

**Multi-Modal Transportation Commission**  
**Agenda**  
**July 23, 2014**  
**3:00-4:30 PM**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**City Hall**

3:00 pm – **Meeting Opening**

- Welcoming of members, staff and public
- Introductions
- New SACEE Liaison – Josh O’Conner
- July 23, 2014– Agenda – review and approval
- June 25, 2013 Minutes – review and approval

3:10 pm - **Public Comment - I**

3:15 pm - **Presentation**

- Lindsey Simerly of Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

3:30 pm – **New Business**

- Tourism Development Authority Grant Application for Endorsement – attached - Stephanie Monson
- MMTC applications and Commission recommendation – attached - Jim
- Sidewalk discussion – attached - Ken
- MMTC Officers Discussion – Jim
- Update on Multimodal Transportation Plan – Mariate
  - a. MMTC rep to the Project Oversight Committee
  - b. Project Work Plan
  - c. MMTP branding – attached - Mariate
- Discussion of adjournment time

4:10pm – **Old Business**

- Pedestrian Crash Data Update – Jim and Julie

4:15pm – **General Committee Updates**

- Transit Committee
- Greenway Committee
- Bike/Ped Task Force
- Ex-Officio members’ updates: on P & Z Commission; Sustainable Advisory Committee; Neighborhood Advisory Commission

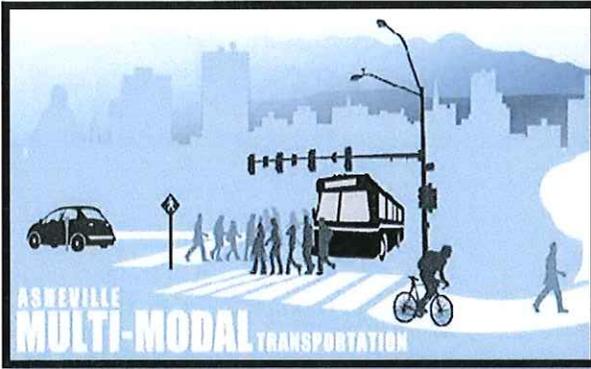
4:20pm – **Staff Updates**

- Project updates – attached - Mariate

4:25pm – **Public Comment - II**

4:30pm - **Next Meeting Agenda Items**

4:30pm - Meeting Adjournment



**Multi-Modal Transportation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 25, 2014  
3:00-4:30 PM  
1st Floor North Conference Room  
City Hall**

**Commission Members Attending:** Jim Grode, Bruce Emory, Itiyopiya Ewart, Don Kostelec, Marcia Bromberg, Kristy Carter, Julie Mayfield, Terri March, Mary Weber, Lael Gray

**Commission Members Absence:** Till Dohse.

**Council Liaison:** None

**COA Staff Members:** Jeff Moore, Mariate Echeverry, Cathy Ball, Blake Esselstyn and Janet GeorgeMurr,

**Community Members:** David Wilson

- 3:00 pm - Jim Grode opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to MMTC Meeting.
- June 25, 2014 Agenda: Mary motioned to approve the agenda; Iti second; carried unanimously.
- May 28, 2014 Minutes: Don motioned to approve the minutes; Bruce second; carried unanimously.
- A Moment of Silence: Don requested to observe a moment of silence for Lucious Bernard Sullivan, 1YO child who was hit by a vehicle on West Chapel Circle on 6/25/14.

**Public Comment:** David Allen Wilson (member of the Transit Committee) commented that at 6/24/14 City Council a discussion of allocating funds towards the neighborhood sidewalk program. This would benefit each of branches of the multimodal transportation and suggested to MMTC to appeal to Council. Bob stated that he appreciated David coming forward; and as Bob is a member of Neighborhood Advisory Committee one of the top four on the list are: better sidewalks, greenways, ways for pedestrian and bicycle transportation. Julie stated that last month the MMTC approved the allocation of the funds for neighborhood sidewalks. Jim will also be presenting to Council that will speak to this subject as well.

