



High Country Rural Planning Organization (RPO)

Municipalities and Counties of
Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey

*"Serving North Carolina's High Country with Continuing, Cooperative, and
Comprehensive Transportation Planning"*



Brenda Lyerly, RTAC Chair

David Graham, Transportation Planner

Jose Butron, RTCC Chair

RURAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (RTCC)

Agenda **February 18, 2026** **10:00 AM**

Action Items

1. Approval of November 19, 2025 Minutes (RTCC Chair)
2. Approval of Prioritization 8.0 Methodology (David Graham/RTCC Chair)

Informational Items

3. NCDOT Confident Scope & Cost Estimate Presentation (Teresa Robinson PE, NCDOT Planning and Programming Division)
4. Public Transit Update (Local Transit Agency Representatives)
5. Prioritization 8.0 Update (David Graham)
6. Project Development Update (David Graham)
7. Division Engineers Report (NCDOT Division 11 and Division 13 Representatives)
8. Transportation Planning Division Report (NCDOT Transportation Planning Representative)

Other Items

9. Committee Member Comments/Other Business (RTCC Chair)
10. Public Comment (RTCC Chair)
11. Adjournment (RTCC Chair)

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the RTCC is May 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

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**High Country RPO
Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC)
November 19, 2025
Minutes**

The Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee held their quarterly meeting on November 19, 2025 at 10:00 am in the High Country Council of Governments Board Room in Boone. The following members were present:

Kevin Rothrock – Town of Blowing Rock
Sean Sizemore – NCDOT Div. 11
Doug Phillips – NCDOT Division 13
Todd Moody – Town of Boone
Brantley Price – Town of West Jefferson
Reuben Crummy – NCDOT TPD
Neal Winebarger – ASU
Robin Miller – Blowing Rock Chamber

Dylan Powell – Town of Wilkesboro
Chris Grubb – HCCOG
Matthew Levi – Ashe County
Melissa Rector – Alleghany in Motion
Debbie Smith – Avery County Transportation
Jose Butron – Town of Sparta
Phillip Barrier – Avery County

Guests Present: Stephen Sparks – NCDOT Div. 13, Travis Chrisawn – NCDOT Div. 11, David Wayne – NCDOT Div. 11, Soon Chung – NCDOT, Hannah Clements – Stantec, Matt Quesenberry – NCDOT, Sonya Tankersley – NCDOT, Ashley Rodgers – NCDOT, and Hasan Obias – NCDOT.

Staff Present: David Graham – Transportation Planner, Julie Wiggins – Executive Director, and Victoria Oxentine – Communications Manager.

Call to Order

Chairman Kevin Rothrock called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Brantley Price moved to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Matthew Levi. Motion carried.

Approval of Functional Classification Updates

David Graham, Transportation Planner presented a memo outlining the Functional Classification Process and the two projects that need to be updated in Alleghany County. Jose Butron made a motion to approve the Functional Classification Updates. Phillip Barrier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selection of RTCC Chair and Vice Chair

David Graham, Transportation Planner thanked Kevin Rothrock for her service as Chairman the last two years. There were nominations from the floor to name Jose Butron as the RTCC Chair and Matthew Levi as Vice Chair. Phillip Barrier made a motion to approve the nominations. Brantley Price seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RTAC Membership Terms Update

David Graham, Transportation Planner listed the many RTAC terms that are expiring and noted that Town/County Managers are aware and are working with him on those RTAC appointments.

NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit Presentation

Matt Quesenberry, NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit Manager presented a PowerPoint regarding the NCDOT Feasibility Study Process. This study aims to assist with feasibility and more accurate estimates. Mr. Quesenberry discussed goals and risks as well as the two phases, Express Design Evaluation and the Project Scoping Report. Mr. Quesenberry noted the importance of stakeholder engagement and review during the process.

Public Transit Update

Debbie Smith, Avery County Transportation and Melissa Rector, Alleghany in Motion gave Public Transit updates.

Prioritization 8.0 Update

David Graham, Transportation Planner discussed the schedule and timeline for P8.0 and two Express Designs that have been submitted from the region.

Project Development Update

David Graham, Transportation Planner highlighted important Project Development updates, noting that one project in Watauga County has been completed.

Division Engineers' Report (Division 11 and 13 Representatives)

Sean Sizemore and Travis Chrisawn discussed Division 11 projects and updates. Doug Phillips discussed Division 13 projects and updates.

Transportation Planning Division Report

Hannah Clements, Stantec Representative, presented a PowerPoint regarding an update on the Region 4 Travel Demand Model. Ms. Clements discussed the project team, data collection, and next steps in the process. Reuben Crummy, NCDOT TPD reviewed his newsletter and announced that the Alleghany and Ashe County CTPs have now been adopted. Mr. Crummy also discussed next steps and schedules for the Watauga County CTP process and its alignment with the Travel Demand Model.

Committee Member Comments/Other Business

David Graham thanked Phillip Barrier, Avery County Manager for his many years of service to the RTCC and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement in January 2026.

There were no public comments.

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Jose Butron, Chair

David Graham, Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: High Country RPO RTCC/RTAC

From: David Graham, High Country RPO Transportation Planner

Re: Prioritization 8.0 (P8.0) Methodology Update

The attached Prioritization 8.0 Methodology (P8.0) was used for the previous Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0) cycle. However, due to continued NCDOT budget constraints associated with increased construction costs and inaccurate cost estimates, there were no additional State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects funded in the High Country RPO region or in many other RPO's and MPO's across the state.

The Prioritization 8.0 (P8.0) Methodology will use the same processes, scoring, and ranking criteria as the P7.0 methodology with the main updates to the document being the scheduled dates for prioritization tasks (project priority solicitation, scoring, local point assignments, etc.). In addition, the North Carolina Board of Transportation reduced the number of new P8.0 allocated submittals for MPO's, RPO's, and NCDOT Divisions by 30%. For the High Country RPO, the number of new submittals were reduced from 24 to 17 and are shown accordingly in the methodology at the bottom of page 2.

Lastly, highway project scoring criteria language on page 6 has been updated from "Scheduled in the current STIP" to "Funded for Preliminary Engineering in the current STIP" to better identify those projects that NCDOT is funding for engineering in the STIP. All updates to the P8.0 methodology are highlighted in green.

The P8.0 methodology was made available for public comment during the month of January 2026. The RTAC will hold a public hearing on the P8.0 methodology during the February 18, 2026 RTAC meeting.

