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**Transylvania County Transportation Advisory
Committee
February 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Commissioners Chambers, 101 South Broad Street**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

- I. WELCOME**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT** (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes.)
- III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Minutes (July 9, 2024)
- V. PRESENTATION**
 - A. NCDOT I-40 and US 74 Update
- VI. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)
 - B. NCDOT Current Project Update
 - C. LOSRPO Updates
 - D. Transit Ridership: Yearly Numbers for Fixed Route and Demand Response
- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT** (15-minute time limit. Speakers are limited to three minutes.)
- VIII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

ADJOURNMENT

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Agenda Item: IV-A

Memorandum

From: Darby Terrell, Planner
To: Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee
Date: February 5th, 2025
Meeting Date: February 11th, 2025
Subject: Approve the July 9th, 2024 Minutes
Contact Info: darby.terrell@transylvaniacounty.org or (828)884-1870
Attachment(s): 1. July 9th, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes
Purpose: Review and approve the regular meeting minutes from July 9th, 2024 Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting.
Background: Meeting minutes are prepared after each TAC meeting and submitted to the Committee for their review and approval in accordance with North Carolina Open meeting law.
Financial Impact: None
Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy: Goal 6: "County government is service driven, transparent and performance based with more active and engaged citizens."
Strategy 6E: "Provide timely, accurate, transparent and informative communication to the public and across the organization with superior customer service delivery."
Recommendations: Staff recommends the Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee review and approve, or approve with modifications, the regular meeting minutes from the July 9th 2024.

**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 9, 2024, 6:00 PM**

I. Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Howard Granat, Mr. Jimmy Whitmire, Mr. Scott McCall, Mr. Rick Lasater were present. Mr. Keith Wilmont (excused) and Mr. James Felty were not present. Mr. Troy Wilson, Mr. Steve Williams from North Carolina DOT also attended. Ms. Vicki Eastland, representative of the Land of Sky RPO was also present. Transylvania County staff present was Ms. Darby Terrell and Ms. Ashley Minery, Planners as well as Mr. Jeff Adams, Director of the Planning and Community Development Department. There were six members of the public present.

II. Organizational Meeting

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

The Committee discussed whether to continue with this since some people who might be nominated were not currently present for the meeting. The committee decided to move forward with nominations and selection of the officers. The committee discussed each nomination after the motion and second.

Mr. Rick Lasater motioned to nominate Scott McCall as Chair, seconded by Mr. Harold Paxton. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Howard Granat motioned to nominate Jimmy Whitmire, there was no second.

Mr. Jimmy Whitmire motioned to nominate Keith Wilmont, seconded by Mr. Lasater. The motion passed unanimously.

The new Chair is Scott McCall and Vice Chair Keith Wilmont.

B. Review of Responsibilities

Ms. Terrell briefly went over the Transportation Advisory Committee's roles and responsibilities, for the yearly review. There was no discussion or questions from the committee during the review.

III. Public Comment:

Al Brothers: see attachment.

Carol McCullough: Ms. McCullough spoke in agreement with what Mr. Brothers stated previously in his public comments. Ms. McCullough passed through a study on corridor preservation and urged us to use techniques which have been established to help preserve the corridor. Ms. McCullough also answered questions from Board members.

Sarah Dearbaugh: Requested for an Agenda Modification to address the Cedar Mountain Intersection improvement to be put on the agenda. She explained the community is in contact with NCDOT as well as Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO on the intersection improvement, but would like to hear the committee discuss this project as well to understand what they should know about the process.

Jeff Ambrose: Mr. Ambrose was concerned with the culvert near the intersection and the pedestrian concerns, instead of the movement of traffic. He stated his concerns also involved signals for the fire department, and how the intersection is a bit hidden from both directions. Mr. Ambrose stated when doing potlucks, they get 90 to 100 people who park in the field across the street which can bring pedestrian safety concerns. He also invited people to the next potluck dinner.

Lucia Gerdes: Ms. Gerdes talked about how she is doubtful the roundabout will address pedestrian safety.

IV. Agenda Modifications:

Mr. Granat motioned to add the Cedar Mountain Roundabout Discussion to the agenda as the next agenda item, seconded by Mr. Paxton. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Cedar Mountain Roundabout Discussion

Ms. Terrell presented to the committee the facts pertaining to the Cedar Mountain intersection improvement. When presenting she outlined the community members and business owners of Cedar Mountain came to Commissioner Larry Chapman on their concerns about safety for pedestrians on US 276. Commissioner Chapman had multiple meetings with the concerned citizens and eventually asked Ms. Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO to join in a meeting. After discussing the issues the citizens brought up, Ms. Eastland then notified NCDOT. Once NCDOT became involved they highlighted the main concern they could address was the speed and safety of the intersection. Unfortunately, the pedestrian safety issues that were brought up could not be addressed by NCDOT, since there is no municipality or local government willing to

take over the pedestrian facilities if they were to be built. The plan is in its early stages, but NCDOT is trying to improve the intersection by putting in a roundabout that would only encompass the current pavement, limiting the overall impact of the project as much as they can with this project. During the discussion, Ms. Eastland and Mr. Troy Wilson, NCDOT District 1 Engineer, gave clarifying comments to the Committee.

The committee discussed the presented material and asked clarifying questions to staff, and the experts present.

VI. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes (October 10, 2023)

The Chair, Mr. McCall, requested a motion to approve the special October 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Mr. Paxton motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Lasater. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Presentation

A. Citizen Advisory Committee Training:

Ms. Terrell presented the annual Citizen Advisory Committee Training. There was no discussion by the Committee afterward.