**New Business:**

- **Presentation:** Harry Brown, Parking Services Manager reported:
  1. Parking is an enterprise fund which is under City Ordinances and State Law that parking pays for itself. There are no general funds; or property tax; or sales tax monies appropriated for parking.
  2. Twenty full-time staff in providing the best possible service at the best price and still make money. Parking Services is required to break even and any dollar above that break-even point is one dollar less that City Council would need to allocate funds.
  3. Providing different parking options to the different populations that come to downtown.
  4. Pricing structure is based on filling the garages. Meter rates are \$1.25 per hour on the streets and meter lots; hourly rate in the garage is \$1.00 an hour with the first hour free.
  5. Personnel are: parking attendants, enforcement, collecting from the meters, security, etc. Main office is located at 45 Wall Street.
  6. Revenues for FY14: Garages: \$2.48M; Meters: \$1.2M; Citations/Fees: \$450K.
  7. Expenditures for FY14: Salary/Benefits: \$937K (estimate); Biltmore Garage Debt Service: \$900K (estimate); Transit Fund: \$616K estimate for FY15.
  8. Facilities: Oldest garage is 38YO – Civic Center; 2YO Biltmore Avenue garage which means more maintenance on the older structure. There are four parking garages with 1434 total spaces; Civic Center, Biltmore Avenue, Rankin and Wall Street.

9. Calendar year 2013 accomplishments: Garage customers served: 775,000; Meter hours consumed: 1,065,000; Citations issued: 34,397 (approximately 40% warnings)-first meter violation is a warning.
10. In 2014 accomplishments: Pay by cell phone system was a better option than the credit card reader option due to too many fees. This is an opportunity to offer another payment option w/o a capital expense to the City.

Q&A and Comments and/or Suggestions:

1. Q: More bicycle parking in the garages and on the streets? A: Discussion of bike corrals is being considered. Tony Hauser did a conceptual drawing of bike corral in a parking space.
2. Q: Safety in parking garages? A: Generally safe: Occasional break-ins; LED lights installed in Rankin and Wall Streets; security guard 24/7.
3. C: Consider adjusting the rates based on demand to balance the supply and demand.
4. C: AT&T lot has ½ parking for Indigo Hotel; and ½ is for permit only and only 10 spaces for the public.
5. C: Skate park parking lot is being considered Passport System-pay by cell. Cherry Street dirt lot will not be metered.
6. C: Periodically will have parking studies by professionals and built a model that COA can use.
7. C: Parking lot across from Civic Center – Council is discussing.
8. C: Park and Ride were unsuccessful due to lack of participation.
10. Q: Using parking management as policy tool to help encourage multimodal transportation.  
A: COA is working out the parking system to keep the rates low in order for residents to afford living downtown.

● **Filling of Greenway Committee vacancies:** Marcia motioned on the recommendation of the Greenway Committee to appoint Lucy Crown and Forrest Merithew to the Greenway Committee, Don second; carried unanimously. Applicant Brooke German is on a transit subcommittee with her skill as a videographer for the transit system.

● **Update on MMTC Appointment Process:** The new ordinance was approved by Council 6/24 amending Section 2-171 and 2-172 of the Code of Ordinances creating a Multimodal Transportation Commission for the City of Asheville. Deadline for MMTC applications is July 2, 2014. Council wanted to have three At-Large members in order to have an opportunity for members who may not have served or been directly involved in these areas of transit, greenways, bike/ped, etc. to be a part of this board because they are new to town or because a specific technology expertise and felt that there was no place for them. Applications would be reviewed by MMTC and Council; and appointed by Council. An MMTC member may want to have questions as to why the applicants are interested. The At-Large part is that they would not be affiliated with the other groups. Applications will be circulated to MMTC soon after 7/2 and would like recommendations from the committees prior to July MMTC meeting in order to vote.