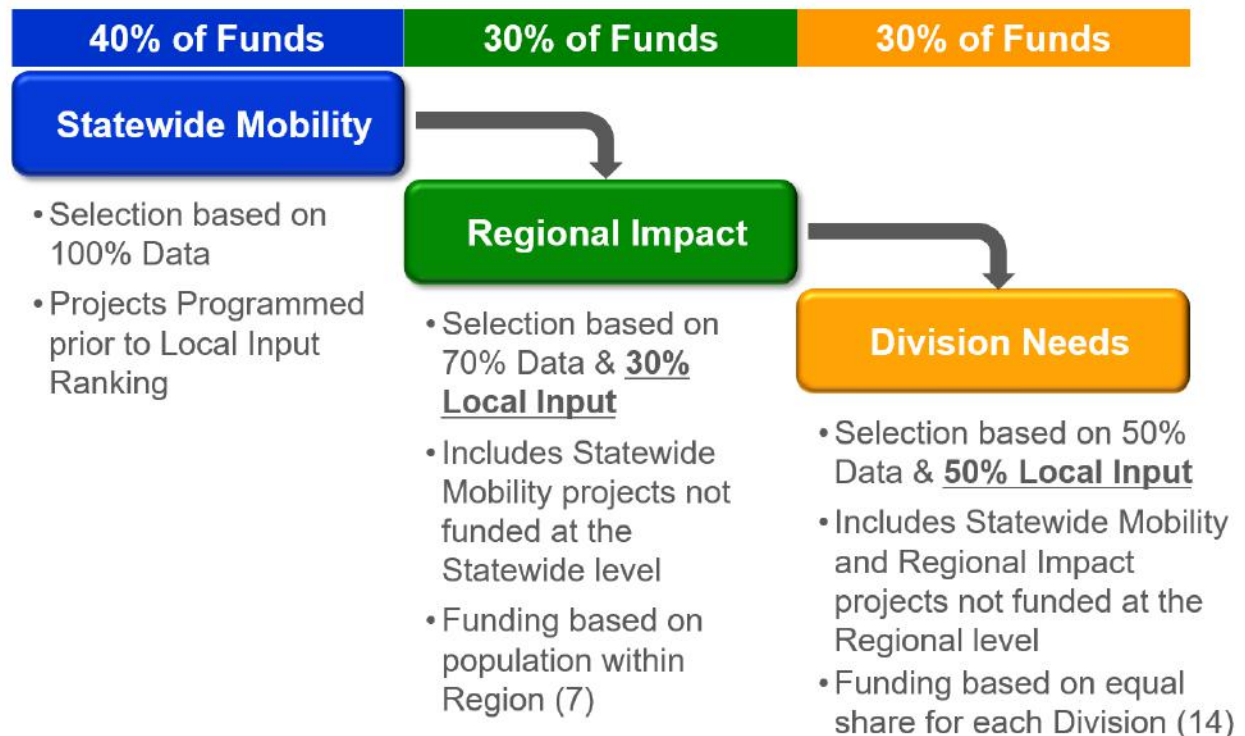
HIGH COUNTRY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO) PRIORITIZATION 8.0 METHODOLOGY

Introduction

The Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law (GS 136-189.10 and .11), enacted in 2013, directs NCDOT to select and fund major capital improvement projects using a data-driven prioritization process in combination with local input. Under STI, all major capital mobility/expansion and modernization projects across all six modes of transportation compete for funding. Each project is classified into one of three funding categories – Statewide Mobility, Regional Impact, or Division Needs – where it competes for funds with other eligible projects.

Statewide Mobility eligible projects compete against all other projects in this category across the state, and project selection is based 100% on the data-driven quantitative score. Regional Impact projects compete against all other projects in this category within the same funding region (consisting of two NCDOT Transportation Divisions), and selection is based 70% on the quantitative score and 30% on local input (15% MPO/RPO priority and 15% NCDOT Division Engineer priority). Division Needs projects compete against all other projects within the same NCDOT Transportation Division, and selection is based 50% on quantitative score and 50% on local input (25% MPO/RPO priority and 25% NCDOT Division Engineer priority).

The STI law includes an innovative component known as cascading, where projects not funded in the Statewide Mobility category are eligible for funding in the Regional Impact category. Similarly, projects not funded in the Regional Impact category are eligible for Division Needs funds. Projects that cascade down are then subject to the scoring criteria and local input for the respective funding categories.



The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and North Carolina General Assembly have required that all rural planning organizations develop a project solicitation and ranking methodology to evaluate projects for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for highway, bicycle & pedestrian, public transportation, aviation, and rail modes of transportation.

The methodology for ranking projects will include the following steps:

1. Submittal of new projects to NCDOT
2. Solicitation of transportation project priorities from the counties in the High Country RPO region
3. Ranking of solicited projects received from High Country RPO counties for the development of a Priority Needs list
4. Assignment of 1500 points to the top scoring Regional Impact and Division Needs projects on the Priority Needs list

Applicability

This methodology applies to all projects ranked by the High Country RPO in Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey counties that fall in the Regional Impact and Division Needs categories as defined in the 2013 Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) legislation. For example: US 321, US 421, and NC 226 are considered eligible Regional Impact category facilities. All county State Road (SR) Routes, airports, transit agencies, and bicycle and pedestrian projects are eligible Division Needs projects.

Statewide Mobility projects will be 100% quantitative data driven by NCDOT with no local input from the RPO or Divisions. Regional Impact projects will be 70% quantitative data driven by NCDOT with 30% local input (15% NCDOT Division 11 or 13 and 15% RPO). Division Needs level projects will be 50% quantitative data driven by NCDOT with 50% local input (25% NCDOT Division 11 or 13 and 25% RPO). Other factors like local government priorities will also be considered when scoring, ranking, and allocating local points to projects for the development of a priority needs list.

New Project Solicitation

High Country RPO staff will request new projects from the seven High Country Counties and the Town of Boone and submit them to the Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (SPOT) office for inclusion in the Project Prioritization (P8.0) database. Each county and the Town of Boone can submit up to the requisite number of new projects within each mode (highway, bicycle & pedestrian, transit, aviation, and rail) as follows:

Alleghany – 1; Ashe – 2; Avery – 2; Mitchell – 1; Watauga – 3; Wilkes – 5; Yancey – 2; Boone - 1

RPO Steps	Target Dates
Staff to solicit new transportation projects from County Managers (highway, bicycle & pedestrian, public transportation, aviation, and rail modes)	June 5, 2025 – July 16, 2025
New projects scheduled for RTCC consideration and recommendation of approval to RTAC.	August 20, 2025
New projects scheduled for consideration and approval by the RTAC.	August 20, 2025
RPO staff submittal of approved RTCC/RTAC new projects to NCDOT for project evaluation and scoring.	August 21 – September 30, 2025

Solicitation of Priority Projects for Local Scoring and Ranking

High Country RPO staff will solicit priority ranking of all eligible projects in NCDOT's P8.0 database for the High Country RPO which includes submittals from the RPO, and NCDOT's Divisions 11 and 13. All eligible projects (highway, bicycle & pedestrian, public transportation, aviation, and rail modes of transportation) from the seven High Country counties and the Town of Boone to be ranked will be in priority order and will serve as the basis for the Priority Needs List.

