	-	2019	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$1,037,000
Buncombe	BUNC5973-H	U-5973	Intersection of Weaverville Highway and New Stock Road	US 19 Business (Weaverville Highway) And SR 1740 (New Stock Road). Construct Intersection Improvements.	-	-	2020	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$1,300,000
Henderson	HEND2588B-H	R-2588B	NC 191	US 25 In Hendersonville To NC 280 South Of Mills River. Widen To Multi-Lanes. Section B: SR 1381 Mountain Rd to NC 280 in Mills River.	SR 1381 Mountain Rd	NC 280	2023	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$85,626,000
Buncombe	BUNC-BP-19	EB-5547	New Route (Multi-Use Path)	Construct New Multi-Use Path From Existing Flat Creek Greenway Trailhead Near State Street And Charlotte Street To Existing Riverside Greenway Near Riverside Park And Extension West Of NC 9 Near Existing Culvert.	-	-	2019	Funded through STBG Call for Projects. *Pending MPO Board Approval	$4,342,000
Henderson	HEND-BP-7	-	NC 280 (Multi-Use Path)	Construct Multi-Use Path from the French Broad River to Haywood Road (NC 191) along NC 280	-	-	-	Funded through STBG Call for Projects. *Pending MPO Board Approval	$2,121,390
HORIZON 2 (2021-2025)									**$ 70,580,000**
Buncombe	BUNC6047-H	U-6047	Sardis Road/Sand Hill Road (NC 112)	NC 191 (Brevard Road) To US 19/23 (Smokey Park Highway). Widen Roadway.	-	-	2025	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$40,300,000
Buncombe	BUNC5972-H	U-5972	New Leicester Highway	NC 63 (New Leicester Highway), US 19/23 (Patton Avenue) To Newfound Road. Construct Access Management Improvements.	Patton Avenue	Newfound Road	2024	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$28,400,000
Buncombe	BUNC-AV-5866	AV-5866	Asheville Regional Airport (AVL)	Construct Two Taxiway Connectors	-	-	2024	Added through additional funding for 2018-2027 TIP	$300,000

County	MTP ID	TIP	Route/Facility Name	Description	From/Cross Street	To	Construction Year	Amendment Detail	Additional Amount Programmed by Horizon
Madison	MAD5779-H	R-5779	Crossroads Parkway New Access Road	SR 1631 (Crossroads Parkway) to SR 1632. Extend Roadway.	Crossroads Parkway	SR 1632	-	Partially funded through Apppalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	$1,580,000
Henderson	HEND3-H	R-5744	Balfour Parkway	NC 191 To US 64. Construct New 4-Lane Roadway.	-	-	-	Description modified to "parkway" rather than "expressway"	-
HORIZON 3 (2026-2030)									**$ -**

NO AMENDMENTS AT THIS TIME

HORIZON 4 (2031-2035)									**$ 322,900,000**
Buncombe	BUNC80-H	N/A	I-40 Exit 55 (Porters Cove Road)	I-40 Interchange At Exit 55 (Porter'S Cove Road). Improve Safety And Mobility at the Eastbound Exit Ramp On Porter'S Cove Road	-	-	-	Considered for funding in the 2020-2029 TIP through the STI/SPOT 5 Prioritization	$22,100,000
Buncombe	BUNC85-H	N/A	I-40/I-240/US 74-A Interchange	I-40/I-240/US 74-A Interchange. Upgrade Interchange.	-	-	-	Considered for funding in the 2020-2029 TIP through the STI/SPOT 5 Prioritization	$35,000,000
Buncombe	BUNC90A-H	N/A	I-40 Widening (Section A)	I-40 From Monte Vista Road To Future Liberty Road Exit. Widen Interstate.	Monte Vista Road	Future Liberty Road	-	Considered for funding in the 2020-2029 TIP through the STI/SPOT 5 Prioritization	$28,800,000
Buncombe	BUNC90B-H	N/A	I-40 Widening (Section B)	I-40 From Future Liberty Road Exit To Exit 37 (Wiggins Road). Widen Interstate.	Future Liberty Road	Wiggins Road	-	Considered for funding in the 2020-2029 TIP through the STI/SPOT 5 Prioritization	$67,500,000
Buncombe	BUNC90C-H	N/A	I-40 Widening (Section C)	I-40 From Exit 37 (Wiggins Road) To Champion Drive. Widen Interstate.	Wiggins Road	Champion Drive	-	Considered for funding in the 2020-2029 TIP through the STI/SPOT 5 Prioritization	$169,500,000
HORIZON 5 (2036-2040)									**$ -**