● **Potential Greenway Plan Amendment:** Julie stated that the MMTC amended the greenway plan earlier last year to include a number of additional greenways that intersected with or related to the I26 projects. The one that Julie will be discussing is the #20 that runs along I240 from Haywood Rd across the bridge and into downtown. DOT pointed out that the map shows that the greenway on the east side of I240 would be difficult if not impossible due to an historical property. DOT and Marc Hunt and others started conversations about what it would look like to have it on the West of I240 adjacent to the Burton Street community. DOT's comment was "if that is where you want it then the plan needs to show this." Julie is bringing to MMTC attention to amend the plan. After a group discussion: Julie stated that she likes Jim's idea of adding a footnote to the map and text that says: "Corridors identified on the map are intended to imply ideas and connections." Recommend to Council that the map needs to be further clarified to have the above language. Any amendments to the plan will need to go to Council. Julie motioned that the map be amended as above and text, Iti second; carried unanimously.

● **MMTC Endorsement of the STP-DA and TA grant application:** Mariate stated a funding source that is being made available by the French Broad River MPO. The STP funds are flexible funds that can be allocated to the region and used in construction projects, fleet, etc. Application is being prepared and the steps to apply for this grant and would like the endorsement of the MMTC. Cathy explained the process that the MPO is giving a certain allocation from the State. By the way the State is set up with the MPO there is a certain amount of discretionary funds of \$6M. This is how we got Hendersonville Road and Leicester Highway funded. There is a list of deadlines and what projects are to be funded with points that are awarded for different kinds of projects. For example, if there is a construction project it gets a higher number of points awarded. Cathy would like to see a non-profit bike share program with the linear feet of greenways that is being proposed to add over the next 3 to 4 years and a feasible study to see how it would potentially look. Julies stated that Asheville On Bikes would be happy to be the home of that partnership. Cathy suggested for MMTC to have conversations on this. After a group discussion, Marcia moved to endorse the STP-DA and TA applications; Julie second; Don abstained; the rest of MMTC approved.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Council Presentation on 6/10/14:** Bruce and Jim met with the Mayor, Gwen Wisler, Marc Hunt, Gary Jackson, Mariate and Cathy to discuss the MMTC's role spurred by Jim's presentation, which was perceived as adversarial to the City rather than working in concert.
- Council would like to work more closely with commissions; to use as "arms" of Council to educate the public and advise the Council directly on these MMTC issues.
- Specifically charged with helping Council in conjunction and in parallel with the development of the Multimodal Plan.
- Helping Council to identify and address policies and coming up with multimodal policy to help guide decision making and prioritization within the plan.
- Cathy stated that in the annual report forthcoming there are three contributing factors that the Mayor and City Council want to look at the commissions that exist and develop more alignment with Council's strategic goals and feel like a partnership.
- Cathy stated that in Feb or March the multimodal budget will be reviewed by MMTC.
- Suggesting MMTC to host public meetings in order for the neighborhoods in Asheville to know MMTC and to listen to their issues.
- Mariate stated that the Multimodal Plan contemplates public meetings and requests to have MMTC present.
- Bob comment that there will be 4 to 5 neighborhood meetings in all quadrants of Asheville scheduled in Sept. and invites MMTC to attend.
- After a group discussion – the main focus is to work together in keeping everyone on the same page.

### **General Committee Updates:**

- **Transit Committee:** Iti announced she will not pursue reappointment to the MMTC and thanked everyone; and is excited about all that is being done.
- **Greenway Committee:** Marcia announced her terms ended from the Greenway Committee and MMTC and is excited to see what is happening with MMTC. Marcia encourages MMTC to become members of Friends of Buncombe County for \$35.00.
- **Bike/Ped Task Force:** none
- **Ex-Officio members' updates of NAC and P&Z:** none

### **STAFF UPDATES:**

- **Project updates** were attached to the meeting packet for MMTC review. Mariate requested a MMTC member to be on the RFP for Charlotte Street; Bob R. volunteered.

5:00 pm – Jim adjourned the meeting

## Janet GeorgeMurr

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**From:** Jim Grode <jimgrode@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 4:36 PM  
**To:** bobroepnack@roepnack.com; emory22@charter.net; donkostelec@gmail.com; Julie Mayfield; kristy@kristycarter.net; Mary Weber; Terri.March@mahec.net; till.dohse@gmail.com; laelgray@yahoo.com; Josh O'Conner  
**Cc:** Janet GeorgeMurr; Mariate Echeverry  
**Subject:** MMTC Candidate recommendations  
**Attachments:** MMTC Applications 07-14.pdf

Dear MMTC members:

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See you Wednesday.