VIII. Old Business:

A. NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)/SPOT 7.0 Prioritization Update:

Ms. Eastland gave an update to the Committee on which stage NCDOT was in their STIP process. She also gave a brief presentation of what Prioritization. Ms. Eastland stated the current stage is for the RPO to give out local input points to 15 projects under Highway, Bike/Pedestrian, and Public Transit. Out of the projects Ms. Eastland presented a list which included 5 Transylvania County projects. She asked for the approval of the TAC for how these projects are ranked and scored.

The committee discussed the prioritization process and the projects. They also asked Ms. Eastland clarifying questions during her presentation. Once discussed, Mr. Paxton motioned to approve the list as presented, seconded by Mr. Lasater. The motion passed unanimously.

B. NCDOT Current Projects Update

Mr. Steve Williams of NCDOT gave an update to the Committee on current construction and upcoming construction projects. Mr. Williams mentioned that some of the dates for construction he believes will be pushed back. Members asked clarifying questions about specific projects to the NCDOT staff.

LOS RPO, NCDOT Division 14, Transylvania County, Construction Updates, July, 2024

County	TIP#	Route	Location Description	Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Completion Percent
Transylvania	R-5794I, U-5104	US-64	US 64 BUS S. CALDWELL ST APPROXIMATELY 70 FEET SOUTH OF INT WITH BRACKEN LN, US 64 FROM JUST WEST OF BREVARD ACADEMY	6/25/2023	8/6/2024	84%
Transylvania	R-5799	US-64	INTERSECTIONS OF US-64 / US-276 (HENDERSONVILLE HWY), AND US -64 / NC-280 (ASHEVILLE HWY).	5/14/2027		15%
Transylvania		US-64	RESURFACING ON US 64 (ROSMAN HWY) AND VARIOUS SECONDARY ROUTES THROUGHOUT TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY	10/15/2023	11/30/2024	77%
Transylvania		SR 1309	BRIDGE NO. 63 OVER WEST FORK OF FRENCH BROAD RIVER ON SR 130 9 (SILVERSTEEN ROAD)	5/15/2025	5/22/2025	44%
Transylvania	HA-0002	SR 1615	SR 1615 (MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIAL DRIVE) ROAD EXTENSION IN JENNINGS INDUSTRIAL PARK	10/19/2024	11/8/2024	56%
Transylvania	EB-5858	US 276	PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ACROSS DAVIDSON RIVER	4/11/2025		51%

LOS RPO, Division 14, Transylvania County, July, 2024, Project Development Update

Project ID	County	Description	R/W Acq Begins	Let Date	Project Manager
BN-0011	TRANSYLVANIA	CONSTRUCT MULTI-USE PATH (ESTATOE TRAIL) FROM CASHIERS VALLEY ROAD TO US HIGHWAY 64		2/11/2025	
BP14-R012	TRANSYLVANIA	Replace Bridge on SR 1324 (Tanasee Gap Rd.) over UT to Tucker Creek	11/13/2026	1/25/2029	Zach Shuler
BP14-R022	TRANSYLVANIA	Replace Bridge on SR 1559 (Solomon Jones/YMCA Camp Rd.) over Walker Creek	2/11/2024	2/8/2028	Zach Shuler
BP14-R039	TRANSYLVANIA	Replace Bridge over French Broad River on SR 1135 (Old Turnpike Rd.)	11/11/2024	11/11/2031	Zach Shuler
BR-0252	TRANSYLVANIA	REPLACE 4 TIMBER BRIDGES: BRIDGE 133 OVER WALKER CREEK ON SR 1557 (HASKELL JONES ROAD); BRIDGE 160 OVER RICHLAND CREEK ON SR 1312 (RICHLAND CREEK ROAD); BRIDGE 161 OVER NORTH FORK FLAT CREEK ON SR 1319 (HOMER MCCALL ROAD); AND BRIDGE 189 OVER SHOAL CREEK ON SR 1141 (BABB R	1/30/2024	12/15/2024	Zach Shuler
HB-0026	TRANSYLVANIA	REPLACE BRIDGE 870030 OVER FRENCH BROAD RIVER ON SR 1533 (EVERETT ROAD)	5/15/2024	10/19/2027	Zach Shuler
EB-6037B	TRANSYLVANIA	ECUSTA RAIL TRAIL	9/30/2021	FY 2026	Lonnie Watkins
R-5763	TRANSYLVANIA	SR 1540 (WILSON ROAD)FROM SR 1504 (OLD US 64) TO US 276.UPGRADE ROADWAY	3/21/2022	9/16/2025	Barry Mosteller
R-5800	TRANSYLVANIA	US 64 FROM US 276, FORTUNE COVE RD TO US 64 BUSINESS (N. CALDWELL ST). CONSTRUCT MEDIAN AND ACCESS CONTROL MEASURES.	3/1/2023	10/20/2026	Barry Mosteller
R-5865	TRANSYLVANIA	US 276 FROM US 64 TO AVERY CREEK TRAIL HEAD. WIDEN TO 3-LANES WITH BICYCLE LANES.	1/1/2040	1/1/2040	Barry Mosteller
R-5882	TRANSYLVANIA	US 64 (S. BROAD ST.), US 64 BUSINESS (S. CALDWELL ST.), SR 1116 (N. COUNTRY CLUB ROAD), IMPORVE INTERSECTION ALIGNMENT	7/21/2028	PE Only	Kenneth McDowell
R-5919	TRANSYLVANIA	US 178 (EAST MAIN STREET) AT SR 1156 (MAIN STREET) IN ROSMAN TO SR 1133 (MIDDLEFORK ROAD) MODERNIZE ROADWAY.	10/12/2028	PE Only	Barry Mosteller
HF-0004	TRANSYLVANIA	US276, INSTALL GUARDRAIL AND CONSTRUCT SIDEWALK FROM SLIDING ROCK TO PROPOSED OFF-SITE PARKING		9/22/2026	Garrett Higdon
HS-2014AC	TRANSYLVANIA	INSTALL TRAFFICE SIGNAL WITH PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS at US 276 (GREENVILLE HIGHWAY) / SR 1118 (GALLIMORE ROAD)		8/27/2024	

C. Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update:

Ms. Eastland informed the Committee the document is being reviewed by NCDOT for the final time and once it is finished it will be sent back to the Committee for their approval.

