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SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC) MEETING

May 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Electronic Meeting due to COVID-19

AGENDA

Welcome and Housekeeping

- 1. Introductions and Quorum check (Paige Dowling, TCC Chair)**
- 2. Ethics Reminder* (Dowling)**
- 3. Agenda Approval/Modifications (Dowling)**
- 4. Public Comment**

Action Items

- 5. Minutes from January 15, 2020 SWRPO TCC meeting (Rose Bauguess)**
- 6. FY 2021 SWRPO Planning Work Program (Bauguess)**
- 7. Resolution in Support of Town of Hayesville's Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant Application (Bauguess)**

Informational Items

- 8. SWRPO Staff Update (Bauguess)**
- 9. NCDOT Division 14 Update (Brian Burch)**
- 10. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update (Roger Castillo)**

Other Items

- 11. TCC Member Updates (All)**
- 12. Adjournment (Dowling)**

**In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every TCC member to avoid conflicts of interest. If anyone has a conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the TCC today, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the matter involved.*

Cherokee County
Andrews
Murphy

Clay County
Hayesville

Graham County
Fontana Dam
Lake Santeetlah
Robbinsville

Jackson County
Dillsboro
Forest Hills
Sylva
Webster

Macon County
Franklin
Highlands

Swain County
Bryson City



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**SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (SWRPO)
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting Summary**

Meeting Date: January 15, 2020

Location: Andrews, NC

Jurisdiction	Representative	Title	01/15/2020
Cherokee County	Randy Wiggins	County Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrews	Vacant	Town Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murphy	Chad Simons	Town Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay County	Vacant	County Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graham County	Becky Garland	County Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fontana Dam	Zelerie Rogers	Town Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jackson County	Michael Poston	Planning Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dillsboro	Debbie Coffey	Town Clerk	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sylva	Paige R. Dowling, Chair	Town Manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Macon County	Jack Morgan	Planning & Development Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Franklin	Justin Setser	Town Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Highlands	Michael Mathis	Town Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Swain County	Kevin King	County Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bryson City	Regina Mathis	Town Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>
EBCI	Eden Brown	Cherokee DOT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transit	Kim Angel	Macon Co. Transit Director	<input type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Steve Williams	Division Planning Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT TPB	Roger Castillo (via phone)	SWRPO Coordinator	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:			6

Representing	Name	Title	Present
Southwestern Commission	Rose Bauguess	RPO Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Troy Wilson	Corridor Development Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Chris Lee	District Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Andy Russell	District Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Spencer McDonald	Trainee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL NON-VOTERS PRESENT:			5

Cherokee County
Andrews
Murphy

Clay County
Hayesville

Graham County
Fontana Dam
Lake Santeetlah
Robbinsville

Jackson County
Dillsboro
Forest Hills
Sylva
Webster

Macon County
Franklin
Highlands

Swain County
Bryson City

Welcome and Housekeeping:

1. Chair Paige Dowling called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. Paige determined a quorum was present.
2. Dowling reminded members of the ethics statement printed on the agenda.
3. Dowling reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any modifications. Michael Poston motioned to approve the agenda as presented; Steve Williams seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
4. Dowling offered the opportunity for public comment; no members of the public were present.

Action Items:

5. Rose Bauguess presented the minutes from the November 13, 2019 SWRPO TCC meeting for review and discussion. Poston motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Williams; the motion passed unanimously.
6. Bauguess presented the Graham County CTP Amendment. Poston motioned to approve the amendment, seconded by Justin Setser; the motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items:

7. Bauguess provided the SWRPO Staff update, including:
 - Prioritization 6.0 schedule update.
 - Overview of the 2018 Crash Facts Report and summary data for each of our counties.
 - Overview of the NC F1RST Commission, which is tasked with studying potential funding strategies for future transportation needs.
 - Exhaustive recap of the keynote speech from the recent NC Transportation Summit regarding technology disruptors in transportation.
8. NCDOT's Steve Williams provided Division 14 updates.

Guest Presentation: Andy Russell and Chris Lee provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of NCDOT's District Offices.

9. Roger Castillo provided a handout for the Transportation Planning Division update.
10. TCC Member updates were skipped due to time constraints.
11. Poston moved to adjourn; Jack Morgan made a second.