NO AMENDMENTS AT THIS TIME

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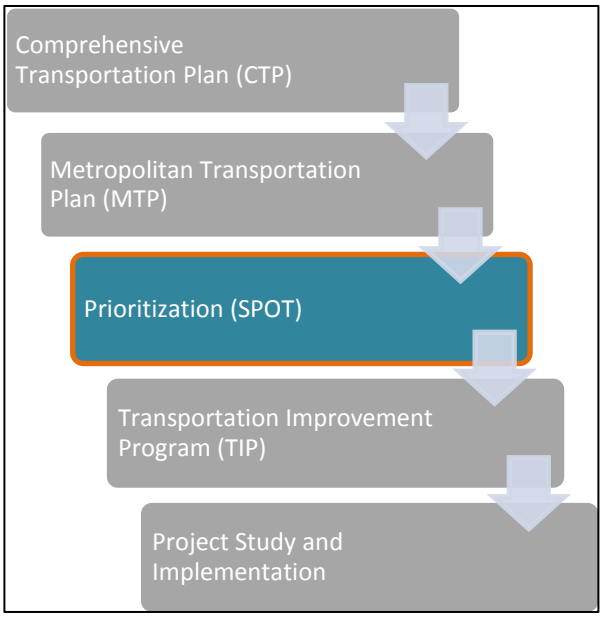
Item 5B:

SPOT 5 Prioritization—Survey Results and Preliminary Regional Tier Points Assignment

Very Brief Overview

The SPOT/P 5.0 Prioritization Process is a transparent, cooperative, and data-driven process used in North Carolina to determine transportation investments across the state. The process is based on the Strategic Transportation Investment Act (2012) and determines the funding for the majority of transportation funding for transportation investments in our region.



Prioritization Update

- Four projects in the MPO were funded at the Statewide Mobility tier
- The MPO and RPO conducted a survey in the five-county region on all projects being considered in this round of prioritization- **2,492 responses** were collected
- The MPO will assign DRAFT Regional Impact points in its May cycle, based on the MPO's methodology

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Statewide Mobility Projects

The MPO had four projects programmed at the Statewide Mobility tier. NOTE: none of these four projects are considered "committed", i.e., they will have to go through another round of prioritization.

TIP	Route / Facility Name	From / Cross Street	To / Cross Street	Description	Cost to NCDOT	Statewide Mobility Quantitative Score (Out of 100)	County(s)	Right-of-Way Date - Initial Draft STIP	Construction Date - Initial Draft STIP
I-6018	I-40	I-240 / US 74 Alt		Upgrade interchange	$ 35,000,000	**78.89**	Buncombe	FY 2028	After 2029
AV-5882	AVL - Asheville Regional Airport	AVL - Terminal Apron Expansion-South	N/A	Expand the existing terminal apron south of existing apron (3412 and 3500).	$ 500,000	**78.66**	Buncombe		FY 2027
AV-5883	AVL - Asheville Regional Airport	AVL - Terminal Apron Expansion - North	N/A	Expand terminal apron to the north of the existing apron (3621).	$ 500,000	**75.72**	Buncombe		FY 2027
I-6021	I-40	SR 2838 (Porters Cove Road), Exit 55		Upgrade interchange, improve EB off-ramp connection to SR 2838 (Porters Cove Road)	$ 22,100,000	**75.47**	Buncombe	FY 2028	After 2029