Scoring and Project Ranking Approach

Projects submitted will be evaluated by the criteria and scoring as detailed on pages 6 – 8 of the methodology. The resulting project scores and rankings will be adopted by the RPO as the High Country RPO Priority Needs List and will serve as the basis for assignment of points to transportation projects which include all modes of transportation.

Local Point Assignment Process

The Priority Needs List will guide the assignment of points. Projects not funded at the Statewide Mobility tier will cascade down to the Regional Impact tier for RPO scoring and ranking. After projects are locally scored and ranked, the top 15 projects receive 100 points each. The top 15 projects in the Regional Impact tier receive 100 points. The Division Needs category projects including the projects that cascade down from the Regional Impact category will be re-ranked for point allocation. *For example:* If Ashe County submits 5 priority projects for scoring and ranking in priority order (#1 - #5) and only the top 2 projects are funded at the Regional Impact category the remaining projects (#3 - #5) will cascade to the Division Needs category and will be scored and ranked as follows: Project #3 becomes priority #1, Project #4 becomes priority #2, and Project #5 becomes priority #3. Once Division Needs projects are re-ranked for point allocation, the top 15 projects in the Division Needs category will receive 100 points. High Country counties and the Town of Boone will have an opportunity to revise division projects if desired.

Regional Impact Projects: Eligible regional impact routes in the High Country RPO include US 19, US 19E, US 19W, US 21, US 221, US 321 and US 421 not otherwise eligible at the statewide level. In addition, all NC routes (NC 197, NC 194, NC 16, NC 18). The Class I railroad in Mitchell County is also an eligible regional rail line. If a project is not funded at the Regional Impact category it will shift down to the Division Needs category for RPO scoring and ranking.

Division Needs Projects: Eligible Division Needs routes in the High Country RPO include all State highways, secondary roads, and all other modes of transportation (bicycle/pedestrian, remaining rail, airport, and transit projects).

Public Input Process

Public input for the STIP prioritization process shall be in accordance with the High Country RPO Public Participation Plan. The scoring and ranking methodology will be shared with the public through press releases and posting on the High Country RPO website at <https://hccog.org/planning/#Transport> and will consider any public input. The RPO will issue a press release regarding the adoption of the Priority Needs list and provide for public comment at applicable RTCC and RTAC meetings. The prioritization of projects from the Priority Needs list will be presented at applicable RTCC and RTAC meetings and will include a public hearing component. The Priority Needs list and public input comments received will be posted on the High Country RPO website at <https://hccog.org/planning/#Transport>. In addition, any comments received during a public hearing held by the High Country RPO's RTCC or RTAC will be included in the meeting minutes. The final assignment of points by the RPO and local project scores will also be available via the High Country RPO's website.

Materials Sharing

Materials will be provided on the High Country RPO website at <https://hccog.org/planning/#Transport> and will include: 1) A link to the NCDOT STI Prioritization Resources website. 2) The adopted High Country RPO Prioritization 8.0 Methodology document and 3) Regional Impact and Division Needs local input point assignment documentation. All materials will be posted until adoption of the final STIP by the Board of Transportation.

Schedule

RPO Steps	Target Dates
The High Country RPO staff to submit the updated P8.0 draft methodology for ranking and scoring of projects to NCDOT for review and approval.	January 2026
Draft methodology available for public comment through press releases and the posting of the document on the High Country RPO website at https://hccog.org/planning/#Transport .	January 1 – 31, 2026
Consideration and approval of methodology by RTCC & RTAC with public hearing during RTAC meeting.	February 18, 2026
RPO staff to solicit priority projects with a supplemental overall project scores list (after scores are released from NCDOT) from local governments for scoring and ranking.	June 2026
RPO consideration and approval of Prioritization 7.0 Priority Needs list with public hearing during special RTAC meeting.	August 19, 2026
RPO assigns 100 points to top 15 ranking regional projects.	August 30, 2026
RPO assigns 100 points to top 15 ranking division projects.	November 2026
All public comments received and all final point assignments including any justification for point assignment which deviates from this local methodology will be placed on the High Country RPO website at https://hccog.org/planning/#Transport by December 1, 2026.	December 1, 2026

HIGH COUNTRY RPO

Prioritization 8.0 Criteria and Scoring

HIGHWAY REGIONAL IMPACT PROJECTS		
CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE METHODOLOGY
SPOT P8.0 Score	70	SPOT P8.0 Score
Local Priority	20	1 = 20 2 = 15 3 = 10 4 = 5 5 = 0
Plan Consistency (project identified in a locally adopted plan)	5	Yes = 5 No = 0
Funded for Preliminary Engineering in current STIP	5	Yes = 5 No = 0
TOTAL	100	

HIGHWAY DIVISION NEEDS PROJECTS		
CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE METHODOLOGY
SPOT P8.0 Score	50	SPOT P8.0 Score
Local Priority	20	1 = 20 2 = 15 3 = 10 4 = 5 5 = 0
Plan Consistency (project identified in a locally adopted plan)	15	Yes = 15 No = 0
Funded for Preliminary Engineering in current STIP	15	Yes = 15 No = 0
TOTAL	100	

Project Example: If a project scores the maximum or near the maximum number of points for each criteria listed above it will rank near the top of the priority needs list and be allocated 100 points. However, if a project does not score well based on the criteria, it is not likely to be allocated 100 points.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN DIVISION NEEDS PROJECTS		
CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE METHODOLOGY
SPOT P8.0 Score	50	SPOT P8.0 Score
Local Priority	20	1 = 20 2 = 15 3 = 10 4 = 5 5 = 0
Project Connectivity (project provides connection to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities)	20	Yes = 20 No = 0
Right-of-Way Status	10	Right-of-way acquired = 10 None acquired = 0
TOTAL	100	

AVIATION DIVISION NEEDS PROJECTS		
CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE METHODOLOGY
SPOT P8.0 Score X 1.6	80	SPOT P8.0 Score X 1.6
Local Priority	20	1 = 20 2 = 15 3 = 10 4 = 5 5 = 0
TOTAL	100	