IX. **Public Comment:**

Robert Crowe- Mr. Crowe commented on his concern with the bridges on Green Road and Turnpike. He wanted to know how often bridges were inspected and who inspected them.

X. **Committee Members' Comments:**

Harold Paxton: Mr. Paxton expressed his concern with traffic speed on Hannah Ford Road and roads near where he lives. He understands it is a law enforcement problem and wanted to know how the committee could get them more involved with enforcement.

There was a discussion on law enforcement within the county by the committee, and the downsides of the sheriff's department not enforcing speed limits.

Mr. Paxton asked staff to reach out to the Sherriff's Department to request their presence at the next upcoming meeting so they could ask the Sherriff the questions that were discussed.

Jimmy Whitmire: Mr. Whitmire asked NCDOT questions on specific projects and roads where there have been concerns. He was concerned the manholes were not covered by pavement within the City of Brevard, when would roads be paved, and Glade Creek Road backup a lot during school times.

Rick Lasater: Mr. Lasater wanted to thank NCDOT for the good job of patching Everrette Road.

Mr. Lasater moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Granat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

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Darby Terrell, Planner	Date	Chair	Date

BREVARD TO CAESARS HEAD
THE 276 CORRIDOR

While there is pressure from all sides to treat 276 as a typical development opportunity we need to pause and carefully consider the special nature of this ancient trail.

Let's take a step back and look at 276 as a path through a rainforest, a trail that ties Brevard to its rural mountain environment.

Historically 276 offers two unique benefits to either end of its winding path:

- One is the economic benefit of eco-tourism. Camping, biking, hiking and fishing are economic anchors centered along 276. To establish the long-term sustainability of the region and restore balance to the natural environment, Transylvania

County Tourism Development Authority created a subcommittee called Transylvania Always . We should reinforce the work of this group.

- Second is the impact of an ecosystem that is unique to the world. The community of plants across the southern Appalachians is incredibly diverse, including trees, shrubs, 1,500 varieties of wildflowers, and other herbaceous vegetation.

Our old growth forest is one of few remaining and is home to unique animals and insects such as the Carolina flying squirrel, winter wrens and our Blue Ghosts.

This is the time to avoid planning and zoning mistakes that long term could kill the goose that lays the golden egg. We support the creation of a special scenic zone aimed at boosting existing eco-tourism and protecting and enhancing the natural environment along 276.

Here are our recommendations to move forward in accommodating human incursion while avoiding "creeping Asheville" and "creeping Greenville."

1. CONTROL LIGHT POLLUTION. The Blue Ghost fireflies that only live in the 276 corridor are indicators of larger growth. By instituting Dark Sky protocols along the 276 corridor much can be done to help preserve endangered species. Dark Sky protocols can be found on-line at dark.sky.org. There is no evidence that "security" pole lights provide any added safety. New sensor technologies are far more effective and can be less costly.
2. NO OFF SITE SIGNAGE. Signage control is important along narrow curving roads. A proliferation of off site signs not only add confusion but can be dangerous as they grab the attention of unfamiliar drivers.
3. FOREST CANOPY PROTECTION. The rainforest needs light and rain filtering to maintain a stable habitat. Canopy that is removed by clearing should call for serious remediation. Buildings along the corridor should not protrude above the height of the Forest canopy.
4. PERMEABLE PAVING. Blacktop paving adds two costly problems to mountain roads. First the suns heat causes "heat sink" as blacktop paving adds heated air to the Forest environment. Second the continental divide sends polluted water runoff downstream to our neighbors east and west. Permeable paving and other forms of runoff control help us fulfill our obligation to our neighbors downstream.
5. ENCOURAGE LAND CONSERVACY. As land parcels come available the County could offer an incentive program to place land into a conservancy. Tax incentives, naming rights, and partnerships would allow land to return to natural habitats.
6. SPECIAL ZONING The 276 corridor sorely needs the protections of special zoning. The unique nature of the corridor requires timely and unique zoning regulations.

We would like to contribute and participate in future discussions. Concerned residents of Sherwood Forest:

Susan Stolze Allen
Al Brothers
Carol McCullough
Fred Monk



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I-40 & US 74A Status Update

Brian Burch, P.E.

Deputy Program Manager (HNTB)