Jim

**MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
JULY 23, 2014 – 3:00 PM  
NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALK PROGRAM**

- City Council Directive
- Timeframe (current fiscal year)
- Project Selection & Criteria Process (Johnston Blvd example)
- Pick Constructable Project (current fiscal year)

## How Criteria are Applied

Using GIS data for first level of evaluation, we rank over seven hundred individual segments of the remaining needed linkages from the 2005 Pedestrian Plan.

Ranking is based on the percentage of each segment that is in:

- Priority zoning areas (listed on reverse)
- Proximity to defined destinations
  - 1/2 mile of a community destination
    - City school or County school in the city
    - UNC A, AB Tech
    - City park or city community center
    - County library
  - 1/10 mile of a transit stop
- Missing segments in existing network
- Safety concerns
  - Traffic volume (ADT)
  - Mindful of crashes
- Major thoroughfares (list on reverse)

That list is then reviewed by hand to catch any automation errors or issues, to group segments into potential projects, to make note of any additional concerns or opportunities, and to check for the presence of sidewalk on one side of a street. We normally prioritize getting sidewalk coverage on one side of the street and covering more distance over building sidewalk on both sides of a street. We know that one-side coverage is not adequate except on the lowest volume roads, but it is a beginning.

Then we move to constructability issues, for which GIS is not currently an appropriate tool. Issues of constructability (feasibility) include engineering, right-of-way, and project cost.

Funding availability is another factor that may cause choices to be made and priorities to shift, especially if a grant or partnership can be obtained. These considerations include

- Grant requirements
- Grantor's preferences
- Partnership opportunities

## New Sidewalk Priority Criteria

(Source: Pages 59-61, City of Asheville Pedestrian Plan Update, 2005)

### Zoning jurisdiction. Priority zones:

- CBD
- NB – Neighborhood business
- UV – Urban Village
- Inst – Institutional
- River – River district
- CB1 – Community business district 1
- CB2 – Community business district 2
- RM-16 – Residential, multi-family, high density

### Proximity to community destinations. Priority is within ½ mile (2,640') radius of:

- Asheville City Schools
- Buncombe County Schools inside city
- UNCA
- A-B Tech
- City parks & community centers
- County libraries

### Proximity to transit stops.

- Priority is within 1/10 of a mile (528') of a transit stop.

### Missing Segments or Safety Concerns.

- Where there are missing segments in existing pedestrian thoroughfares
- Where there are identified safety concerns