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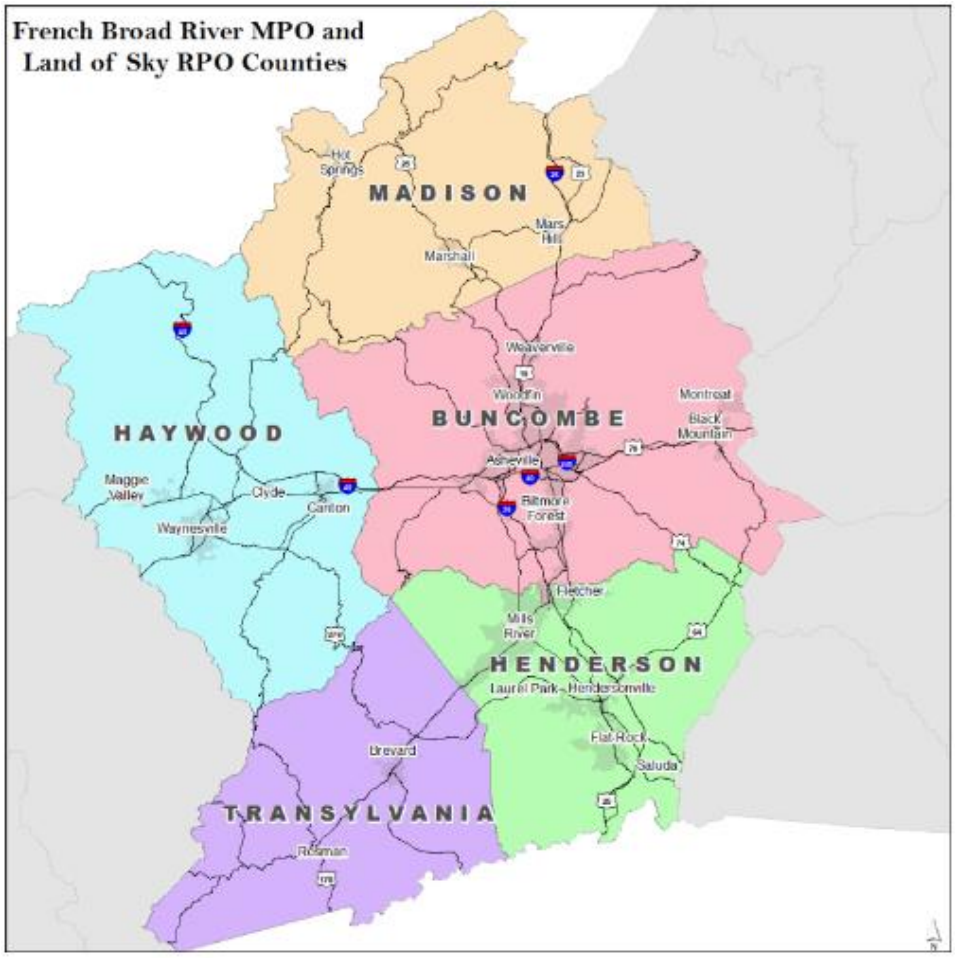
Survey background

The French Broad River MPO and Land of Sky RPO opened a public survey on all highway, bike/ped, and transit projects in the MPO planning area being considered for funding in the North Carolina prioritization process (P5.0).



The survey attempted to be simple and user-friendly while also generating information that could be useful for decision makers considering applying local input points as part of the P 5.0 process. The survey was developed through Survey Monkey and could be accessed through the MPO's website. The survey was divided by county. Users were then asked if they wanted to evaluate roadway or non-highway projects. For Buncombe and Henderson counties, a "short" option was developed that asked users to rank projects based on their perceived need for the projects. Users could still use the "deep dive" option which allowed both positive and negative responses.

The survey collected 2,492 responses.

MPO staff will present on the results of this survey at the TCC and Board meetings.

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Draft Local Input Point Allocation for MPO Projects

As part of the prioritization process (SPOT/P 5.0), MPOs, RPOs, and Division Engineers can allocate local input points to projects in the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers in order to improve the chances of getting those projects funded. In the Regional Impact tier, the MPOs local input points accounts for 15% of a project's score and the Division Engineer's local input points account for an additional 15% of a project's score.

