

# HIGHWAY RECOMMENDATIONS

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## MACON COUNTY

### Comprehensive Transportation Plan

#### Highway Features

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Base map date: March 18, 2019

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## MACON COUNTY TOWN OF FRANKLIN INSET Comprehensive Transportation Plan Highway Features

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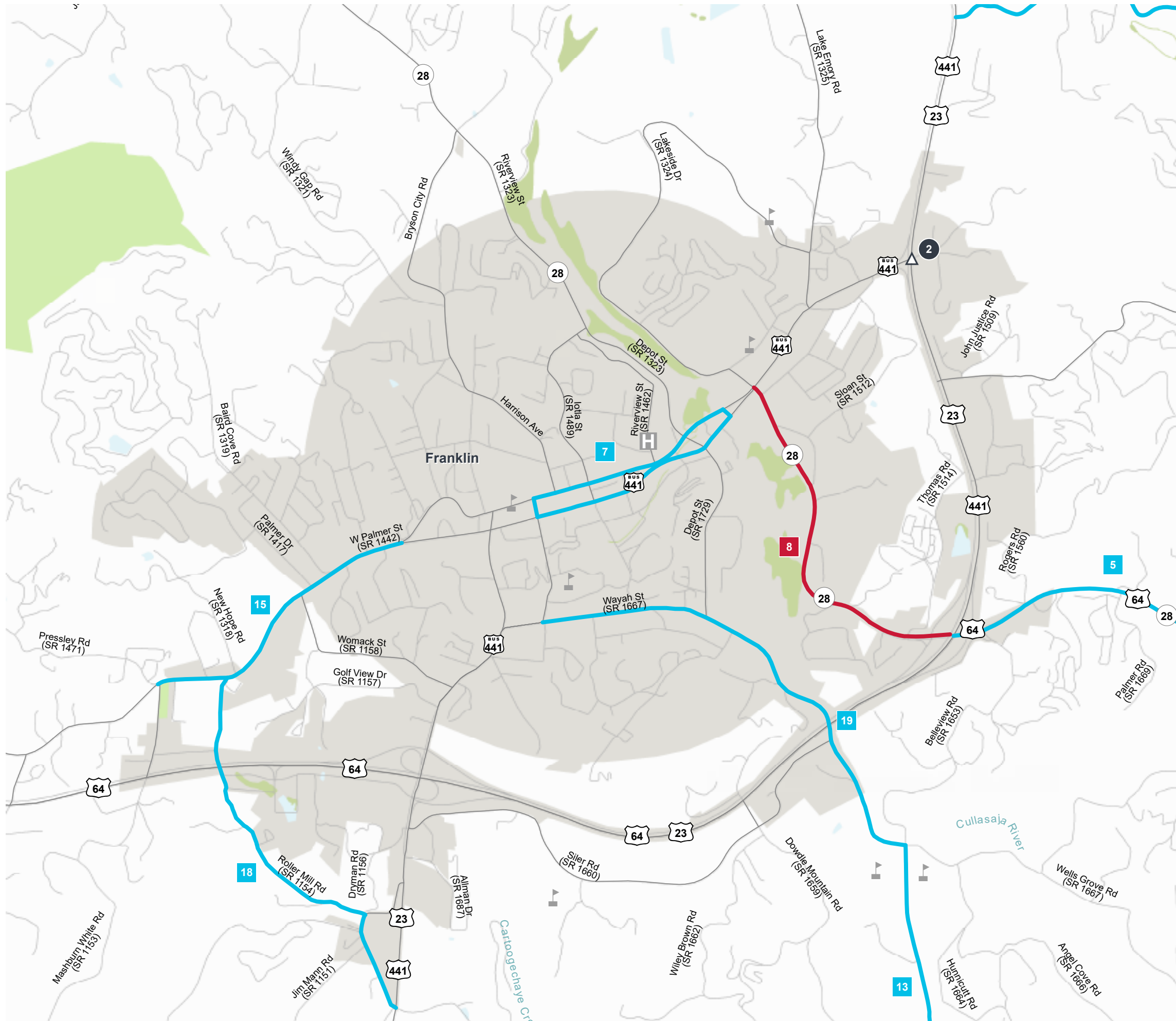
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# Macon County Highway Project Proposals

1

**US 23/441, R-5734C:**  

*From the Georgia State Line to Prentiss Bridge Road (SR 1649)*

Redesign to a four-lane boulevard by replacing the center turn lane with a median, providing reduced-conflict intersections and bicycle lanes. Add a park-and-ride lot near the intersection at Coweeta Church Road (SR 1115).