FY 2020-2021
 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
 ANNUAL PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES TABLE

Southwestern RPO

TASK CODE	WORK CATEGORY	RPO PROGRAM FUNDS		
		LOCAL 20%	STATE 80%	TOTAL
I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT				
I-1	DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000
I-1.1	Highway			
I-1.2	Other Modes			
I-1.3	Socioeconomic			
I-1.4	Title VI			
II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING				
II-1	COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,200	\$ 12,800	\$ 16,000
II-1.1	Develop CTP Vision			
II-1.2	Conduct CTP Needs Assessment			
II-1.3	Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening			
II-1.4	Develop Final Plan			
II-1.5	Adopt Plan			
II-2	PRIORITIZATION	\$ 2,800	\$ 11,200	\$ 14,000
II-2.1	Project Prioritization			
II-3	PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,200	\$ 12,800	\$ 16,000
II-3.1	STIP Participation			
II-3.2	Merger / Project Development			
II-4	GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 5,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning			
II-4.2	Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings			
III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES				
III-1	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,219	\$ 12,875	\$ 16,094
III-1.1	Administrative Documents			
III-1.2	TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance			
III-1.3	Program Administration			
IV. DIRECT COSTS				
IV-1	PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES	\$ 2,400	\$ 9,600	\$ 12,000
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs			
IV-2	ADVERTISING	\$ 40	\$ 160	\$ 200
IV-2.1	News Media Ads			
IV-3	LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS	\$ 640	\$ 2,560	\$ 3,200
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs			
IV-3.2	Meal Costs			
IV-3.3	Incidentals			
IV-4	POSTAGE	\$ 20	\$ 80	\$ 100
IV-4.1	Mailings			
IV-5	REGISTRATION / TRAINING	\$ 200	\$ 800	\$ 1,000
IV-5.1	Conference Registration			
IV-5.2	Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees			
IV-6	TRAVEL	\$ 600	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,000
IV-6.1	Mileage Reimbursement			
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs			
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses			
V. INDIRECT COSTS				
V-1	INDIRECT COSTS APPROVED BY COGNIZANT AGENCY FY 18-19	\$ 6,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 30,000
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs			
TOTAL		\$ 28,319	\$ 113,275	\$ 141,594

Approved by the TAC on: May 27, 2020

Signature, TAC Chairman

Signature, RPO Secretary

**FY 2020-2021
PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
Narrative
Southwestern Rural Planning Organization**

I. DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT

I-1 DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT		\$ 5,000.00
I-1.1 Highway	Analyze crash data and traffic data as needed.	
I-1.2 Other Modes	Support transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and freight data assessment efforts as needed.	
I-1.3 Socioeconomic	Update Socioeconomic and demographic data as needed. Provide support for 2020 census data collection.	
I-1.4 Title VI	Ensure compliance with Title VI requirements.	

II. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

II-1 COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP) DEVELOPMENT		\$ 16,000.00
II-1.1 Develop CTP Vision	Swain County CTP	
II-1.2 Conduct CTP Needs Assessment	Swain County CTP	
II-1.3 Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening	Swain County CTP	
II-1.4 Develop Final Plan	Swain County CTP	
II-1.5 Adopt Plan	Macon County CTP	
II-2 PRIORITIZATION		\$ 14,000.00
II-2.1 Project Prioritization	Communicate prioritization information to local officials and the public. Develop P6.0 Local Methodology, score projects, and apply local input points.	
II-3 PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT		\$ 16,000.00
II-3.1 STIP Participation	Track and communicate project schedules to local governments and the public.	
II-3.2 Merger / Project Development	Provide planner input and represent local priorities during project scoping and development; provide communication on projects to citizens and groups; assist with local officials meetings and public workshops. A-0009 Merger meetings and local officials meetings, public communications. R-5847 Merger meetings	
II-4 GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING		\$ 25,000.00
II-4.1 Regional and Statewide Planning	Participate in NCARPO quarterly meetings, Western Coalition meetings, MPO conference, Public Transit conference, Bike/Ped conference, Traffic Safety conference, NADO conference, Rail conference, Public Participation conference, NCDOT public involvement steering committee, other regional planning and/or transportation related meetings and conferences.	
II-4.2 Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings	Administer the SPR Grant for the Transload Feasibility Study; GIS Training, Facilitation training.	

III. ADMINISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND POLICIES

III-1 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES \$ 16,094.00

III-1.1 Administrative Documents

Prepare PWP, amendments, Quarterly Reports and Final Yearly Narrative. Update MOU, Bylaws, or PIP as needed.

III-1.2 TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance

Facilitate TCC and TAC committee meetings and work sessions; prepare agendas, materials, and presentations. Ensure TAC compliance with Ethics Commission requirements.

III-1.3 Program Administration

General RPO communications and administration; responding to questions and requests for assistance from the press, citizens, government staff, developers, and elected officials. Providing transportation planning education for citizens and groups. Maintain RPO website, social media pages, and other communication channels.

IV. DIRECT COSTS

IV-1 PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES \$ 12,000.00

IV-1.1 Program-wide Direct Costs

Operating costs of the RPO program

IV-2 ADVERTISING \$ 200.00

IV-2.1 News Media Ads

Advertising for public meetings, public comment

IV-3 LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS \$ 3,200.00

IV-3.1 Hotel Costs

Overnight stays necessary to attend NCARPO quarterly meetings, NCAMPO Conference, NADO Conference, Leadership Training, Facilitation training, GIS Training, SPOT training, Public transit conference, Bike/Ped conference, Public Participation conference, Traffic safety conference, Merger team meetings.

IV-3.2 Meal Costs

Meal costs related to overnight travel

IV-3.3 Incidentals

Tips, hotel parking

IV-4 POSTAGE \$ 100.00

IV-4.1 Mailings

Postage and shipping costs

IV-5 REGISTRATION / TRAINING \$ 1,000.00

IV-5.1 Conference Registration

NCAMPO Conference, NADO conference, Rail conference, Bike/Ped conference, Traffic safety conference, Public Participation Conference

IV-5.2 Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees

GIS training, Facilitation/Leadership Training; Public Participation Training

IV-6 TRAVEL \$ 3,000.00

IV-6.1 Mileage Reimbursement

Mileage Reimbursement

IV-6.2 Car Rental Costs

Car Rental Costs

IV-6.3 Other Travel Expenses

Parking fees, airfare, other

V. INDIRECT COSTS

V-1 INDIRECT COSTS APPROVED BY COGNIZANT AGENCY FY 18-19 \$ 30,000.00

V-1.1 Incurred Indirect Costs

Indirect costs for operating the RPO Program

TOTAL \$ 141,594.00

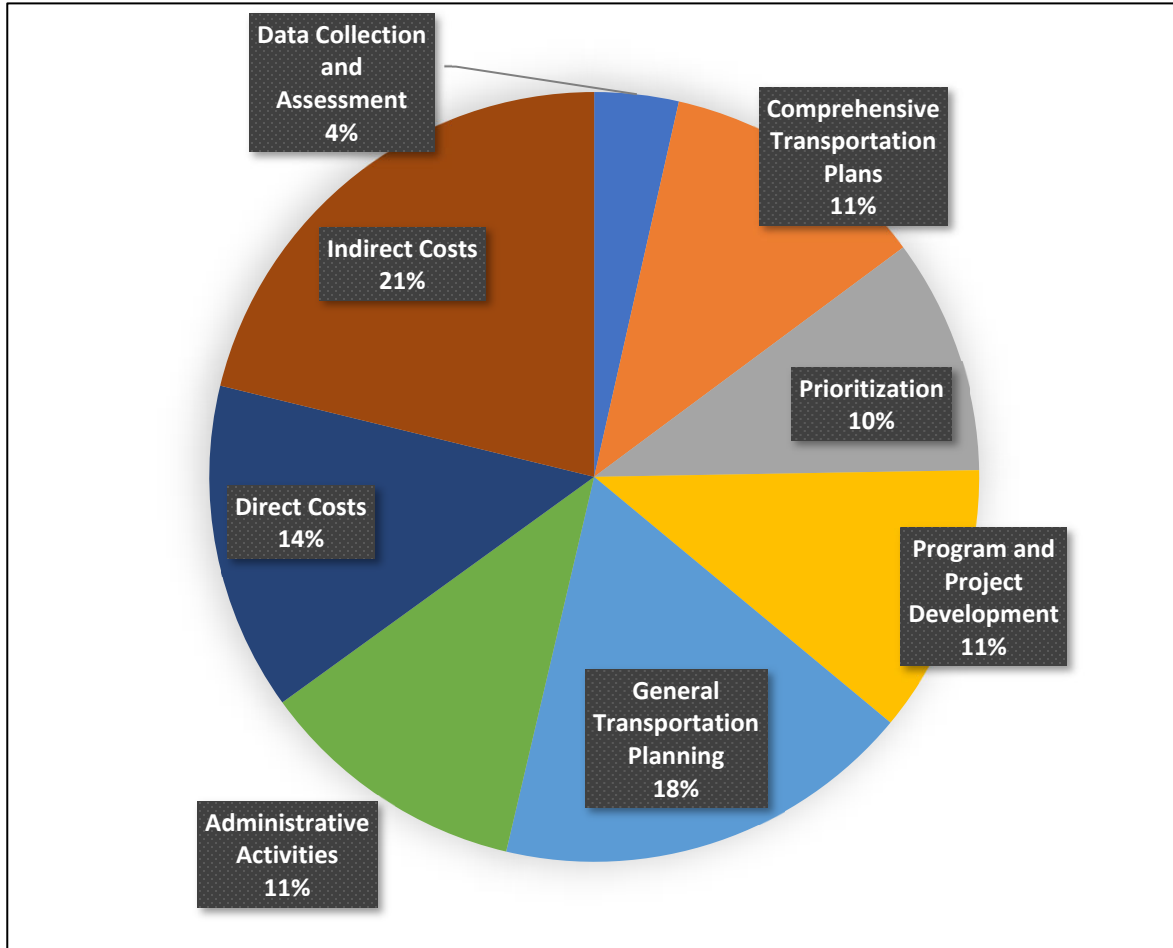
Southwestern RPO FY 2021 Planning Work Program - Special Study
 State Planning and Research Project Funding for
 Transload Facility Feasibility Study