The MPO determines what projects it will put its points on based on the methodology it has adopted. The methodology generally consists of several steps:

1. Score projects based on objective criteria (75% of the methodology's overall score)
2. Meet with local government staff to discuss "Local Priorities" (25% of the methodology's overall score)
    a. Discuss public survey results
    b. Determine if any Statewide Mobility projects should be considered for cascading
    c. Determine county priorities
3. Discuss methodology outcomes and assign draft local input points

Local Priorities

Buncombe County:

Route	From	To	Improvement
I-26/I-240	I-40	North of Haywood Road	Widening
Swannanoa River Road	S Tunnel Road	Tunnel Road (US 70)	Modernization
Fairview Road (US 74A)	Swannanoa River Road	Cedar Lane	Access Management
Sweeten Creek Road	I-40	London Road	Modernization
Weaverville Highway (US 19/23B)	Beaver Drive	New Stock Road	Widening

Haywood County:

Route	From	To	Improvement
I-40	Monte Vista Road	Liberty Road (Future Interchange)	Widening
US 19 (Soco Road)	Fie Top Road	Blue Ridge Parkway	Modernization

Henderson County:

Route	From	To	Improvement
NC 280	NC 191	NC 191	Access Management
I-26	US 64	US 25	Widening
NC 191	NC 280	NC 146 (Long Shoals Road)	Widening

Madison County: No projects eligible for Regional Impact points in the MPO.

Prioritization Subcommittee Recommendations

The MPO's Prioritization Subcommittee met on Tuesday, May 8th to discuss projects receiving draft local input points based on the MPO's methodology. The subcommittee made a number of recommendations concerning cascading projects from Statewide Mobility to Regional Impact tiers as well as a recommended assignment of local input points.

Cascading Projects

Three projects were requested to be cascaded:

Route	From	To	Improvement	County
I-26/I-240 (I-2513A)	I-40	North of Haywood Road	Widening	Buncombe
I-26 (I-4400A)	US 64	US 25	Widening	Henderson
I-40	Monte Vista Road	Future Liberty Road Interchange	Widening	Buncombe (request made by Haywood County)

The Prioritization Subcommittee recommended that only ONE project be cascaded- **the I-26/I-240 (I-2513A) project in Buncombe County**- and that the other projects not be cascaded at this time.

Based on the recommended scenario for cascading projects and the MPO's methodology, the following projects would receive MPO local input points in the Regional Impact tier:

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Project Category	Route	From / Cross Street	To	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)	County(s)
Regional Impact	NC 280 (Boylston Hwy)	NC 191 Northern Intersection (Old Haywood Road)	NC 191 Southern Intersection (Haywood Road)	Upgrade Roadway with Access Management and Intersection realignment and improvements.	11 - Access Management	$ 9,600,000	**47.36**	Henderson
Statewide Mobility	I-26, I-240	North of I-26/I-40 Split	North of SR 3548 (Haywood Road)	Add Additional Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	$ 81,700,000	**43.84**	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	US 74 Alternate (South Tunnel Road)	Eastern end of the Tunnel	Roadway improvements and access management to include complete streets elements.	11 - Access Management	$ 21,400,000	**38.58**	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 74 Alternate (Fairview Road)	NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road)	Cedar Street	Implement Access Management and spot intersection improvements. Include complete streets elements.	11 - Access Management	$ 17,000,000	**37.74**	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 276	SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Rd), Raccoon Rd		Realignment of offset intersection.	21 - Realign Multiple Intersections	$ 2,700,000	**34.45**	Haywood
Regional Impact	US 19 (Soco Road)	SR 1304 (Fie Top Road at Ghost Town in the Sky)	Blue Ridge Parkway	Modernize Roadway.	16 - Modernize Roadway	$ 26,600,000	**34.45**	Haywood

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Project Category	Route	From / Cross Street	To	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)	County(s)
Regional Impact	NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road)	US 70 (Tunnel Road)	US 74 (South Tunnel Road)	Add Roadway Improvements with Complete Streets elements.	16 - Modernize Roadway	$ 23,100,000	**33.71**	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 276 (Russ Avenue)	US 23-74 (Great Smoky Mountain Expressway)	US 19 (Dellwood Rd)	Access management	11 - Access Management	$ 13,600,000	**33.61**	Haywood
Regional Impact	US 25 ALT (Sweeten Creek Road)	I-40	London Road	Modernize roadway by adding turn lanes, access management and intersection improvements with complete streets elements.	16 - Modernize Roadway	$ 14,100,000	**28.74**	Buncombe
Regional Impact	US 19 Business (Weaverville Highway), US 23 Business	Beaver Drive near the Asheville / Woodfin Town Limit	SR 1740 (New Stock Road)	Weaverville Highway - Woodfin - Major Upgrade	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	$ 32,900,000	**27.81**	Buncombe
Regional Impact	NC 191 (Brevard Road/Old Haywood Road)	NC 280	NC 146	Widen to Multi-Lanes with Bicycle Lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	$ 39,800,000	**17.45**	Buncombe, Henderson

A full table of MPO projects and scores will be made available at the meeting and will be posted on the MPO website.