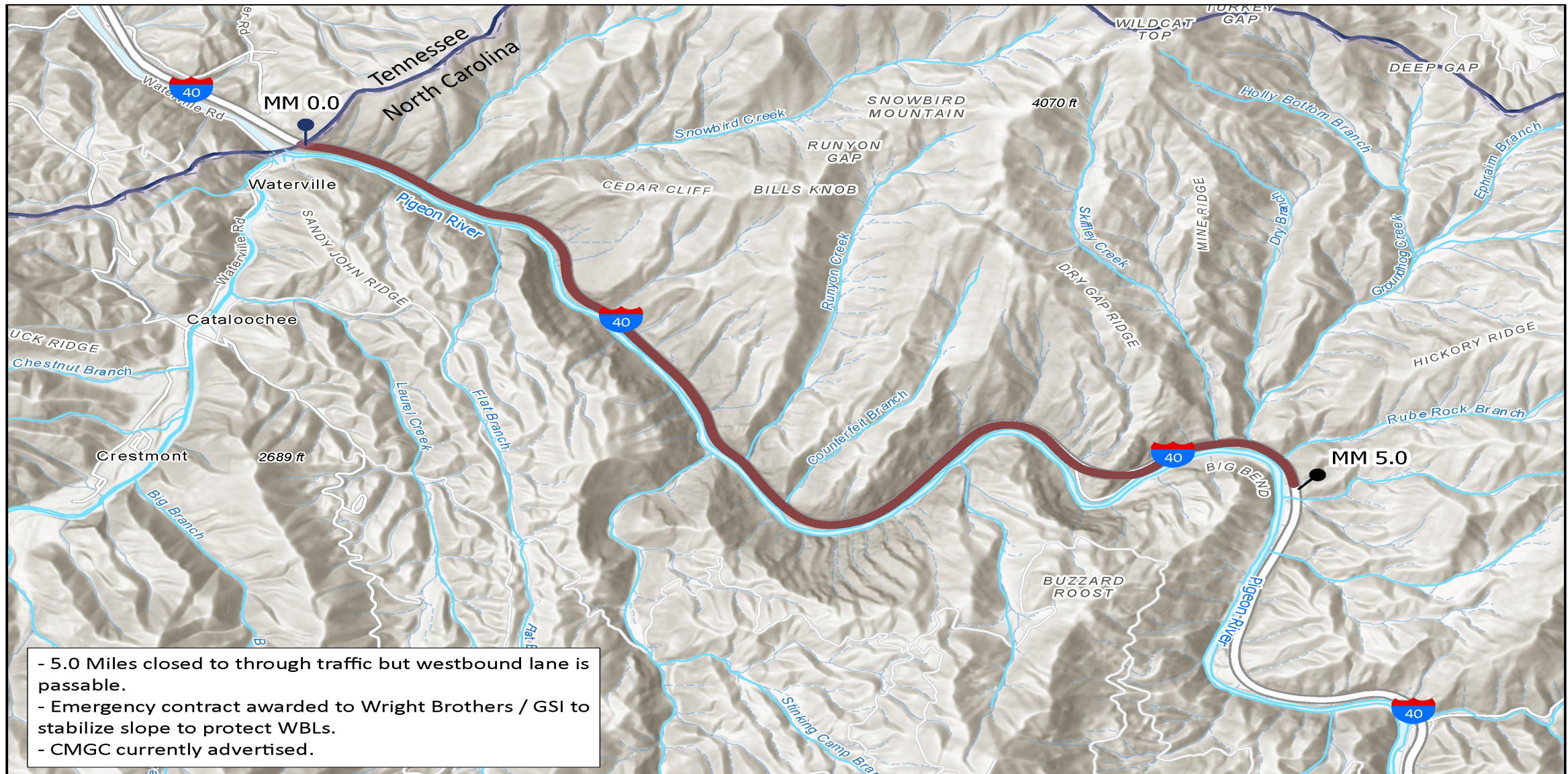
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Hurricane Helene I-40 Pigeon River Gorge CMGC Emergency Repair

Department Level Goals

- Establish temporary 2-way traffic in WB Lanes
- Meet target of completing permanent repairs within 2 years
- Position Department for maximum reimbursement by FHWA
- Work closely with external stakeholders to align priorities
- Communicate frequently the status of rebuild efforts to the public and local governments



- 5.0 Miles closed to through traffic but westbound lane is passable.
- Emergency contract awarded to Wright Brothers / GSI to stabilize slope to protect WBLs.
- CMGC currently advertised.

 I-40 Affected Area
 State Boundary



0 0.5 1 Mile



**I-40 Pigeon River Gorge- 5.0 Miles
FHWA site**

From TN State Line (MM 0.0, 35°46'32.8"N 83°05'52.5"W) to Tom Hall Branch (East of Double Tunnel, MM 5.0, 35°45'09.9"N 83°01'57.9"W)

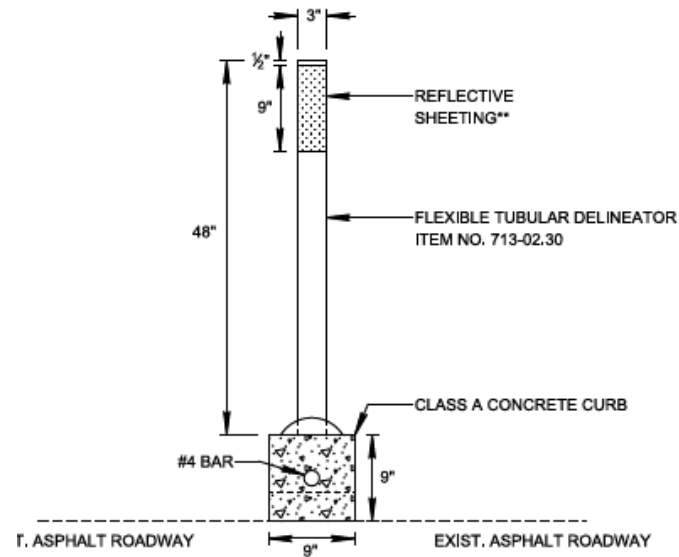
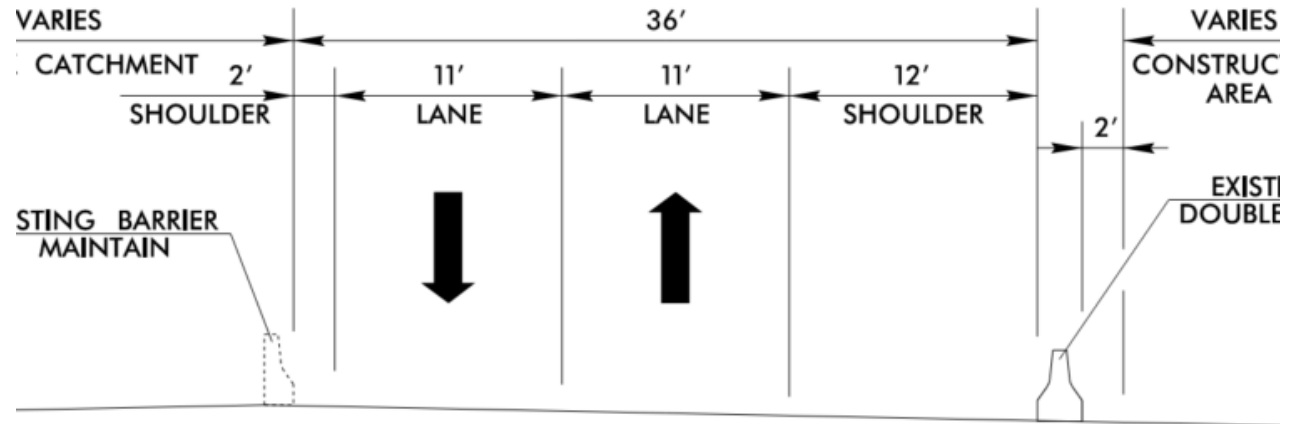
Sources: Google Maps, ESRI ArcGIS Basemaps, 2024.

