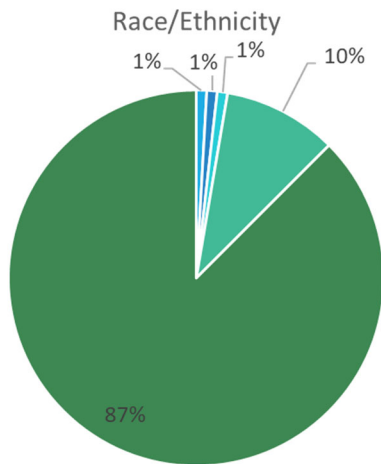


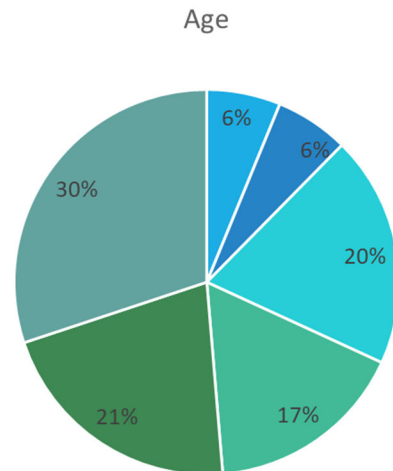
Macon County Public Input Survey Results

Total of 202 Participants!

Demographics:



- African American
- Hispanic Latino
- Other
- Prefer not to answer
- White



- Prefer not to answer
- Between 25 and 34 years old
- Between 35 and 44 years old
- Between 45 and 54 years old
- Between 55 and 64 years old
- 65 years and older

Below is feedback received on each project presented to the public and any additional comments discussed by the steering committee. To see the descriptions shown in the survey in more detail, see the PowerPoint shared with those taking the survey. (Insert Link here)

Highway Proposals:

- **US 23/441 (Georgia Road):** From Georgia State Line to Prentiss Bridge Road
 - This proposal was rated by 126 participants. About 67% of participants agreed with this proposal.
 - 13 comments were left on this project. Four of the comments stated to leave this road alone or to repave/improve signage; while four others said that the drainage concern needed to be addressed. Four comments disagreed with the addition of bicycle lanes. One comment stated the need to have this be a beautiful gateway into the county. Some of the comments also mentioned their preference in location of the proposed park and ride lot.
- **US 23 and US441 BUS Intersection**
 - This proposal was rated by 65 participants. About 77% agreed with this proposal.
 - 9 comments were left on this project. Four comments wanted the restoration of the longer merge lane. Four others commented on the existing design being difficult to navigate. One person stated to leave this intersection alone.
- **US 23/441 (Sylva Road):** From the end of the four-lane section near Sanderstown Rd to the Jackson County Line
 - This proposal was rated by 124 participants. About 69% agreed with this proposal.
 - 9 comments were left on this project. Three comments stated that this should be a priority and would help reduce accidents and three others agreed that it was a dangerous area. Three disagreed with removing the center turn lane.
 - The steering committee mentioned that a guardrail along the median could help minimize cross-over crashes.
- **US 64 (Murphy Road):** From the Clay County Boundary to W Old Murphy Road
 - This proposal was rated by 108 participants. About 78% agreed with this proposal.
 - 9 comments were left on this project. Four comments expressed their agreements with the proposal's inclusion of climbing lanes. Five comments disagreed with bike accommodations.
- **US 64/NC 28 (Highlands Road):** From Rogers Road to Walnut Creek Road
 - This proposal was rated by 139 participants. About 69% agreed with this proposal.
 - 6 comments were left on this project. Two comments stated that it was a dangerous road with multiple accidents. Other comments varied greatly: adding asphalt on each side of the road, disagreement with paved shoulders, adding sidewalks, and only agreeing with the park and ride lot.
- **US 64 (N 4th Street):** From Highlands Town Limits to the Jackson County Line
 - This proposal was rated by 94 participants. About 73% agreed with this proposal.
 - 4 comments were left on this project. Comments agreed on the need for mobility, safety, and sight distance along this corridor to help with the connection to the hospital and Cashiers.
- **US 441 BUS:** From Porter Street to Big Bear Lane
 - This proposal was rated by 134 participants. About 80% agreed with this proposal.