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Other things to note:

-The MPO would utilize 1,100 of its 1,800 local input points based on the draft local input points as presented, based on the methodology

-Amount of funding projected to be available in Region G (Divisions 13 & 14) based on NCDOT projections for the Regional Impact tier: $244,818,000

-Total estimated cost of projects receiving local input points: $282,500,000

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Item 5C:

Changing the MPO Dues Billing Process

Background

In the past, the French Broad River MPO/Land of Sky Regional Council only billed the seven agencies currently responsible for MPO dues based on the amount expended by quarter, rather than based on the full budgeted amount. This creates a disconnection between federal MPO PL funds which can be set aside in the MPO's unobligated fund balance and drawn down at a later point for MPO planning tasks, and the local match required to draw down those federal funds, which is currently limited to one fiscal year.

Additional factors have come into play recently which point to the need to bill the local agencies for the full local dues amount budgeted, to be able to carry a small amount of local dues in reserve from year to year if needed:

- The addition of a new planner position to the MPO budget will likely mean that we are closer to drawing down 100% of the MPO budget from year to year
- Land Use and SE Data Forecast special study: this study is expected to be done by a consultant, with the costs to be split up between the MPO's FY 2018 and FY 2019 regular budget. While the RFP for this study has been issued, it is not expected that we will see any billing for this study until July 2018. If the local dues budgeted to support this study in FY 2018 are not carried over into FY 2019, the MPO will be over budget in FY 2019 and MPO staff would have to go back out to local jurisdictions to request an additional local match.

Any future expenditure of MPO PL (federal) funds and local match would still be under the full oversight of the FBRMPO Board. This change is intended to give the FBRMPO

additional flexibility to adjust to the cyclical nature of some of the plan updates and utilize the local funds in the year that they are most needed, without increasing the local dues. This change would need to occur for the 4th quarter of FY 2018 to ensure sufficient funding for Land Use and SE Data forecast study.

If this change is approved, going forward, FBRMPO/Land of Sky Regional Council could bill the budgeted dues amount in one annual sum for those jurisdictions that prefer it, or continue with quarterly billing.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend for FBRMPO Board Approval the change in the MPO dues billing process, starting with FY 2018 4th quarer, to occur based on the amount budgeted for the year, rather than based on the funds spent down per quarter.

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Item 5D:

STBG and TAP Project Selection

About STBG Funding

The Surface Transportation Block Grant Program is a funding program under FHWA which allocates funds to Transportation Management Areas (TMAs), i.e. MPOs with a population of 200,000 or more. The French Broad River MPO receives approximately $3,800,000/year for programming. Member governments may apply to use the funds for eligible transportation projects in the MPO planning area.

2018 Call for Projects

The French Broad River MPO held a call for projects from January-March, 2018 and also held a training for the use of funds with NCDOT, FHWA, and interested staff from member governments.

The MPO received 10 applications from the call for projects and these projects were scored using the approved MPO methodology. For information on all the projects, see the following page:

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Local Government	Project	Phase	Mode	Federal Funding Requested	Project Score
City of Asheville	Purchase of Buses	Purchase	Transit	$5,705,040	70
City of Asheville	River-to-Ridge Greenways (French Broad River West and Town Branch Greenways- part of U-5019)	CST	Bike/Ped	$7,420,000	66
City of Asheville	Johnston Boulevard Sidewalks	CST	Bike/Ped	$1,880,000	63
City of Asheville	New Haw Creek Road Sidewalks	CST	Bike/Ped	$1,900,000	52
City of Asheville	Onteora Boulevard Sidewalks	CST	Bike/Ped	$912,000	49
Buncombe County	New Bridge from NC 191 over the French Broad River	CST	Roadway	$4,000,000	31
Buncombe County	Hominy Creek Greenway	CST	Bike/Ped	$4,800,000	66
Mills River	NC 280 Multi-Use Path	PE	Bike/Ped	$240,000	53
Town of Canton	Champion Drive Sidewalks	PE, ROW	Bike/Ped	$350,000	54
Town of Black Mountain	Riverwalk Greenway	PE, CST	Bike/Ped	$1,800,000	82