Temporary Traffic Pattern

Ongoing Efforts by Wright Brothers Construction



I-40 TEMPORARY PATTERN



Current CMGC Contract

Design Firm – RK&K

CM/GC – Ames Construction

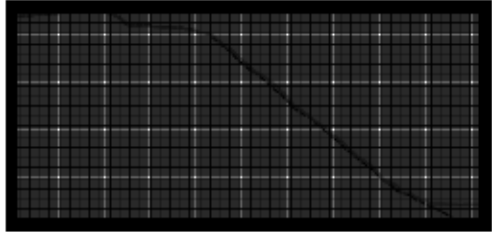
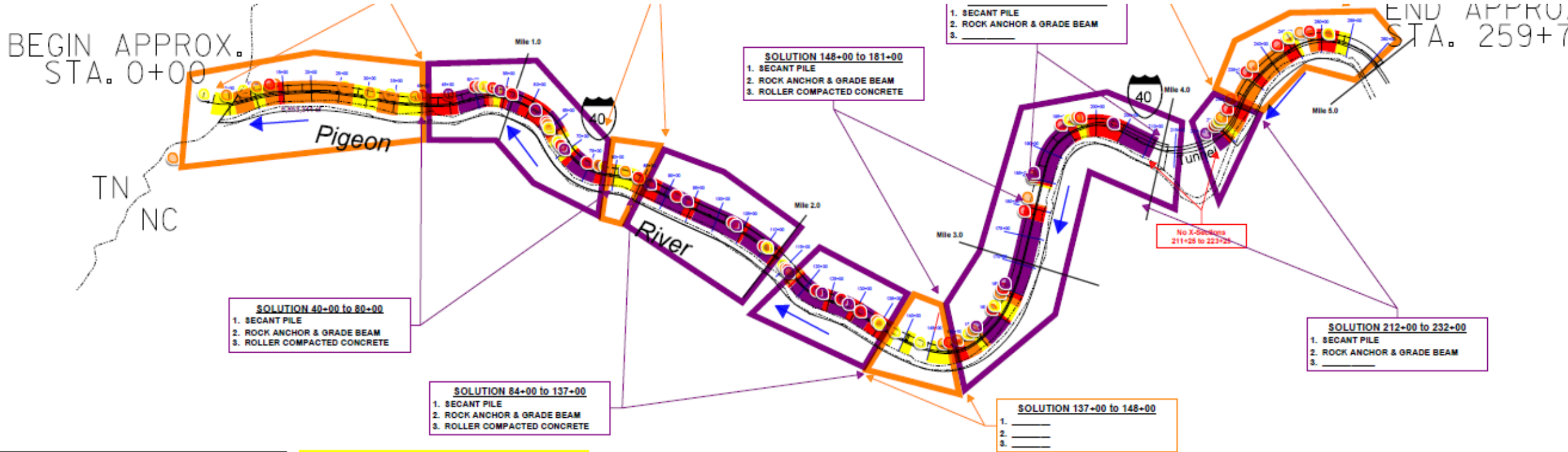
ICE – HNTB

Estimated Cost - >\$750M

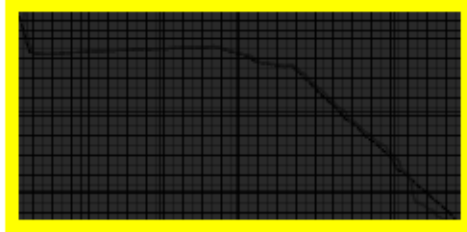
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Estimated Completion Date:
October 2026

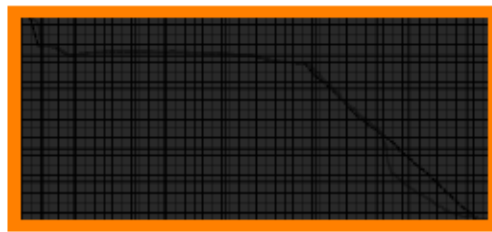




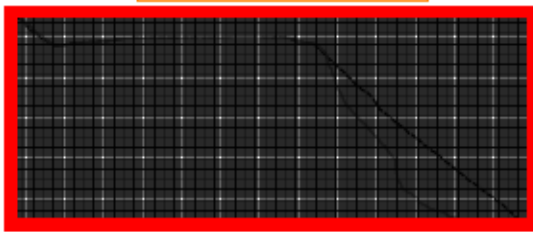
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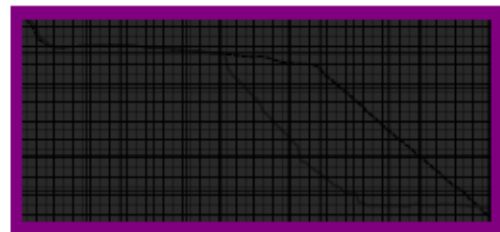
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SIGNIFICANT FAILURE