Project cost	Federal share (80%)	State-provided local match assistance (SB 136-214) (15%)	Local share* (5%)
\$140,000	\$112,000	\$21,000	\$7,000

Project Description: The Southwestern RPO will retain a consultant to conduct a feasibility study on a potential transload facility to expand freight rail service in our region. The first phase will consist of a market demand study, and the second phase will consist of an infrastructure study.

* Local share will be provided by Great Smoky Mountains Railroad

SWRPO 2020-2021 Planning Work Program



Data Collection and Assessment	\$ 5,000
Comprehensive Transportation Plans	\$ 16,000
Prioritization	\$ 14,000
Program and Project Development	\$ 16,000
General Transportation Planning	\$ 25,000
Administrative Activities	\$ 16,094
Direct Costs	\$ 19,500
Indirect Costs	\$ 30,000
	\$ 141,594

SWRPO Program

80% Federal funds:	\$ 113,275
20% Local funds:	\$ 28,319
	\$ 141,594

SPR Transload Facility Study

80% Federal funds:	\$ 112,000
15% State match assistance:	\$ 21,000
5% Local match:	\$ 7,000
	\$ 140,000

Direct Costs:

Programmatic Direct Charges	\$ 12,000
Advertising & Postage	\$ 200
Lodging, Meals, Incidentals	\$ 3,200
Postage	\$ 100
Registration/Training	\$ 1,000
Travel	\$ 3,000
	\$ 19,500



Resolution in Support of the Town of Hayesville’s Application for a North Carolina Department of Transportation Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation’s Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation has announced the availability of Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grants for local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hayesville desires to apply for a grant to develop a Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan to improve connectivity and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hayesville recognizes the numerous health, well-being, quality of life, and economic development benefits resulting from active transportation options; and

WHEREAS, there are opportunities in the Town of Hayesville for increasing connectivity to and between residential areas, schools, recreation facilities, workplaces, civic institutions, and commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a Comprehensive Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan limits the Town’s ability to address these connectivity issues; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hayesville has previously committed to accepting and maintaining sidewalks that are constructed within its limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hayesville is committed to funding the local match of the grant amount.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Southwestern Rural Planning Organization (RPO) As Follows:

The Southwestern Rural Planning Organization wishes to support the Town of Hayesville’s application for the NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant.

Read, approved and adopted this 27th day of May 2020.