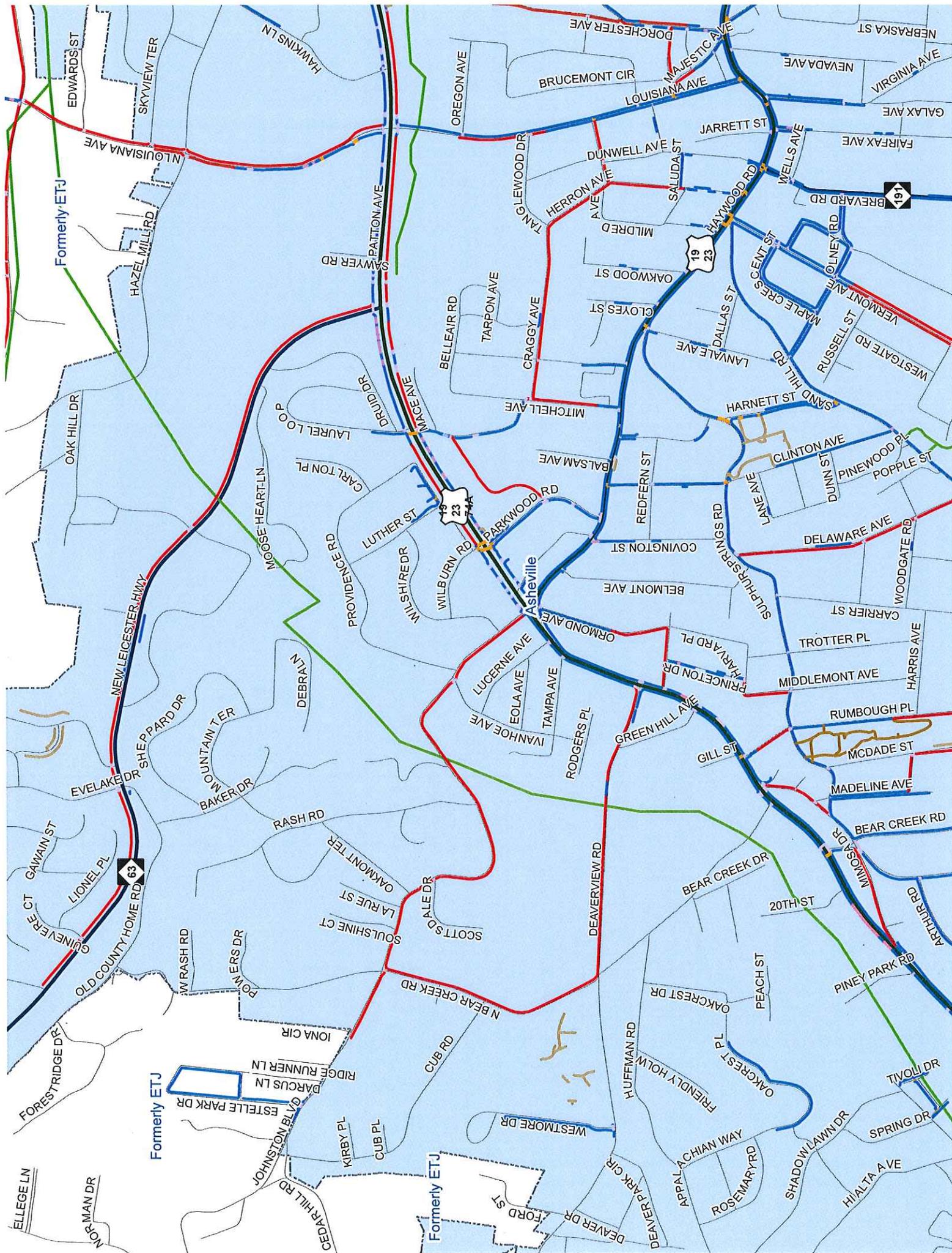
### Feasibility of construction.

- Right-of-way available or easily obtained
- Scope & cost of project within current budget allocation
- Sidewalk crew capability & availability
- Where project is on a state road & may be eligible for NCDOT funding assistance & within NCDOT right-of-way.

### Major thoroughfares or connectors.

- Beaverdam Road
- Biltmore Avenue (US 25)
- Brevard Road
- Broadway (US 25)
- Caribou Road
- Charlotte Street
- Edgewood Road
- Fairview Road
- Gerber Road
- Haywood Road
- Haw Creek Road
- Hendersonville Road (US 25)
- Hilliard Avenue
- Kimberly Avenue/Edwin Place
- Lakeshore Drive
- Long Shoals Road
- Louisiana Avenue (& N. Louisiana Ave)
- Martin Luther King Drive
- Merrimon Avenue (US 25)
- Mills Gap Road
- New Leicester Highway
- North Louisiana Avenue (& Louisiana Avenue)
- Overlook Road
- Patton Avenue
- Rock Hill Road
- Sand Hill Road/Olney
- Springside Drive/Overlook Road
- Swannanoa River Road
- Sweeten Creek Road
- Tunnel Road
- South Tunnel Road
- US 25 (Merrimon Avenue, Broadway, Biltmore Avenue, Hendersonville Road)