EXTREME FAILURE





Conceptual Solutions

Proposed Solutions

Conceptual Solutions

- Roller Compacted Concrete
- Tangent/Secant Wall
- Soldier Pile Wall
- TECCO Mesh/Rip-Rap Buttress

Resiliency

- Scour-Proof Embankment & Backfill
- Protect Wall Weak Points
- Construct Facility Able to Withstand Next Major Storm Event





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US 74A Chimney Rock PDB

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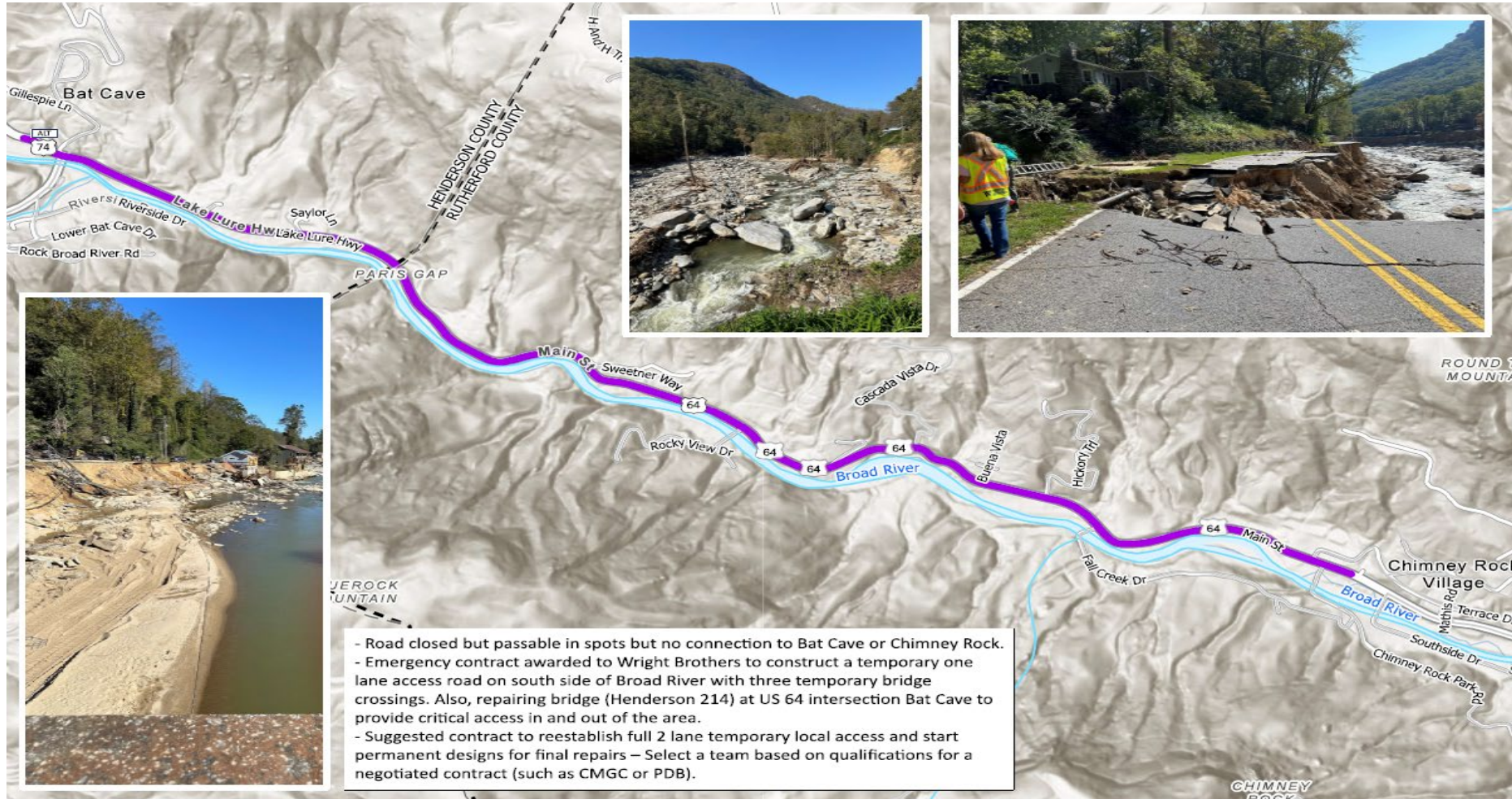
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Department Level Goals



- Restore highway functionality and safety while minimizing public disruptions
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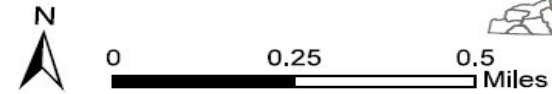
Project Location

US 74A Chimney Rock – US 74A / NC 9 / US 64 from Terrace Drive in Chimney Rock to NC 9 in Bat Cave 2.66 miles



- Road closed but passable in spots but no connection to Bat Cave or Chimney Rock.
- Emergency contract awarded to Wright Brothers to construct a temporary one lane access road on south side of Broad River with three temporary bridge crossings. Also, repairing bridge (Henderson 214) at US 64 intersection Bat Cave to provide critical access in and out of the area.
- Suggested contract to reestablish full 2 lane temporary local access and start permanent designs for final repairs – Select a team based on qualifications for a negotiated contract (such as CMGC or PDB).

 US 74A/NC9/US 64 Affected Area
 County Boundary



US 74A/NC 9/US 64 - 2.6 Miles
FHWA site

From Chimney Rock (375 Main Street, 35°26'22.6"N 82°14'51.7"W) to Bat Cave (US 64 Intersection/50 Gerton Hwy, 35°27'07.5"N 82°17'17.0"W).