C.B. McKinnon
Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

Rose Bauguess
Southwestern RPO Planner

NEW STIP PROJECT FORMAT: @@-####@@

- All existing STIP ID#s will remain the same. Begins after May 2020
- First character corresponds to Mode.
- Second character refers to the type of project or the funding process.
- Four numbers are sequentially generated and will begin at 0001 for each Prefix
- Last two characters correspond to project breaks, as exist today with many projects

Mode	Funding Program	Full Prefix
Highway	STI (Prioritization)	HP
	Interstate Maintenance	HI
	Safety	HS
	Bridges	HB
	Locally Selected	HL
	Economic Development	HE
	Appalachian Regional Commission	HA
	Other	HO
Bike & Ped	STI (Prioritization)	BP
	Locally Selected	BL
	Other	BO
Rail	STI (Prioritization)	RP
	Rail-Highway Grade Crossing	RX
	Economic Development	RE
	Locally Selected	RL
	Other	RO
Aviation	STI (Prioritization)	AP
	Locally Selected	AL
	Other	AO
Public Transportation (Transit)	STI (Prioritization)	TP
	Locally Selected	TL
	Maintenance & Operations	TM
	Other	TO

SWRPO Highway and Non-Highway Project Development, 05/2020

Agenda Item 9.

Project ID	County	Description	R/W Acq Begins	Let Date	Status
R-5847	CHEROKEE	US 64 BUSINESS WEST OF HAYESVILLE TO EAST OF NC 141 WIDEN TO FOUR-LANES DIVIDED	7/30/2024	6/19/2029	Hold
R-5861	CHEROKEE	US 19/129 CHEROKEE COUNTY FROM GEORGIA STATE LINE TO US 64.WIDEN ROADWAY.	4/30/2020	20/20/2022	Active
R-5908	CHEROKEE	US 19/US 74/US 129 FROM US 64 TO SR 1689 (CASINO RARKWAY). MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	10/15/2021	10/17/2023	Hold
80047	CLAY	US 64 Turn Lane at SR 1353 (East Vineyard Rd)	3/15/2019	2/11/2022	Active
R-5863	CLAY	HAYESVILLE, US 64 BUSINESS FROM US 64 TO SR 1307 (MAIN STREET). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	6/10/2019	7/26/2022	Active
R-5922	CLAY	US 64 CLAY COUNTY FROM NC 175 TO SR 1349 (OLD HWY 64 EAST).WIDEN TO MULTI-LANE.	10/10/2024	10/17/2028	Hold
A-0009C	GRAHAM	FUTURE US 74 FROM US 129 TO NC 28 AT STECOAH. CONSTRUCT ROADWAY, PART ON EXISTING LOCATION, PART ON NEW LOCATION. INCLUDES A-0009B.	10/17/2023	10/17/2023	Active
R-2822B	GRAHAM	NC 143 FROM WEST BUFFALO CREEK TO NC 143 BUSINESS	10/1/2021	8/20/2024	Hold
R-5839BA	GRAHAM	NC 28 FROM SWAIN/GRAHAM COUNTY LINE AT LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER TO WOODS ROAD AT FONTANA DAM VILLAGE. UPGRADE ROADWAY.	6/30/2022	6/17/2025	Hold
44983	JACKSON	Widen roadway, add bike lanes and sidewalk on Ledbetter Road (SR 1337) from the intersection with Old Cullowhee Road to the intersection with Monteith Gap Road		7/26/2022	Hold
47855	JACKSON	Realign intersection of Skyland Drive and Chipper Curve Rdin Jackson Co		5/11/2022	Hold
EB-5923	JACKSON	SR 1432 (SKYLAND DRIVE) FROM SR 1429 (CHIPPER CURVE ROAD) TO US 23 BUSINESS - CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK	8/27/2018	1/25/2022	Hold
R-5600	JACKSON	NC 107 FROM NC 116 TO US 23 BUSINESS AND US 23 BUSINESS FROM SR 1432 (SKYLAND DRIVE) TO MUNICIPAL DRIVE	5/11/2020	12/20/2022	Active
R-5841A	JACKSON	NC 107 FROM NC 281 TO TUCKASEEGEE LAKE. WIDEN PAVEMENT TO 24 FEET WITH 5 FEET PAVED SHOULDERS.	7/12/2021	5/16/2023	Hold
R-5881	JACKSON	US 64 form NC107 to Ingles in Cashiers	7/21/2028	1/1/2040	Hold
R-5907	JACKSON	GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS EXPRESSWAY FROM US 441 GATEWAY INTERCHANGE TO SR 1391 (WEST PINEY MOUNTAIN ROAD). MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	10/17/2023	12/15/2026	Hold
W-5714E	JACKSON	US 64 APPROXIMATELY 0.8 MILE EAST OF SR 1119 (SAPPHIRE POSTOFFICE ROAD) AT "CHRYSLER CURVE" NEAR SAPPHIRE	6/28/2018	7/12/2022	Hold
AV-5850	MACON	MACON COUNTY AIRPORT, EXTEND RUNWAY.	7/1/2021	6/30/2022	Active
EB-5756	MACON	FRANKLIN - SR 1729 (DEPOT STREET) FROM US 441 BUSINESS (EAST MAIN STREET) TO SR 1667 (WAYAH STREET). CONSTRUCT MISSING SECTIONS OF SIDEWALK ALONG WEST SIDE AND CONSTRUCT NEW SIDEWALK ALONG EAST SIDE.	n/a	7/12/2022	Hold
R-5734B	MACON	US 23/US 441 FROM SR 1652 (WIDE HORIZON DRIVE) / SR 1152 (BELDEN CIRCLE) TO SR 1649 (PRENTISS BRIDGE ROAD).	6/30/2020	8/16/2022	Active
R-5734C	MACON	US23/441 from SR 1649 to GA STATE LINE			Hold
W-5714K	MACON	NC 106 FROM THE GEORGIA STATE LINE TO SR 1618 (GLEN FALLS ROAD) NEAR HIGHLANDS, rumble strips & long life pavement markings		10/26/2021	Hold
R-4751	SWAIN	US 19 FROM SR 1152 (HUGHES BRANCH RD) IN BRYSON CITY TO SR 1195 (US 19A) MODERNIZE ROADWAY	10/1/2020	9/21/2021	Active
R-5843	SWAIN	SR 1321 (BRYSON WALK) , SR 1336(DEPOT STREET)FROM SR 1323(SLOPE STREET) TO SR 1336 (DEEP CREEK ROAD) IMPROVE INTERSECTIONS.	7/13/2018	10/25/2022	Hold