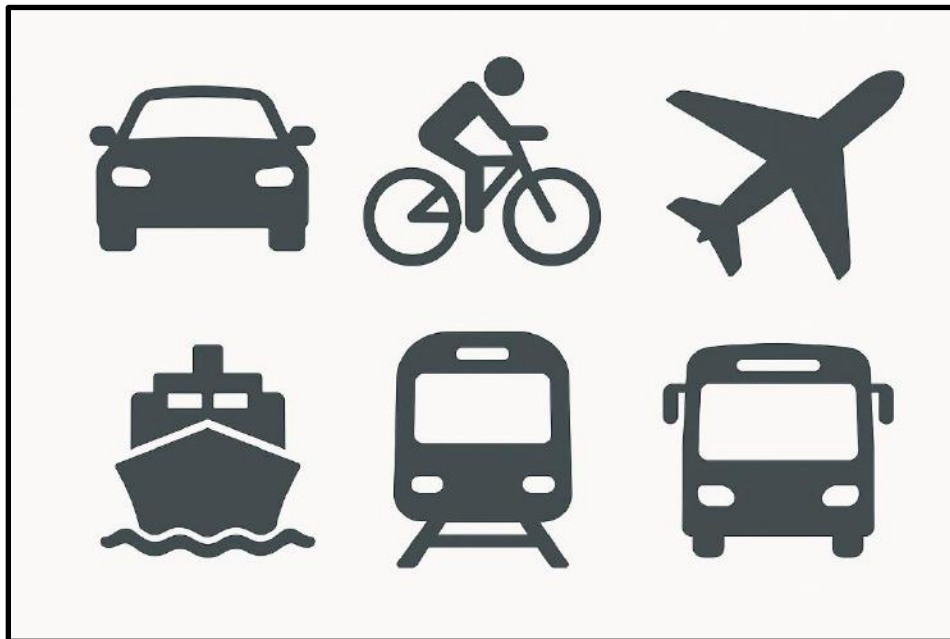
TRANSIT DIVISION NEEDS PROJECTS		
CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE METHODOLOGY
SPOT P8.0 Score X 1.6	80	SPOT P8.0 Score X 1.6
Local Priority	20	1 = 20 2 = 15 3 = 10 4 = 5 5 = 0
TOTAL	100	

RAIL DIVISION NEEDS PROJECTS		
CRITERIA	MAXIMUM POINTS	SCORE METHODOLOGY
SPOT P8.0 Score X 1.6	80	SPOT P8.0 Score X 1.6
Local Priority	20	1 = 20 2 = 15 3 = 10 4 = 5 5 = 0
TOTAL	100	

RURAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RTAC) POINT FLEXIBILITY

The methodology shall serve as a guide for the RTAC to assign points to projects located within the High Country RPO planning jurisdiction. The RTAC will have the flexibility to assign points as the committee desires including the use of the Local Input Point (LIP) Flex Policy to transfer up to 500 points between Regional Impact and Division Needs categories. Flexing of Local Input Points between categories will be coordinated with the NCDOT Prioritization Office. Deviation from the methodology shall require justification/rationale to be made during a public meeting of the RTAC as advertised and documented to be posted on the RPO's website.

NCDOT Confident Scope and Cost Estimate (CSCE) Presentation

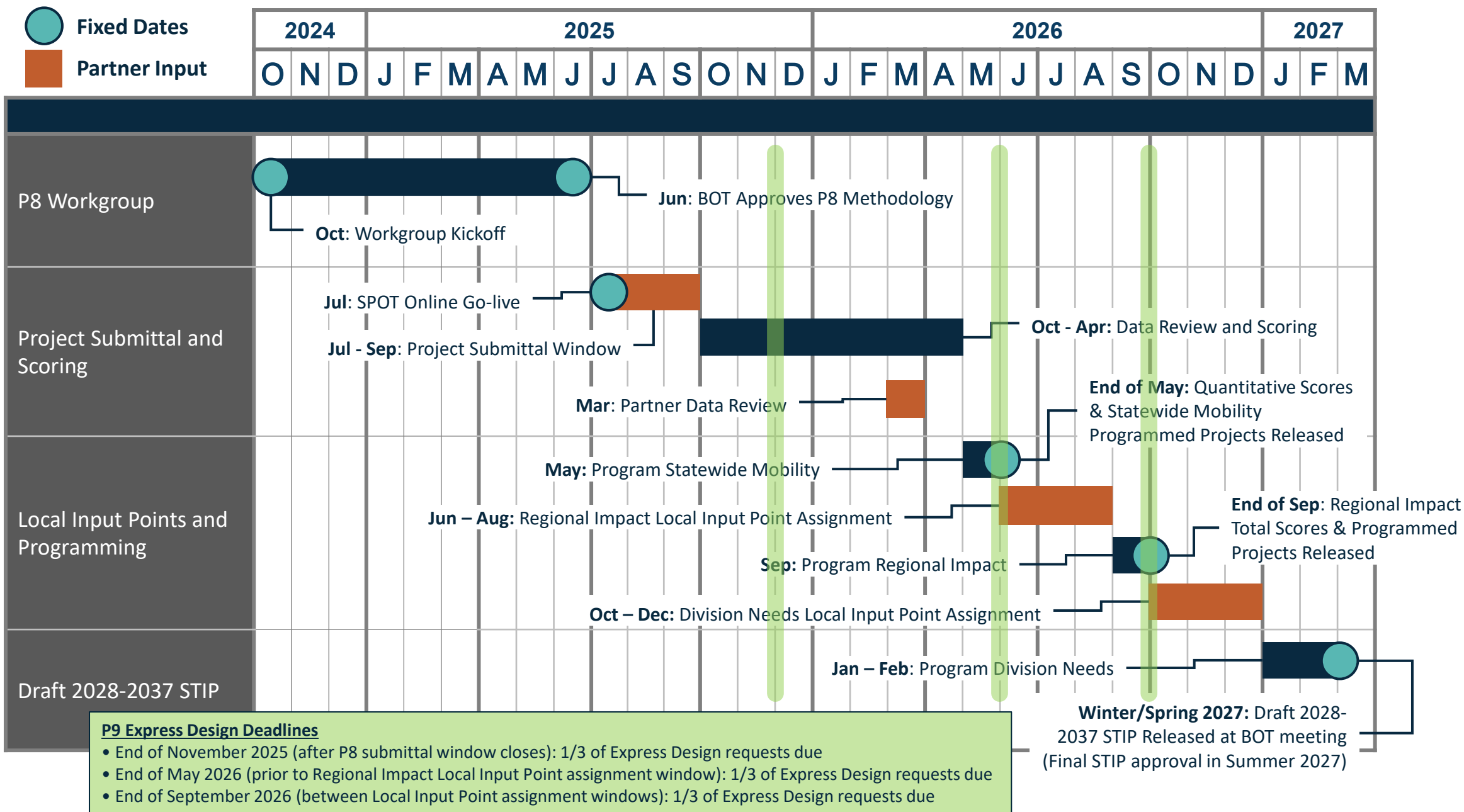


- ***What is CSCE?***
- ***What are the goals of CSCE?***
- ***What are the expected outcomes?***

Teresa Robinson PE, NCDOT Planning and Programming Western Region Manager, will provide information on the questions above through a presentation on the NCDOT Confident Scope and Cost Estimate process.