Sources: Google Maps, ESRI ArcGIS Basemaps. 2024

Current PDB Contract

PDB Team – Wright Brothers

Designer - STV

ICE – HNTB

Estimated Cost - >\$500M

Estimated Start Date:
TBD

Estimated Completion Date:
October 2026



Goal/Challenges



- Reestablish Access for Property Owners
- Pave Access between Chimney Rock and Bat Cave
- Construct Access Out of 2-5 Yr Storm

- Build a Resilient Facility Capable of Withstanding Next Major Storm Event
- Purchase Dedicated ROW (Existing Maintenance ROW)
- Stream Restoration that Complements Road



Goals/Challenges

- Reconstruct Bridge to Chimney Rock State Park
- Reconstruct US 64 Bat Cave Bridge
- Reestablish Water/Sewer from Chimney Rock to Henderson County Line
- Reconstruct to Allow/Enhance Redevelopment





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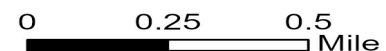
Project Location

US 74A Gerton – Buncombe County Line to US 64 Chimney Rock Road – 4.77 miles



- Road closed but passable by local traffic with sections of one lane only.
- Maintenance crews currently working to establish better temporary access.

 US 74A Affected Area
 County Boundary



US 74A - 4.77 Miles
FHWA site
 From Bearwallow Mountain Road (SR 1693, 35°28'46.4"N 82°20'53.8"W) to Red Anderson Road (35°27'12.1"N 82°17'26.8"W).
 Sources: Google Maps, ESRI ArcGIS Basemaps. 2024

Current CMGC Contract

Designer – HDR

CMGC – Wright Brothers

ICE – HNTB

Estimated Cost - >\$250M

Estimated Start Date:
March 2025

Estimated Completion Date:
October 2026



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To: Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee

Date: July 2nd, 2024

Meeting Date: July 9th, 2024

Subject: Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update

Contact Info: darby.terrell@transylvaniacounty.org or (828)884-1870

Attachment(s): None

Purpose: Receive an update from Ms. Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO and/or Daniel Sellers, NCDOT Planning Division on the status of the Transylvania County CTP.

Background: Ms. Eastland and/or Mr. Sellers will provide the committee with an update on how far along the process the CTP draft document has come along as well as the next steps for the Committee.

Financial Impact: None

Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy: Goal 6: "County government is service driven, transparent and performance based with more active and engaged citizens."

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Meeting Date: February 12th, 2025

Subject: NCDOT Division 14 Updates

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Attachment(s): 1. LOSRPO, Division 14, Transylvania County, Construction Updates and Project Development Updates, February, 2025

Purpose: Receive an update from Mr. Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14 Planning Engineer, and Troy Wilson, Division 14 District 1 Engineer, about current transportation project statuses.

Background: Mr. Williams and Mr. Wilson will provide the committee status updates for transportation projects that are already funded or are already under construction as they pertain to Transylvania County.

Financial Impact: None

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Meeting Date: February 12th, 2025

Subject: Land of Sky RPO Update

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Attachment(s): None

Purpose: Receive an update on the North Carolina State Transportation Improvement Plan and SPOT 8.0 Prioritization from Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO, and Mr. Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14 Planning Engineer, and Troy Wilson, Division 14 District 1 Engineer.

Background: This is a routine update for the committee to stay informed on the status of future transportation projects and NCDOT funding statuses as it pertains to Transylvania County. Ms. Eastland will inform the Committee on where the SPOT 8.0 or Prioritization process is currently, as well as remind everyone this is the process that NCDOT uses to select County Road improvement projects. There are multiple ways for projects to be picked up and funded, most of which for Transylvania County will be under Regional or Division Needs sections.

Financial Impact: None

Strategic Plan Goal & Strategy: Goal 6: "County government is service driven, transparent and performance based with more active and engaged citizens."

Strategy 6E: "Provide timely, accurate, transparent and informative communication to the public and across the organization with superior customer service delivery."

Recommendations: Staff has no recommendations at the time this memo was prepared as this update is intended to be informative with no known actionable items.

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Agenda Item: VI-D

Memorandum

From: Darby Terrell, Planner

To: Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee

Date: February 5th, 2025

Meeting Date: February 12th, 2025

Subject: Transit Yearly Update on Ridership

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Attachment(s):

1. Fixed Route Yearly Ridership Graph
2. Demand Response Yearly Ridership Graph

Purpose: Receive an update on the Transylvania County public transportation ridership numbers.

Background: This is a routine update for the committee to stay informed on the status of the public transportation that is provided by Transylvania County. Transylvania in Motion is the local public transit or transportation provider for the County. This update shows multiple years' worth of ridership for the Fixed Route, which is the local bus stop public transportation that is provided, and the Demand Response, which is the appointment scheduling paratransit and public transportation that is provided.

This past year the ridership for the Fixed Route has been in the middle, with it being the fourth year being provided to the public. The Transportation Department is planning on adjusting the stops within the next two years. The department is currently providing a survey to the public to receive feedback on what changes they suggest.

Link to [Survey](#)

The Demand Response ridership has been the highest last year (2024), for most of the year, though it did dip to the lowest in September. This was probably due to the Hurricane Helene disaster. The average monthly ridership is around 1500 trips during the month.