SWRPO, Division 14, Construction Progress Report - 05/2020

County	TIP#	Route	Location Description	Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Actual Progress
Cherokee		US-19	BRIDGE #31 AND 33 ON US-19/129 NB/SB AND US-64/70 EB/WB OVER THE HIAWASSEE RIVER.	10/1/2019	N/A	40.86%
Cherokee	R-5735	US-19	US-19/74/64/129 FROM END OF 4 LANE DIVIDED SECTION TO US-19 BUSINESS (HIWASSEE ST).	4/13/2022		12.89%
Clay	R-5742	NC-175	NC-175 FROM THE GEORGIA STATE LINE TO US-64.	3/30/2022		27.70%
Clay	A-0011C	NC 69	NC-69 FROM THE GEORGIA STATE LINE TO US-64 (HAYESVILLE BYPASS)	3/13/2024		7.88%
Graham		SR-1127	BRIDGE NO. 370012 OVER ATOAH CREEK ON SR 1127 / HWY 143 BUS. (SNOWBIRD ROAD)	3/18/2020	8/18/2020	75.45%
Jackson	R-4753	NC-107	NC-107 FROM NORTH OF SR-1002 TO NC-281.	3/13/2020	N/A	46.95%
Jackson	B-5905	US-23	BRIDGE #27 OVER SCOTT CREEK AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD ON US-23 BUS.	2/28/2023		10.30%
Jackson		SR-1119	BRIDGE #490001 ON SR 1119 (SAPPHIRE POST OFFICE RD) OVER HORSEPASTURE RIVER	9/4/2020	9/6/2020	94.60%
Jackson		US-441	US 441 SOUTH OF SR 1300 (PUMPKINTOWN RD), SLIDE REPAIR, PHASE I	6/13/2020	10/18/2020	89.30%
Jackson		US-441	US 441 SOUTH OF SR 1300 (PUMPKINTOWN RD), SLIDE REPAIR, PHASE II	LET, Not Awarded		
Macon	R-5734A	US-23	US-23/441 FROM US-64 TO SR-1652 (WIDE HORIZON DR)/SR-1152 (BELDEN CIR) & BRIDGE NO. 314 OVER CARTOOGECCHAYE CREEK.	4/30/2021	5/28/2021	34.00%
Macon	U-5604	US-441	US-441 BUS/WAYAH ST INTERSECTIONS FROM WOMACK ST TO DEPOT ST IN FRANKLIN.	2/28/2021		55.00%
Swain		US-19	BRIDGE #8 ON U.S. 19, U.S. 74, AND N.C. 28 OVER THE LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER.	10/31/2019		54.80%
SWAIN		US-74A	WALKER MOUNTAIN SLIDE REPAIR AT MM 68.5	9/30/2020		16.18%