(with P9 Express Design deadlines)

October 2024
(format updated July 2025)



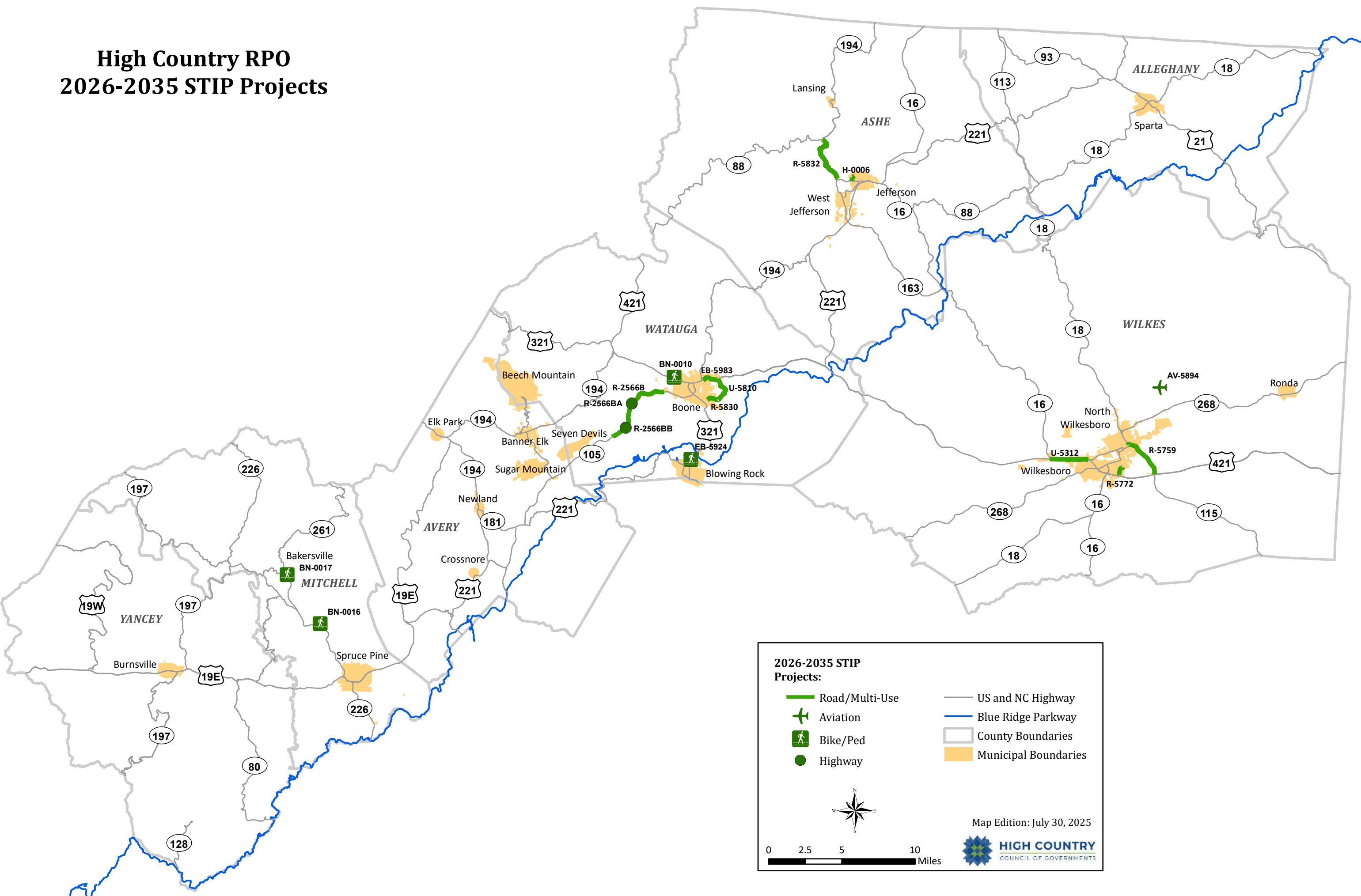
February 2026 Project Development Update

COUNTY	ROUTE	DESCRIPTION	MODE	PROJECT ID	RIGHT-OF-WAY SCHEDULE	CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
ASHE	NORTHWEST DRIVE, AEV LANE	NORTHWEST DRIVE FROM NC 88 TO BENFIELD DRIVE AND AMERICAN EMERGENCY VEHICLES LANE FROM NORTHWEST DRIVE TO AMERICAN EMERGENCY VEHICLES FACILITY. WIDEN ROAD TO 12' LANES.	Highway	HA-0006	2025	2025
ASHE	NC 88	NC 88 TO NC 194. UPGRADE ROADWAY.	Highway	R-5832	2025	2028
MITCHELL	SR 1193 (LEDGER SCHOOL ROAD)	NC 226 TO MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.	Bike & Ped	BN-0016	2025	2026
MITCHELL	SR 1260	NORTH OF SR 1278 (BAKERS LANE) TO WILLIS COVE ROAD. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.	Bike & Ped	BN-0017		2025
MITCHELL	MITCHELL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION	CONSTRUCT NEW TRANSIT FACILITY	Transit	TN-0002	NA	NA
WATAUGA	TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK	MIDDLE FORK GREENWAY, SECTION 1. CONSTRUCT GREENWAY. NC FLAP BLOWING ROCK 321(1).	Bike & Ped	EB-5924	2025	2026

COUNTY	ROUTE	DESCRIPTION	MODE	PROJECT ID	RIGHT-OF-WAY SCHEDULE	CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
WATAUGA	US 421/ US 321 (WEST KING STREET)	SR 1180 (POPLAR GROVE CONNECTOR ROAD) TO WESTWOOD APARTMENTS IN BOONE. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK AND OTHER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS.	Bike & Ped	BN-0010	2026	2027
WATAUGA	US 421 (KING STREET) MULTI-USE PATH	GROVE STREET TO BROOKSHIRE ROAD. CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH.	Bike & Ped	EB-5983	2026	2027
WATAUGA	NC 105	SR 1568 (OLD SHULLS MILL ROAD) TO SR 1107 (NC 105 BYPASS) IN BOONE	Highway	R-2566B	2022	2031
WATAUGA	NC 105	CONSTRUCT NEW BRIDGE OVER WATAUGA RIVER AND LEFT-TURN LANE AT SR 1112 (BROADSTONE ROAD).	Highway	R-2566BA		Under Construction
WATAUGA	NC 105	SR 1658 (OLD SHULLS MILL ROAD) INTERSECTION. REALIGN SR 1658 (OLD SHULLS MILL ROAD).	Highway	R-2566BB		2025
WATAUGA	US 421/INNOVATION DR./LANDFILL RD.	INSTALL REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION	Highway	HS-2411E	2025	2026
WATAUGA	SR 1522 (DEERFIELD ROAD)	STATE FARM ROAD TO SR 1523 (WILSON RIDGE ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	Highway	R-5830	2026	2028