| <b>Sidewalk Project Data</b><br>(Does not include construction feasibility or cost data) |  |      |         |   | Date          |              |
|--|--|------|---------|---|---------------|--------------|
| Street   |  |      | From-To |   | LF            |              |
| <b>Safety Issues:<br/>Crash Data</b>   |  |      |         |   |               |              |
| <b>Safety Issues:<br/>Traffic Volume</b><br>(list count location & date)                 |  |      |         | <b>Number or<br/>Percent of<br/>project in zone</b> | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Score</b> |
| Motorized Count  |  | Date |         |   | X 0.001       |              |
| Ped Count or Bike Count<br>(specify)   |  | Date |         |   |               |              |
| <b>Safety Issues:<br/>Missing Segment</b>  |  |      |         |   |               |              |
| <b>Zoning; list</b>  |  |      |         |   | X 5           |              |
| <b>School(s) inside city</b><br>(1/2 mi); list   |  |      |         |   | X 5           |              |
| <b>City Park(s) or Community<br/>Center(s)</b><br>(1/2 mi); list                         |  |      |         |   |               |              |
| <b>Library(ies)</b><br>(1/2 mi); list  |  |      |         |   |               |              |
| <b>Transit Stop(s)</b><br>(1/10 mi); list, id route(s)                                   |  |      |         |   | X 5           |              |
| <b>Needed Linkage</b>  |  |      |         |   | X 5           |              |
| <b>Priority Thoroughfare</b>   |  |      |         |   | X 5           |              |
| <b>Source or Requestor/<br/>Date</b>   |  |      |         |   |               |              |
| <b>Notes</b>   |  |      |         |   |               |              |
|  |  |      |         |   | <b>Total</b>  |              |



# Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority

## Tourism Product Development Fund

### 2014 Grants Cycle - Phase I Application

#### APPLICATION SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please provide complete information in response to each question. Do NOT skip questions - a response is REQUIRED for each question. If you are unable to answer a question or if a question is not applicable to your project, please briefly describe why it cannot be answered or enter "N/A."
2. Please type your answers in the fields provided; handwritten applications will not be accepted. Limit the length of your answers to the space provided. Answers that do not display in the field may not be reviewed.
3. Attachments and any other supplemental documentation will not be accepted in Phase I.
4. Submit your application to Pat Kappes via email at pkappes@ExploreAsheville.com or in person at 36 Montford Avenue, Asheville, NC 28801.
5. Applications must be received **no later than Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 5 p.m. EST.**

#### ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

Name of Project: RIVER TO RIDGE; RIVERFRONT DESTINATION PROJECT

Organization: City of Asheville Tax Status: Exempt

Address: PO Box 7148

City: Asheville State: NC Zip: 28802 Phone: 828.232.4502

Physical Address of the Project (if different): Multiple locations in and around the River Arts District.

City: Asheville State: NC Zip: 28806

#### PRIMARY CONTACT

Name of Applicant: Stephanie Monson Dahl Email: smonson@ashevillenc.gov

Address: PO Box 7148

City: Asheville State: NC Zip: 28802 Phone: 828.232.4502

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Amount of funding requested: \$3 million

2. Type of funding request:  Loan Guarantee  Grant  Debt Service

3. Is your project an expansion of or improvement to an existing facility?  Yes  No

**PROJECT INFORMATION, continued - Page 2**

**4. Briefly describe your project.**

Riverfront Destination Development is a comprehensive set of brick-and-mortar projects that will help transform the River Arts District and its gateways from a place that has scattered and hard to find, yet interesting attractions for the leisure traveler, into a fully developed destination where points of interest and experiences are easy to find, authentic, and a pleasure to get to. The project includes the implementation of a network of walk and bikeways that help people explore and connect to the district by knitting together major attractions and serving as a destination in itself – not unlike San Antonio’s Riverwalk. The project also includes critical public amenities like restrooms and orientation kiosks that link and leverage existing and planned tourism products built or being considered by the private sector.