2

**US 23/441 (Sylva Road) and US 441 BUS (E Main Street) Intersection:**

Redesign intersection to improve safety, travel-time reliability, and regional mobility on this corridor.

3

**US 23/441 (Sylva Road):**

*From the end of the four lane section near Sanderstown Rd to the Jackson County Line*

Convert the five-lane section to a four-lane divided expressway to improve safety and mobility on this corridor.

4

**US 64 (Murphy Road):** 

*From the Clay County Boundary to W Old Murphy Road (SR 1448)*

Construct climbing lanes on steep grades to improve mobility, safety and travel time reliability. Add bicycle lanes (see the Southern Blue Ridge Bike Plan).

5

**US 64/NC 28 (Highlands Road):** 

*From Rogers Road to Walnut Creek Road (SR 1533)*

Modernize the facility to improve mobility and safety. Construct 4-foot paved shoulders throughout, and a park-and-ride lot near the intersection at Ellijay Road (SR 1001).

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**US 64 (N 4th Street):**

*From Highlands Town Limits to the Jackson County Line*

Modernize facility to improve mobility and safety, including 4-foot paved shoulders.

7

**US 441 BUS (Main Street/E Palmer Street):** 

*From Porter Street to Big Bear Lane*

Modernize Main Street/East Palmer Street to improve traffic flow, access to businesses, and pedestrian safety. Add curb and gutter, sidewalks and driveways improvements.

Highway Class:  Congestion  Access Management  Modernization  Other (Safety, etc.)  Intersection



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**NC 28 (Highlands Road):**  

*From US 441 BUS (E Main Street) to Thomas Road*

Redesign to a 2-lane divided facility by replacing the center turn lane with a median, providing reduced conflict intersections and improvements to access management. Add bicycle lanes and complete existing sidewalk (see Page 52 of the 2017 BikeWalk Franklin Plan).

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**NC 28 (Bryson City Road) :**  

*From Sanderstown Road (SR 1335) to Cowee Creek Road (SR 1340)*

Modernize the facility to improve mobility and safety. Construct 11-foot lanes, 5-foot paved shoulders, and add a park-and-ride lot near the intersection at Sanderstown Road (SR 1335). Improve the Y intersection at Cowee Creek Road (SR 1340).

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**NC 106 (Dillard Road):** 

*From the Georgia State Line to US 64*

Modernize to 12-foot lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders. Add sidewalk from Hummingbird Ln to Highlands Plaza.

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**Airport Road (SR 1434):**

*From Olive Hill Road (SR 1387) to NC 28 (Bryson City Road)*

Modernize to 11-foot lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders.

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**Buck Creek Road (SR 1535):**

*From US 64 (Highlands Road) to Teague Estates Road*

Modernize to 11-foot lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders.

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**Clarks Chapel Road (SR 1653):** 

*From Wells Grove Road (SR 1667) to Hickory Knoll Road (SR 1643)*

Modernize to 11-foot lanes with 5-foot paved shoulders.

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**Ellijay Road (SR 1001):**

*From US 64 (Highlands Road) to Grayson Higdon Road*

Modernize to 11-foot lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders.



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**Old Murphy (SR 1442):**  

*From Sloan Road (SR 1153) to W Main Street*

Modernize to 11-foot lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders. Add a multi-use path that runs alongside this facility (see page 48 of the BikeWalk Franklin Plan).

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**Prentiss Bridge Road (SR 1649):** 

*From US 441-23 (Georgia Road) to Clarks Chapel Road (SR 1653)*

Modernize to 11-foot lanes with 5-foot paved shoulders.

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**Rabbit Creek Road (SR 1504):**

*From US 441 (Sylva Road) to the bridge near Ferguson Road (SR 1507)*

Modernize to 11-foot lanes with 4-foot paved shoulders.

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**Roller Mill Road (SR 1154) /Belden Circle (SR 1152):**  

*From Belden Circle (SR 1152) to Old Murphy Road (SR 1442)*

Modernize to 11-foot lanes with 5-foot paved shoulders. Add sidewalk along this facility.

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**Wells Grove (SR 1667):**  

*From Depot Street (SR 1659) to Clarks Chapel Road (SR 1653)*

Modernize to 12-foot lanes and 5-foot paved shoulders where feasible. Intersection improvements at Dowdle Mountain Rd (SR 1659) and Clarks Chapel Rd (SR 1653). Extend the existing sidewalk from Old Phillips Bridge Rd to Clarks Chapel Rd (SR 1653).