COUNTY	ROUTE	DESCRIPTION	MODE	PROJECT ID	RIGHT-OF-WAY SCHEDULE	CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
WATAUGA	SR 1514 (BAMBOO ROAD); SR 1523 (WILSON RIDGE)	US 421/US 221 TO SR 1522 (DEERFIELD ROAD). MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	Highway	U-5810	2022	2026
WILKES	WILKES COUNTY AIRPORT (UKF)	EXTEND RUNWAY TO 7,000 FEET.	Aviation	AV-5894	2026	2027
WILKES	SR 1001 (OAKWOODS ROAD)	US 421 TO FOREST HILLS DRIVE. UPGRADE ROADWAY.	Highway	R-5772	2026	2027
Wilkes	NC 115	WIDEN EXISTING ROADWAY FROM US 421 TO 2ND STREET	Highway	R-5759	2022	2027
WILKES	US 421	NC 16 TO US 421 BUSINESS. CONVERT EXISTING ROADWAY TO REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTIONS AND ADD SERVICE ROADS.	Highway	U-5312		Under Construction

High Country RPO 2026-2035 STIP Projects



2026-2035 STIP
Projects:

Road/Multi-Use

Aviation

Bike/Ped

Highway

US and NC Highway

Blue Ridge Parkway

County Boundaries

Municipal Boundaries

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2.5

5

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Miles

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Division 11 Under Construction
February 2026

Division 11 Projects Under Construction							
<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>TIP#</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Location Description</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Progress %</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>
C204682	ASHE	BR-0002	NC-194	BRIDGE #40008 ON NC-194 OVER NORTH FORK NEW RIVER	J.R. Vannoy & Sons	99 %	06/26
C204567	ASHE		NC-194.	BRIDGES #040032 ON NC-194, #040507 ON SR-1644, #040478 ON SR -1514, AND #040019 ON (ROARING BRANCH ROAD) FROM SR 1340 (WEST MILL CREEK ROAD) TO SR 1332 (JACK JONES ROAD)	SAFFO CONTRACTORS INC	30 %	10/26
DK00260	ASHE		SR 1339	BRIDGE 040121 ON SR 1552 (WILLIE BROWN ROAD)	PADCO EXCAVATING INC	62 %	7/25
DK00416	ASHE		SR-1552	BRIDGE 040121 ON SR 1552 (WILLIE BROWN ROAD)	J.R. Vannoy & Sons	86 %	10/26
DK00425	ASHE		NC 88	SLOPE FAILURE REPAIR	GALLIHER GRADING	99 %	4/26
DK00426	ASHE		SR 1100	BRIDGE ON (CRANBERRY SPRINGS ROAD) OVER GAP CREEK	R E BURNS & SONS	99 %	6/26
DK00394	AVERY		US-221	BRIDGE OVER LINVILLE RIVER ON US 221	KEMP SIGMON CONSTRUCTION CO INC	81 %	10/27
DK00407	AVERY		SR 1370	AVERY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ROAD	MORETZ PAVING INC	99 %	N/A
DK00417	AVERY		SR-1305	BRIDGE #050101 ON SR-1305 (ELK RIVER ROAD)	J.R. Vannoy & Sons	99 %	10/26
DK00420	AVERY		NC 184	STRUCTURE BP-006-2064 ON NC 184 AND STRUCTURE 940738 ON NC 105	BLYTHE DEVELOPMENT LLC	14 %	11/26
C204355	WATUAGA	R-2566BA	NC 105	BRIDGE OVER WATAUGA RIVER AND LEFT TURN LANE AT SR-1112 (BROADSTONE RD) ON NC-105	WRIGHT BROTHERS	70 %	12/26
DK00329	WATUAGA	R-2566BB	NC 105	SR 1568 (OLD SHULLS MILL ROAD) FROM NC 105 TO WEST OF SR 155 7 (SHULLS MILL ROAD)	TRI-COUNTY PAVING INC	80 %	12/26
DK00332	WATUAGA		SR 1137	(JUSTUS RD) FROM END OF PAVEMENT TO END OF MAINTENAN CE	PADCO EXCAVATING INC	95 %	4/26
DK00345	WATUAGA		SR 1227 SR 1233	BRIDGE on (NORTH FORK ROAD) AND CULVERT on SR 1233 OVER NORTH FORK CREEK	IKECO CONSTRUCTION INC	41 %	11/26
DK00357	WATUAGA		SR-1526	(SAMPSON ROAD)	TRI-COUNTY PAVING INC	99%	8/25

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Division 11 Under Construction
February 2026

DK00389	WATUAGA		SR-1351	BRIDGE on (CASTLE FORD ROAD) over S. Fork New River	SMITH-ROWE, LLC	51%	4/26
DK00419	WATUAGA		SR 1127	SHAWNEE ROAD	CRW LAND SERVICES	99 %	5/26
DK00421	WATUAGA		SR-1214	BRIDGE 940095, BRIDGE 940178, BRIDGE 940258	R E BURNS & SONS	30 %	12/26
DK00420	WATUAGA		NC 184 NC105	STRUCTURE BP-006-2064 ON NC 184 AND STRUCTURE 940738 ON NC 105	BLYTHE DEVELOPMENT LLC	14 %	11/26
DK00423	WATUAGA		SR 1541	(PAYNE BRANCH ROAD) FROM SR 1547 0.81 MILES	J.R. Vannoy & Sons	72 %	3/27
DK00434	WATUAGA		SR 1139	BRIDGE #940058 OVER BEECH CREEK	IKECO CONSTRUCTION INC	6 %	3/27
C204471	WILKES	U-5312	US 421	Convert existing roadway to Super Street and add service roads.	Branch Civil Inc	56 %	3/28
DK00347	WILKES		SR 1002	BRIDGE ON (MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD) OVER MULBERRY CREEK	SMITH-ROWE, LLC	89 %	10/26
DK00422	WILKES		SR 2024	BRIDGE 228 OVER LITTLE ELKIN CREEK ON (LUFFMAN ROAD)	R E BURNS & SONS	100 %	6/26
DK00427	WILKES		SR 1952	BRIDGE OVER CAMP BRANCH ON (OAK RIDGE CHURCH ROAD)	SMITH-ROWE, LLC	29 %	12/26
DK00428	WILKES		SR 1363	BRIDGE 960110 OVER NORTH PRONG LEWIS FORK CREEK	SMITH-ROWE, LLC	0	2/27
DK00432	WILKES		SR 1939	BRIDGE OVER SPARK S CREEK	EASTERN STRUTURES	36 %	2/27