Macon County CTP

The Macon County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) has received steering committee feedback on Project Recommendations. We are planning our next steps towards public involvement.

NC Moves 2050

NC Moves 2050 is a plan that will provide a 30-year transportation vision and implementation plan for the state. Due to COVID-19, draft recommendation comment period will be during the month of June 2020. As it gets closer to the comment period, additional information and a 3 to 5 minute video of the draft recommendations will be provided.

We have a new fact sheet available at <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/nc-2050-plan/Documents/nc-moves-fact-sheet-strategies-for-transportation-success.pdf>

You can stay informed with project efforts throughout the study period by visiting, www.ncdot.gov/ncmoves We encourage you to share this information with others.

Strategic Transportation Corridor Studies (STCs)

The STCs are intended to promote transportation system connectivity, provide high levels of mobility, and improve access to important state and regional activity centers. NCDOT has initiated the development of a master plan vision for STC U - U.S. 74 from I-26 in Polk County to U.S. 117 in Wilmington and Corridor D – U.S. 321 from the South Carolina state line to the Tennessee state line. Surveys for these corridors are available through June 6, 2020.

US 74 Survey: <https://poll.cityzenapp.us/B371?HTTPSRedirected=true>

US 321 Survey: <https://poll.cityzenapp.us/R014?HTTPSRedirected=true>

US Census

The Census Bureau has temporarily suspended 2020 Census field data collection activities in March. Steps are being taken to reactivate field offices beginning June 1, 2020, in preparation for the resumption of field data collection operations as quickly as possible following June 1. At this time, the census Bureau is seeking statutory relief from Congress of 120 additional calendar days to deliver final apportionment counts. Under this plan, the Census Bureau would extend the window for field data collection and self-response to October 31, 2020, which will allow for apportionment counts to be delivered to the President by April 30, 2021, and redistricting data to be delivered to the states no later than July 31, 2021.

“Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina....”

- NCDOT Mission Statement

National Bike Month Kicks Off in May

The National Bike Month begins in May through September 2020. This event encourages safe bicycling in our everyday lives and highlights the benefits of bicycling for transportation and recreation. The League of American Bicyclists provides a variety of resources to help individuals celebrate National Bike Month.

<https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grants

<https://www.ncdot.gov/news/press-releases/Pages/2020/2020-02-17-bicycle-pedestrian-grants.aspx>

NCDOT is accepting applications from communities for the 2020 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative. The program provides funding for municipalities across the state to develop comprehensive bicycle or pedestrian plans.

All North Carolina municipalities are eligible to apply for a standard bike or pedestrian plan. Additionally, the following options are available:

- Counties with populations of less than 50,000 may apply for a bicycle or pedestrian plan.
- Smaller municipalities with populations of less than 10,000 can also apply to develop combined bicycle and pedestrian plans.
- Municipalities of less than 5,000 population may apply for a Project Acceleration Plan – an abbreviated plan primarily focusing on priority project identification and implementation.
- Municipalities (and counties with populations of less than 50,000) with a bicycle or pedestrian plan may also apply to update their plan if it is at least five years old.

The deadline for applications to be submitted electronically is **May 19 at 5 p.m.** Award recipients will be notified by September 2020.

NCDOT and COVID-19 Precautions

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, NCDOT has recently made changes to some of its services and operations.

See impacts and changes in Operations of the North Carolina Department of transportation due to COVID-19 in the link below:

<https://www.ncdot.gov/news/Pages/ncdot-covid-19-response.aspx>

Upcoming	Date
3rd Quarter invoice and work summary due	May 10, 2020
Last day to submit adopted FY 21 PWP	May 29, 2020
Last day to submit revised FY 21 PWP with signatures	June 29, 2020

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