The total amount of funding requested exceeded the amount of funding available ($21,900,000 in both STBG and TAP), therefore not all projects could be funded.

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Recommended Projects

The MPO's Prioritization Subcommittee made recommendations based on project scores as well as a requested modification from the City of Asheville (the City of Asheville requested that the River-to-Ridge Greenway project be partially funded to allow New Haw Creek Road and Johnston Boulevard sidewalk projects to be fully funded). Recommended projects include:

Local Government	Project	Federal Funds Requested	Project Score
Town of Black Mountain	Riverwalk Greenway	$1,800,000	82
City of Asheville	Purchase of Buses	$5,705,040	70
Buncombe County	Hominy Creek Greenway	$4,800,000	66
City of Asheville	Town Branch Greenway	$3,420,000	66
City of Asheville	Johnston Boulevard Sidewalks	$1,880,000	63
Town of Canton	Champion Drive Sidewalks	$350,000	54
Mills River	NC 280 Multi-Use Path	$240,000	53
City of Asheville	New Haw Creek Sidewalks	$1,900,000	52
City of Asheville	Onteora Boulevard Sidewalks	$912,000	49

Total Amount to be Programmed: $21,007,040

Staff Recommendation: Recommend for FBRMPO Board Approval the STBG and TAP projects funding recommendation as listed above.

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FTA JARC and 5310 Projects Selection

JARC (Jobs Access Reverse Commute) and 5310 (Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) are two different transit and human services transportation funding categories allocated to the Asheville Urbanized Area. French Broad River MPO holds a call for projects once a year, and the City of Asheville is the Designated Recipient for those funds. The application process for spring 2018 round ran from January 26 to March 29th. Additional information about those programs available here: www.fbrmpo.org/jarc

JARC Funding has two categories for the spring 2018 call for projects:

- Haywood County dedicated funding
- Regional pot of JARC funding

5310 Grant has two categories of funding as well:

- Traditional/capital projects: at least 55% of the total funding amount has to go to "traditional" projects
- Other/operations type projects: no more than 45% of the total funding amount can go to those projects

MPO staff were getting a very low response and were not able to hold a JARC 5310 Selection Committee meeting. Instead, preliminary recommendations will be presented to the Prioritization Subcommittee on 5/8/2018 and JARC 5310 Selection Committee members were notified of preliminary results and provided with an opportunity to comment. The recommended funding amounts that follow are subject to modifications that might be recommended by the Prioritization Subcommittee or JARC 5310 Selection Committee members.

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MPO staff request that the Prioritization Subcommittee be made the default selection committee for JARC and 5310 grant funding going forward, due to the difficulty of maintaining sufficient interest and response from the JARC 5310 Selection Committee member agencies.

Action Required: Recommend for MPO Board approval funding for JARC and 5310 projects, as presented; recommend for MPO Board approval that the Prioritization Subcommittee be made the default selection committee for those grants in future FBRMPO calls for projects.

FBRMPO Spring 2018 Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Call for Projects Funding Available		
Total Regional Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Available for Spring 2018 JARC Call for Projects minus Administrative Fee	**$354,516**	*In yellow: adjusted after FY 2018 full allocation tables published by FTA, May 8, 2018*
Haywood County JARC Available for Spring 2018 JARC Call for Projects (FY 2017) minus 10% Administrative Fee	**$148,686**	