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<u>TIP</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ROW YEAR</u>	<u>CONST YEAR</u>	<u>PROJECT COST</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Final Assigned Manager</u>	<u>Funding: S/F</u>
R-5832	ASHE	NC 88, FROM NC 88 TO NC 194. UPGRADE ROADWAY.	2026	2028	\$86M	R/W	DIVISION	F
R-5906	WILKES	NC 268 WILKES COUNTY FROM SR 1966 TO FOUR LANES WEST OF SR 2026 (AUSTIN TRAPHILL ROAD). MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	PE	PE	\$151.2M	Design	DIVISION	
R-5772	WILKES	SR 1001 (OAKWOODS ROAD) FROM US 421 TO FOREST HILL DR.(NS). UPGRADE EXISTING ROADWAY.	2026	2027	\$22.6M	Design	DIVISION	F
R-5759	WILKES	NC 115 FROM US 421 TO 2ND STREET. WIDEN EXISTING ROADWAY	2022	2027	\$82.6M	Utility Relocation	DIVISION	S
R-2615	WATAUGA	US 321/US 421 JUNCTION, NEAR VILAS TO SR 1107 (105 BYPASS), TERMINI OF THE PROPOSED BOONE BYPASS (U-2703), WIDEN TO MULTI - LANES	PE	PE	\$156.2M	Design	CENTRAL	
R-5830	WATAUGA	SR 1522 (DEERFIELD ROAD), FROM STATE FARM ROAD TO SR 1523 (WILSON RIDGE ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	2026	2028	\$22.7M	R/W	DIVISION	F
R-2566B	WATAUGA	NC 105 FROM SR 1136 IN WATAUGA COUNTY TO SR 1107 IN BOONE	2023	2031	\$144.1M	R/W	CENTRAL	F
U-5810	WATAUGA	SR 1514 (BAMBOO ROAD); SR 1523 (WILSON RIDGE). FROM US 421/US 221 TO SR 1522 (DEERFIELD ROAD). MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	2022	2026	\$68.4M	R/W	DIVISION	F
EB-5924	WATAUGA	TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK FROM MIDDLE FORK GREENWAY, SECTION 1. CONSTRUCT GREENWAY.	2023	2026	\$2.1M	R/W	DIVISION	F
EB-5983	WATAUGA	US 421 (KING STREET) FROM GROVE STREET TO BROOKSHIRE ROAD	2027	2028	\$1.9M	Design	DIVISION	F

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R-5915B	WATAUGA	US 421 (DANIEL BOONE PARKWAY) FROM NC 105 TO US 221/321 TO US 221/421 SOUTH OF BOONE.	PE	PE	\$440.7M	PE Only	DIVISION	
B-4676A	WILKES	SR 1001 (OAKWOODS RD.) FROM FOREST HILL DRIVE TO NC 268 (E.MAIN ST.). PROPOSED ROADWAY WIDENING; MULTIUSE PATHS; AND NEW BRIDGE OVER CUB CREEK	2024	2026	9.9M	Utility Relocation	DIVISION	F
HB-0020	WILKES	REPLACE BRIDGE 960730 OVER YADKIN RIVER ON SR 1185 (CURTIS BRIDGE ROAD)	2025	2027	\$14.2M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0069	WILKES	REPLACE BRIDGE 960012 OVER REDDIES RIVER ON US 421 BUSINESS (D STREET)	2025	2027	\$26.5M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0043	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040047 OVER HELTON CREEK ON SR 1523 (SILAS CREEK ROAD).	2026	2026	\$1.77M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0044	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040093 OVER NORTH FORK NEW RIVER ON SR 1644 (MCNEIL ROAD).	2026	2026	\$2.5M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0045	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040183 OVER CRANBERRY CREEK ON SR 1609 (UPPER CRANBERRY CREEK ROAD).	2026	2026	\$1.81M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0046	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040226 OVER SOUTH FORK NEW RIVER ON SR 1105 (NEW RIVER BRIDGE ROAD).	2026	2026	\$3.73M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0047	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040304 OVER HELTON CREEK ON SR 1528 (JIM DUVALL ROAD).	2026	2026	\$1.83M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0048	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040343 OVER CRANBERRY CREEK ON SR 1606 (DOUBLE SPRINGS CHURCH ROAD).	2026	2026	\$1.72M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0049	ASHE	SR 1602 (NORTH FULTON REEVES ROAD) REPLACE BRIDGE 040351 OVER SOUTH FORK NEW RIVER.	2026	2026	\$2.49M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0050	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040463 OVER NORTH FORK NEW RIVER ON SR 1563 (CLIFTON ROAD).	2025	2026	\$4.91M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0051	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040466 OVER THE SOUTH FORK NEW RIVER ON SR 1159 (BOGGS ROAD).	2025	2026	\$2.52M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0052	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040477 OVER SOUTH FORK NEW RIVER ON SR 1104 (BROWN ROAD).	2026	2026	\$2.725M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0053	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040480 OVER NORTH FORK NEW RIVER ON SR 1126 (ED LITTLE ROAD).	2025	2026	\$2.02M	R/W	DIVISION	F

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HB-0054	ASHE	ON SR 1222 (METHODIST CAMP ROAD).	2026	2026	\$3.88M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0055	AVERY	REPLACE BRIDGE 050091 OVER ELK RIVER ON SR 1326 (PUCKETT ROAD).	2026	2026	\$3.28M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0056	CALDWELL	REPLACE BRIDGE 130130 OVER YADKIN RIVER ON SR 1514 (INDIAN GRAVE ROAD).	2026	2026	\$2.15M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0057	CALDWELL	REPLACE BRIDGE 130185 OVER JOHNS RIVER ON SR 1356 (OLD JOHNS RIVER ROAD).	2026	2026	\$2.1M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0058	CALDWELL	REPLACE BRIDGE 130186 OVER JOHNS RIVER ON SR 1356 (OLD JOHNS RIVER ROAD).	2026	2026	\$1.82M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0059	CALDWELL	REPLACE BRIDGE 130275 OVER JOHNS RIVER ON SR 1356 (OLD JOHNS RIVER ROAD).	2026	2026	\$1.86M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0060	CALDWELL	REPLACE BRIDGE 130317 OVER JOHNS RIVER ON SR 1356 (OLD JOHNS RIVER ROAD).	2026	2026	\$2.33M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0061	CALDWELL	REPLACE BRIDGE 130349 OVER JONES CREEK ON SR 1574 (CC CAMP ROAD).	2026	2026	\$1.68M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0062	WATAUGA	REPLACE BRIDGE 940319 OVER WATAUGA RIVER ON SR 1594 (ALDRIDGE ROAD).	2026	2026	\$3.160M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0063	WILKES	REPLACE BRIDGE 960341 OVER MIDDLE FORK REDDIES RIVER ON SR 1559 (COLVARD ROAD).	2025	2026	\$1.69M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0064	WILKES	REPLACE BRIDGE 960655 OVER WINGLER CREEK ON SR 1567 (SHEETSGAP ROAD).	2025	2026	\$1.57M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0065	WILKES	REPLACE BRIDGE 960691 OVER STONY FORK CREEK ON SR 1170 (CASPER HAWKINS ROAD).	2026	2026	\$2.2M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0066	WILKES	REPLACE BRIDGE 960340 OVER SOUTH FORK REDDIES RIVER ON SR 1355 (WHITE OAK ROAD).	2025	2026	\$2.29M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0067	ALLEGHANY	REPLACE BRIDGE 020082 OVER BRUSH CREEK ON SR 1433 (SCENIC VALLEY ROAD).	2026	2026	\$1.81M	R/W	DIVISION	F
HB-0068	ASHE	REPLACE BRIDGE 040048 OVER HELTON CREEK ON SR 1527 (HELTON ROAD).	2025	2026	\$1.65M	R/W	DIVISION	F