Imagine if right next door to New Belgium Brewery, visitors had a safe, attractive gathering spot to park, get out the stroller, grab a trails map and depart on a day’s worth of activities along the riverfront (Craven Street parking and exploration departure point), and visitors to the Smoky Mountain Adventure Center could rent a bike after mastering the 34 foot climbing wall and ride all the way to New Belgium Brewery (French Broad River Greenway West Bank connection). Imagine if explorers of downtown’s south slope could take a relatively flat walking path through a residential neighborhood and learn about Asheville history on their way to the many shops and restaurants on Depot Street (Town Branch Greenway), and if on the riverfront edge of the densest section of galleries and art studios, visitors could sprawl out on the riverfront deck while mom reads up on what to do next, son uses the public restrooms, daughter watches performance art on the event lawn and Dad just takes a moment to relax while on vacation (14 Riverside Drive Arts and Culture Dispensary). Imagine if grandpa and grandson have a comfortable sheltered spot that not only gives them a front row seat to watch trains go by, but also interprets the history and importance of the railroad to Western North Carolina through exhibits (Lyman Street train observation shelter and kiosks), and visitors from downtown could wander through an urban forest on the way to see an international film at the Flood Gallery, go line dancing at the Grey Eagle, or have lunch at All Soul’s Pizza (Clingman Forest Greenway).

The City of Asheville proposes that these investments will help knit together the various offerings of the greater River Arts District in an easy to understand, marketable manner, and is committed to partnering with the private sector on improving marketing efforts for the district that encourage the visitor to spend an entire day in and around Asheville’s River Arts District. Contributing assets that make the system highly attractive for the visitor include: Asheville Outdoor Center, Carrier Park Velodrome, Smoky Mountain Adventure Center, French Broad River Park, New Belgium Brewing Visitor Center and Tasting Room, River Arts District artist studios and galleries, River Arts District restaurants and retail, RADLOFTS shopping and dining, and Aston Park Tennis Center.

This project is the first of two phases of a bigger destination development vision, which is a revamped plan for River to Ridge: the trail network that helps you explore in-town Asheville. The City of Asheville is happy to discuss this vision with the Tourism Development Association and the Convention and Visitors Bureau as part of their continuing partnership to make meaningful investments that stimulate economic development and create a stronger sense of place in the Asheville area.

5. What is the total budget of your proposed project? \$8.7 million

6. What is the total construction budget? \$7.6 million

7. Will you secure at least the same amount of funding you are applying for?  Yes  No

8. If you receive TPDF funding, will it be the first funding committed to your project?  Yes  No

**PROJECT INFORMATION, continued - Page 3**

9. List the current mix of funding for your project. Include source, amount and status.

| Source:               | Amount:       | In-hand                          | Secured               | Pending                          |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| City of Asheville     | \$5.2 million | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            |
| US EDA                | \$500,000     | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            |
| US DOT TIGER VI Grant | \$1 million   | <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
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10. Have you received TPDF funding in the past for this specific project?  Yes  No

If yes, what was the project? N/A Year: N/A Amount: N/A

Please explain why you are applying for funding again.

N/A

11. What is the number of days that a typical guest will patronize your project during one visit to Buncombe County? one

12. What is the estimated number of guests at your project for each of the first three years of operation?

Year 1: 130,172 Year 2: 136,681 Year 3: 143,515

13. What are your submitted figures based upon? (Example: existing customer data, ticket sales, research, etc.)

Year 1 baseline for number of guests and the percentage of overnight guests are based on a 2002-2003 study done by USDA of the Virginia Creeper Trail annual visits. Percent annual increase is based on typical business planning models. Local and national research on trail use suggests a much higher annual increase in users. Applicant prefers to keep estimates conservative.

14. What is the estimated percentage of guests at this project who will stay overnight in Buncombe County in paid lodging? 15%

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15. Is your project located on a single hotel property or would it benefit a single hotel?  Yes  No

16. If applicable, how many guests does your current operation serve annually? N/A

How was this number determined?

N/A

17. Please describe your current or projected audience.

Leisure and family travelers.

18. What is the projected break ground date? Fall 2015 for first project.

19. What is the projected completion date? Fall 2017 - all projects completed.

20. When is the projected opening date? Varies. First projects to open Fall 2016.

21. Please add other project milestones, if applicable. (Date, Milestone Description)

Significant milestone:  
Summer 2016 - French Broad River Greenway complete.

*Please note: By typing your name in the Signature field below, you are signing this Application electronically.*

**Name:** Stephanie Monson Dahl

**Signature (electronic):** Stephanie Monson Dahl

**Date:** June 4, 2014

## Janet GeorgeMurr

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**From:** Jim Grode <jimgrode@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 4:50 PM  
**To:** Janet GeorgeMurr  
**Subject:** RE: MMTC Candidate recommendations

Sounds good. Thanks.