JARC Projects Preliminary Recommendation for Funding

Projects Submitted	Recommended Funding Level	Local Match based on funded amount	Total Recommended Funding	Federal Funding Amount Requested	Grant Funding Type Allocated to the Project	FBRMPO Expected TIP Amendment or Modification Date
Buncombe County Black Mountain Trailblazer Operating Assistance (two years of operations funding requested, December 2018-June 2020 plus 6 mo for grant close-out). Recommended to fund at 93.1% level	$ 190,515	190,515	381,030	$ 204,635	10% set-aside for JARC of regional 5307 allocation	June 2018
City of Asheville Black Mountain Transit Route 170-Continued Support for Operations, two years of funding requested, January 2019-January 2021 plus an additional year for the grant close-out) Recommended to fund at 93.1% level	$ 128,276	$ 128,276	256,552	$ 137,783	10% set-aside for JARC of regional 5307 allocation	June 2018
City of Asheville-Administrative Oversight of JARC projects (at 10% of funding requested)	$ 35,421.24	-	35,421	$ 34,242	10% set-aside for JARC of regional 5307 allocation	June 2018
Combined Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Regional Funding Projects Selected for Funding Including Admin. Oversight	**$ 354,212**	**318,791**	**$ 673,004**	**$ 376,660**		
Mountain Projects (Haywood County) New Deviated Fixed Route-Capital. Recommended to fund at 100% level	$ 68,236	17,059	85,295	$ 68,236	Haywood County JARC set-aside based on 5307 Formula Study ($165.2k for FY 2017)	June 2018
Mountain Projects (Haywood County) New Deviated Fixed Route-Operations. Recommended to fund at 100% level	$ 80,450	80,450	160,900	$ 80,450	Haywood County JARC set-aside based on 5307 Formula Study ($165.2k for FY 2017)	June 2018
City of Asheville-Administrative Oversight of Mountain Projects JARC project (at 10% of funding requested)	$ 14,869	-	14,869	$ 14,869	Haywood County JARC set-aside based on 5307 Formula Study ($165.2k for FY 2017)	June 2018
Total Haywood County Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Set-Aside Including Admin. Oversight	**$ 163,555**	**97,509**	**261,064**	**$ 163,555**		
Combined Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Projects Selected for Funding Including Admin. Oversight	**$517,767**	**$416,300**	**$934,067**	**$540,214**	**Combined Regional JARC-both Haywood County set-aside and general 10% set-aside of regional 5307 allocation**	

Marked in green: right of first refusal (Haywood portion) projects or administrative fee