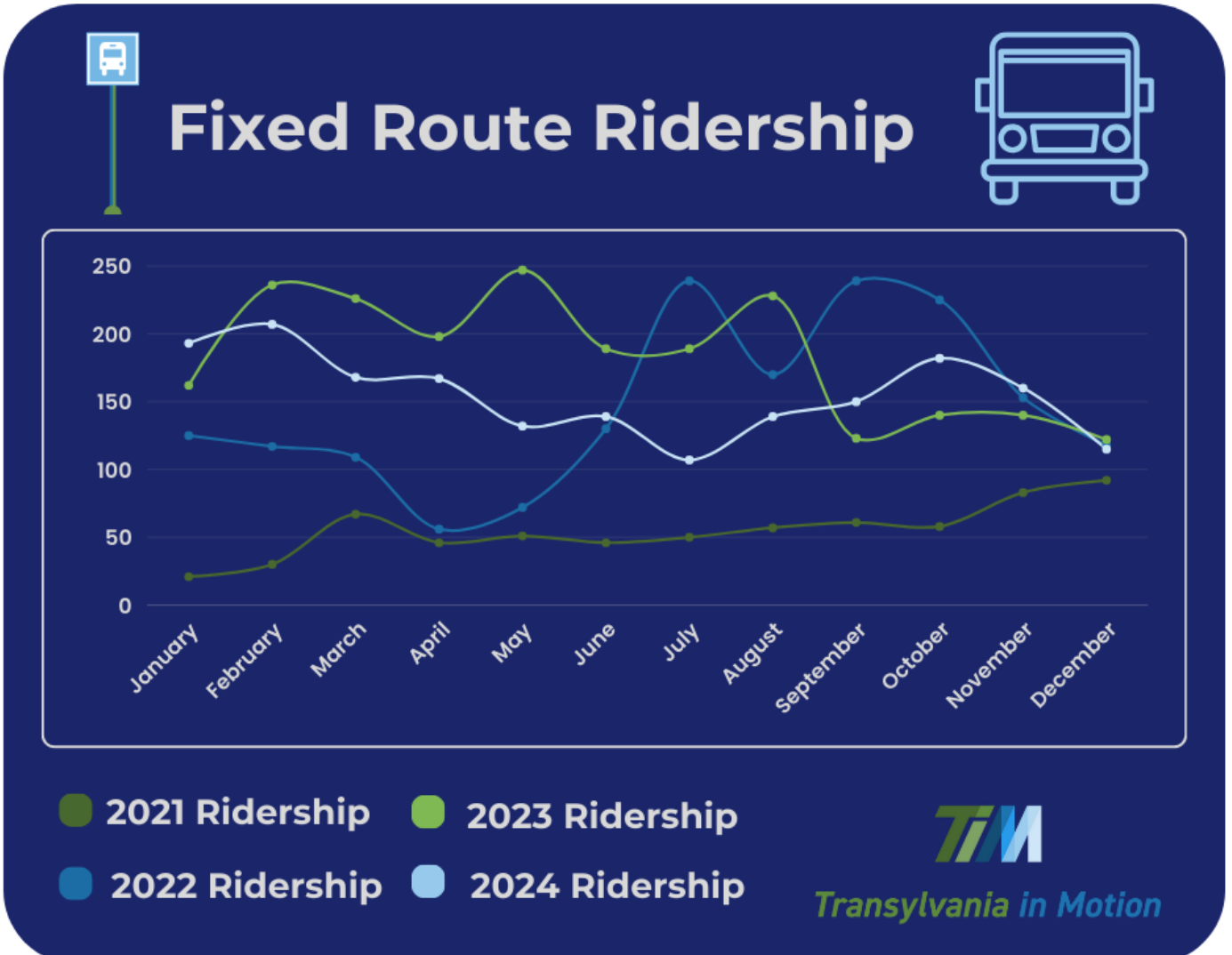
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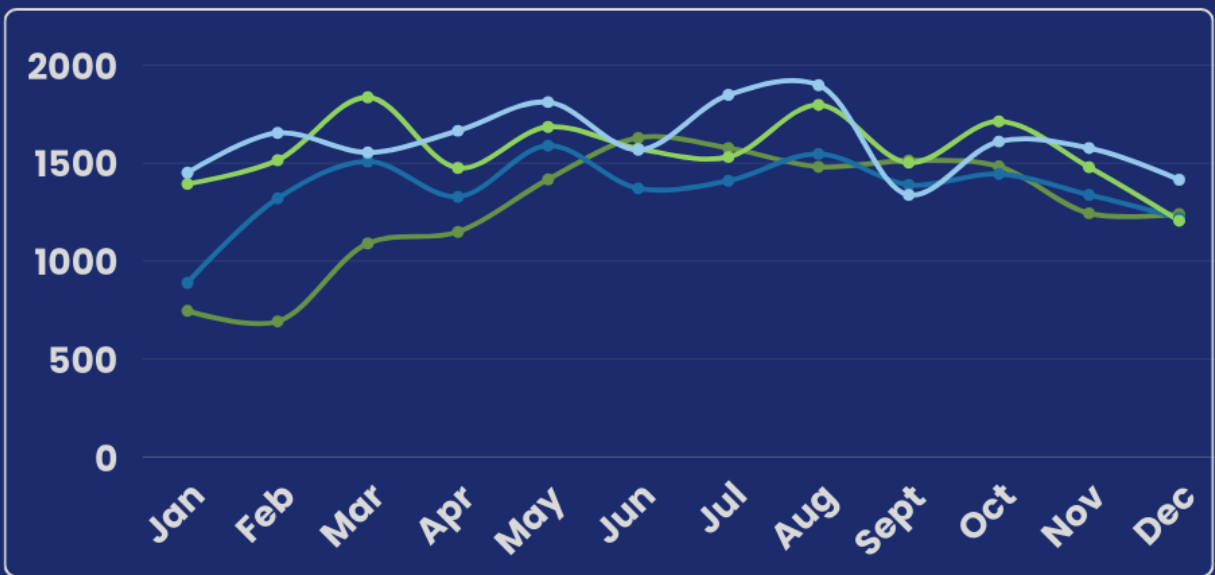
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Attachment 1



Attachment 2

Demand Response Ridership



- 2021 Ridership
- 2022 Ridership
- 2023 Ridership
- 2024 Ridership