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**From:** Janet GeorgeMurr [mailto:JGeorgeMurr@ashevillenc.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, July 21, 2014 4:38 PM

**To:** Jim Grode

**Subject:** RE: MMTC Candidate recommendations

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*asheville mobility plan*



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asheville in motion

**Transportation Planning Division**  
**Project update**  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014**

**On-going**

- **RADTIP**

RADTIP - The final design process is underway. The aerial survey and ground survey are both complete. The consultant is updating the traffic analysis, and later in the summer will present options for additional improvements to the intersection of Craven St. and Riverside Drive. The consultants will present a preliminary design in November of 2014 and are expected to complete the final design by December of 2015. Right of way acquisition is planned for 2016.

The consultants were in town July 22nd and 23rd to meet with city staff. Also, we are applying for funding for Right of Way through the STP-DA call for projects at the French Broad River MPO.

- **East of the Riverway Transportation Network Plan**
  - Final draft is pending staff review and minor corrections.
  
- **JARC Signals Design contract**
  - Locations:
    - Louisiana & Haywood Rd
    - McDowell & Choctaw
    - South Charlotte & Biltmore
  - NCDOT has approved the final design and consultant is preparing the cost estimates.
  
- **Multi-modal Transportation Plan.**
  - Kick off meeting was June 27.
  - Branding to MMTC to select the final.
  - First POC meeting planned for August 14, 2014.
  
- **French Broad River Greenway (Duke Energy property) and connection between FBR Park and Carrier Park**
  - RFQ evaluation process in the final steps. Staff will bring the contract to Council on August 26.
  
- **Nextbus project**
  - 100% implemented. Equipment installed and operational
  - Communications campaign on-going
  
- **ISO 14000 - ART**
  - Contract signed and project on-going.
  
- **Charlotte Street**

- RFQ is in process and will be released around December.
- ADA restructuring
  - Redefine service area
  - Streamline eligibility process

## **New**

- Transit Station repairs
  - Working with CIP group in scope of work –

## **Other efforts**

- TIGER VI grant application
  - Submitted April 28.
- Clingman Forest and Town Branch Greenways and Depot Street Roundabout (led by Al Kopf in Parks and Recreation Department).
  - Roundabout construction drawings are complete.
  - Greenways, final plans are expected by the end of the month.
- Beaucatcher Greenway: drawings are progressing in terms of certain portions of the construction documents being completed but staff is still working out some right-of-way questions before consultant can progress further.
- Haywood Rd. Multimodal Improvements (led by Robert Kun in PW). Staff received the encroachment agreement from NCDOT. Council approved the condemnation of the easement area of the last remaining property. We are ready to advertise, but the project has been put on hold.
- Paving FY14: City crews have completed ditching and clipping on all of the required streets. They have patched Ambler and are now Milling and patching on Vermont. The contractor has patched Fairway and has begun patching on Church.
- NCDOT Easement Acquisition: Have a signed easement from the Burleson Bros.. The daughter of the deceased property owner has contacted me and I should have some details on their easement soon.
- Gracelyn Rd. Sidewalk: Kun visited the project site, compiled pertinent information, and received a base map from John White. He has made plans for three different scenarios with accompanying estimates.
- Hendersonville Rd. sidewalk (led by Brian Estes in PW).
  - Design – Initial plan design continues.

Major changes:

We are in the final stage of comments from the Parkway. We will submit final plans to the Parkway for that section next week.

The analysis of the proposed design of the sidewalk at the Dingle Creek Shopping Center has indicated that it would create a rise in the floodway. I am looking into alternative designs to address this issue.

Approximately half of the easements for section 1 have been signed.

Section 1 (Seminole St. to Blue Ridge Parkway) and 2 (BRP to Long Shoals Rd.) are approximately 80% designed.

- Craven St. (led by McCray Coates in PW).

The Craven Street Project will be kicking off on July 21. Tennoca is the contractor for the project.