FBRMPO Spring 2018 5310 Call for Projects Preliminary Results

FY 2017 5310 Funding Available			$				329,452
Applicant	**Project Name**	**Project Description**	**Recommended Funding Level**	**Federal Funding Amount Requested**	**Capital/ Operations/Admin.**	**Type of Project (Traditional/ Other)**	**Amount recommended for funding vs. applied for**
Traditional projects funded at 90% of funding requested							
City of Asheville	ADA Paratransit acquisition of services	Support purchase of ADA Paratransit services from Mountain Mobility for one year, July 19-June 2020 (expected POP from July 1st, 2019 - June 30th, 2021)	**$ 135,000**	$ 150,000	Capital-purchase of service under a contract	Traditional	90%
Buncombe County	Buncombe County Additional Elderly and Disabled Transportation	Buncombe County will utilize 5310 grant funding to provide additional on-demand transportation for medical and general trips for eligible older adults over 60, medical, shopping, and other trips for demand-response customers with disabilities, and trips for seniors and individuals with disabilities who are clients of agencies that utilize funds allocated to Buncombe County under the NCDOT ROAP- EDTAP category. This is a traditional (capital) project based on transportation services being acquired by Buncombe County under a contract with a private provider. This funding is for one year, transportation to be provided from July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020, with closeout activities afterwards (expected POP July 1, 2019-June 30, 2021).	**$ 46,575**	$ 51,750	Capital-purchase of service under a contract	Traditional	90%
Other projects funded at 61.9% of funding requested except Madison County (the smallest project) funded at 100%							
Council on Aging-Buncombe County	Council on Aging CAR Volunteer Driver Program for Older Adults	The Call-a-Ride (CAR) program offers volunteer transportation assistance to Buncombe County residents age 60 and older. Transportation may include levels of service up to and including door-through-door service and waiting at the destination. CAR volunteers provide transportation to medical appointments, grocery stores and other destinations that are vital for supporting seniors who are not able to utilize other transportation resources to remain in their home.	$ 16,311	$ 26,350	Operating	Other	61.90%
Land of Sky Regional Council Senior Companions Program (SCP)	Expansion of Senior Companion Program in Buncombe and Henderson	The SCP is an existing program providing companionship services to senior adults who need additional assistance to stay independent in their homes for as long as possible. Transportation is an important component for homebound seniors. SCP volunteers can transport clients to grocery stores, shopping trips and social engagements. SCP volunteers provide transportation for seniors, as well as companionship and socialization necessary for overall health and independence. This funding would help continue and expand an existing program. Project to take place during FY 2019-2020 (Expected POP January 2019--December 2020)	$ 33,426	$ 54,000	Operating	Other	61.90%
Buncombe County	RIDE Vouchers Program-Support for Taxi Services for Individuals with Disabilities	The RIDE Program is a curb-to-curb, subsidized transportation program that allows eligible participants to purchase private transportation services at a significant discount. This funding request is for a portion of FY 2019 and FY 2020: March 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020, with closeout activities afterwards (Expected POP March 2019-June 2021)	$ 60,053	$ 97,016	Operating	Other	61.90%
Madison County	Madison County Senior Transportation to Meal Sites	Madison County is requesting supplemental funding for transportation provided by the Madison County Transportation Authority to two of our Senior Center/Meal Sites for participants 60+ years or older. Daily transport to meal sites ensures access to a daily hot meal, companionship and exposure to a support system within both communities for seniors. Events, screenings, promotional health education opportunities and food access are all provided through the Senior/ Meal Site centers. This funding would support the use of the van maintenance, van fuel and the driver employee. The project would start in the fall of 2018 and would continue through January 2020, with additional time for close-out activities afterwards. (Expected POP September 2018-June 30, 2021).	$ 5,000	$ 5,000	Operating	Other	100.00%
Admin Fee (City of Asheville) at 10%			$ 32,929.39		Admin	Other	

5310 Federal Funding Allocated, Spring 2016 5310 Call for Projects	**$ 329,294**	**Percentage of Total Funding Traditional (min. 55%) vs. Other**	
Total Traditional Projects funding-federal FTA 5310	$ 181,575	55.1%	Required 55% or higher
Total Other Projects funding-federal FTA 5310	$ 147,719	44.9%	Required 45% or lower
Total	**$ 329,294**	**100.0%**	

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Item 5F:

Balfour Parkway Resolution to Withdraw the FBRMPO Support for this Project

Henderson County Board of Commissioners has voted against Balfour Parkway project, R-5744, moving forward with the preliminary engineering and environmental review phase. The resolution being considered today is to make a statement that the French Broad River MPO is withdrawing support from this project. A TIP Amendment will be initiated at a later date to remove the project R-5744, section A, from the French Broad River MPO TIP.

Action Required: Recommend for MPO Board approval the resolution to withdraw MPO support from the Balfour Parkway project.

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RESOLUTION WITHDRAWING THE FBRMPO SUPPORT FROM THE BALFOUR PARKWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) Board is the duly recognized transportation decision-making body for the continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process of the FBRMPO Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the French Broad River MPO has previously submitted the Balfour Parkway project for STI/SPOT Prioritization at the request from Henderson County to compete for funding in the Transportation Improvement Program and Section A was selected for funding in the 2018-2027 TIP and STIP; and

WHEREAS, the French Broad River MPO has adopted the 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program on August 27, 2017, which included funding for R-5744 Section A, Balfour Parkway with a ROW date of 2022 and construction scheduled date of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Balfour Parkway has generated a lot of community concerns while going through preliminary engineering and environmental review process; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners has removed its support from the project at the meeting on 5/7/2018 and has requested that the French Broad River MPO remove this project from the Transportation Improvement Program due to a lack of community support for the project at this time;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization withdraws its support for project R-5744 Balfour Parkway, with a TIP Amendment to remove this project from the 2018-2027 TIP expected to take place during the June 28, 2018 FBRMPO Board meeting.

ADOPTED: This the 24th day of May, 2018

William Lapsley, FBRMPO Board Chair

Attest: Lyuba Zuyeva,
FBRMPO Director

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