Division 13, High Country RPO, Construction Progress, February 2026							
Contract Number	County	TIP#	Route	Location Description	Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Completion Percent
C204491	Mitchell	B-5893	NC-226	BRIDGE #19 OVER CUB CREEK ON NC-226.	1/28/2026	1/25/2027	32.80%
C205022	Yancey		-	BRG #990047 OVER MINE FORK CREEK ON SR-1416 AND BRG #990014 OVER BANKS CREEK ON SR-1136.	10/1/2026		20.85%
C205023	Yancey		-	BRG #990100 AND BRG #990062 BOTH ON SR-1153, AND BRG #990097 ON SR-1152.	10/1/2026		9.75%
C205024	Mitchell, Yancey		-	BRG #600123 OVER CHARLES CRK ON SR-1345, BRG #600154 OVER CA NE CRK ON SR-1188, BRG #990194 OVER N TOE RIVER ON SR-1314	10/1/2026		26.79%
C205030	Yancey		-	BRIDGE #990173 OVER MIDDLE CREEK ON SR-1159, AND BRIDGE #990 156 OVER COLBERT CREEK ON SR-1158.	11/1/2026		19.71%
C205065	Yancey		-	BRIDGE #990157 OVER ELK SHOAL CREEK ON SR-1388 AND BRIDGES # 990233, #990192, AND #990193 OVER PIGPEN CREEK ON SR-1333	11/1/2026		22.24%
C205111	Mitchell, Yancey		-	CULVERT #600050 ON SR-1206, CULVERT #990179 ON SR-1143, AND BRIDGE #990188 ON SR-1337	10/1/2027		0.00%
C205133	Mitchell		-	BRIDGE ON CANE CRK ON SR-1207, BRIDGE OVER BIG ROCK CRK ON S R-1330, AND BRIDGE OVER BEANS CRK ON SR-1325.	9/1/2027		0.00%
C205150	Yancey	M-0572F	US-19	US-19W.	4/15/2029		0.00%
DM00337	Yancey		SR-1410	OVER LITTLE CREEK ON SR-1410 (BRADFORD RD)	2/20/2026	6/30/2026	86.56%
DM00459	Mitchell, Yancey		SR-1111, SR-1114, SR-1129, SR-1134, SR-1152, SR-1154, SR-1158, SR-1186, SR-1229, SR-1372, SR-1445	VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES	6/19/2026		88.89%
DM00461	Madison, Yancey		-, SR-1115, SR-1139, SR-1140, SR-1151, SR-1172, SR-1181, SR-1330, SR-1339, SR-1351, SR-1399, SR-1401, SR-1404, SR-1405, SR-1426, SR-1432, SR-1433, SR-1444, SR-1533, SR-1573, SR-1590	VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES	3/17/2026	5/28/2027	0.00%
DM00491	Yancey		SR-1158, SR-1164, SR-1395	SR 1395 (BALD MOUNTAIN RD), SR 1158 (COBERTS CREEK RD) AND S R 1164 (STILL FORK CREEK RD)	3/27/2026		59.74%

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Project ID	Project Manager Name	County	Description	R/W Acq. Begins	Funding Program Description	STIP Status	PE Status
17BP.13.R.184	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 101 on SR1002 over Big Crabtree Creek in Mitchell County	1/23/2024	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		
47876	BRENDAN MERITHEW	YANCEY	Intersection Improvements at NC 80 and SR 1186 in Micaville		MOBILITY MODERNIZATION – HIGH IMPACT LOW COST (HILC)		
49282	JONATHON CHAD YOUNG	MITCHELL	Spruce Pine pedestrian bridge replacement or rehabilitation. Contingency Funding		LEGISLATIVE CONTINGENCY		
BN-0016	HANNAH K. SMITH	MITCHELL	SR 1193 (LEDGER SCHOOL ROAD) FROM NC 226 TO MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL IN BAKERSVILLE. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.	5/13/2026	BIKE & PED - NCDOT SELECTED (OTHER SELECTION PROCESS)	Delivery	ACTIVE
BN-0017	HANNAH K. SMITH	MITCHELL	SR 1260 (SOUTH MITCHELL AVENUE) FROM NORTH OF BAKERS LANE TO WILLIS COVE ROAD IN BAKERSVILLE. CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK.		BIKE & PED - NCDOT SELECTED (OTHER SELECTION PROCESS)	Delivery	ACTIVE
BP13-R016	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 46 on SR1211 over Cane Creek in Mitchell County	5/22/2024	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BP13-R027	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 63 on SR 1140 over Beaver Creek in Mitchell County	8/27/2026	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BP13-R028	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 80 on SR 1349 over Pigeon Roost Creek in Mitchell County	9/21/2026	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BP13-R029	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 82 on SR 1349 over Pigeon Roost Creek in Mitchell County	4/8/2027	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BP13-R030	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 81 on SR 1349 over Pigeon Roost Creek in Mitchell County	4/8/2027	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BP13-R034	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 44 on SR 1211 over Cane Creek in Mitchell County	6/16/2026	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BP13-R042	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 113 on SR1223 over Greene Creek in Mitchell County	9/30/2027	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BP13-R046	MARK HILL	MITCHELL	Replace bridge 112 on SR1002 over East Fork Big Crabtree Creek in Mitchell County	8/31/2026	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BR-0162	JON LOUGHRY	YANCEY	BRIDGE NO. 990012 ON US19W OVER BALD CREEK.	11/19/2026	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BR-0190	CLAUDIA G WILLIAMS	MITCHELL	REPLACE BRIDGE 600008 ON SR1403 OVER N.TOE RIVER, N&S RR.	1/8/2029	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
BR-0191	CLAUDIA G WILLIAMS	MITCHELL	REPLACE BRIDGE 600068 ON SR1121 OVER NORTH TOE RIVER	4/2/2029	HIGHWAY FUND BRIDGE / BRIDGE PROGRAM		ACTIVE
HS-2413F	GABRIEL L. JOHNSON	MITCHELL	NC 226 BETWEEN BAKERSVILLE AND SPRUCE PINE. INSTALL RUMBLE STRIPES AND 6" LONG LIFE PAVEMENT MARKINGS.		HIGHWAY - SAFETY	Delivery	ACTIVE