- 4 comments were left on this project. Two comments proposed converting the facility to two-way traffic with parallel parking. One comment said to leave it alone.
- The steering committee stated that converting this facility to two-way traffic would be a very significant change.
- **NC 28 (Highlands Road):** From US 441 BUS (E Main Street) to Thomas Road
 - This proposal was rated by 138 participants. About 69% agreed with this proposal.
 - 7 comments were left on this project. Four comments stated that they did not agree with the design, but two agreed with bike lanes. Two comments said that improvements could be good for business. One comment said sidewalks are a great idea.
 - The steering committee discussed the emphasis on access management. Improvements at intersections near the new planned subdivision or at the northern intersection at Crane Circle were mentioned to help with access management.
- **NC 28 (Bryson City Road):** From Sanderstown Road to Cowee Creek Road
 - This proposal was rated by 138 participants. About 69% agreed with this proposal.
 - 3 comments were left on this project. Two comments agreed improving the mobility and safety of this road. One comment stated it would be bad for the scenic beauty of the area.
 - The steering committee agreed with the safety concerns near Cowee Baptist Church. The committee also decided to combine this proposal with the intersection proposal on this street.
- **NC 28 (Bryson City Road) and Cowee Creek Road Intersection**
 - This proposal was rated by 49 participants. About 88% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments were left on this project.
 - The steering committee decided to combine this proposal with the road improvements proposal along this section.
- **NC 106 (Dillard Road):** From the Georgia State Line to US 64
 - This proposal was rated by 109 participants. About 67% agreed with this proposal.
 - 6 comments were left on this project. Four comments agreed with improvements along this facility. Two comments were not regarding this area.
 - The steering committee stated the importance of improving this facility since it is an important connector to Highlands.
- **Old Murphy Road:** From Sloan Road to West Main Street
 - This proposal was rated by 88 participants. About 76% agreed with this proposal.
 - 2 comments were left on this project. One comment wanted sidewalks and not bicycle paths. The other comment disagreed with the proposal.
- **Roller Mill Road/Belden Circle:** US 23/441 to Old Murphy Road
 - This proposal was rated by 96 participants. About 83% agreed with this proposal.
 - 3 comments were left on this project. Two comments mentioned limited visibility and blind spots along this facility. One agreed that sidewalks were needed due to income housing.
- **Wells Grove Road:** From Porter Street to Clarks Chapel Road
 - This proposal was rated by 95 participants. About 89% agreed with this proposal.
 - 5 comments were left on this project. Three agreed with intersection improvements while another comment stated that this what is most important to them. One comment stated that the roads are currently too narrow to accommodate passing buses.

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- **Airport Road (SR 1434):** From Olive Hill Road to NC 28 (Bryson City Road)
 - This proposal was rated by 86 participants. About 55% agreed with this proposal.
 - 5 comments were left on this project. Comments were mixed stating to put bike lanes instead, repave, maybe, or were not familiar with the area.
 - The steering committee stated that improving this facility towards the airport was important to improve safer connectivity towards the airport and from an economic development standpoint.
 - **Buck Creek Road:** From US 64 (Highlands Road) to Teague Estates Road
 - This proposal was rated by 99 participants. About 80% agreed with this proposal.
 - 3 comments were left on this facility. These comments varied from stating the road was dangerous, agreeing with correcting curves, and to stop widening the roads.
 - **Clarks Chapel Road:** From Wells Grove Road to Hickory Knoll Road
 - This proposal was rated by 93 participants. About 67% agreed with this proposal.
 - 2 comments were left on this facility. One comment agrees with the need for improvements and the other states that the current road is too narrow for buses to pass safely.
 - **Ellijay Road:** From US 64 (Highlands Road) to Grayson Higdon Road
 - This proposal was rated by 87 participants. About 70% agreed with this proposal.
 - 6 comments were left on this facility. Three would like the bridge replaced with some disagreeing with the widening. One comment states the need for this to become a reliable travel option. Others commented to slow down speeds or that they were not familiar with this road.
 - **Hickory Knoll Road:** From Tessentee Road to Clarks Chapel Road
 - This proposal was rated by 84 participants. About 48% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments were left on this project.
 - The steering committee agreed to **remove** this project stating that it is a decent road despite having narrow lanes.
 - **Prentiss Bridge Road (SR 1649):** From US 441/23 (Georgia Road) to Clarks Chapel Road
 - This proposal was rated by 97 participants. About 66% agreed with this proposal.
 - 1 comment was left on this project stating that the road was too narrow.
 - **Rabbit Creek Road (SR 1504):** From US 441 (Sylva Road) to the bridge near Ferguson Road
 - This proposal was rated by 81 participants. About 51% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments were left on this project.
 - The steering committee agreed that this project was a good long-range project due to a lot of big farmland and the potential for residential development. The road also is narrow, steep and has no paved shoulders.
 - **Tessentee Road (SR 1636):** From US 23/441 (Georgia Road) to Hickory Knoll Road
 - This proposal was rated by 85 participants. About 53% agreed with this proposal.
 - 2 comments were left on this project. The comments stated that they were not familiar with this section and that they were not sure about the amount of traffic.
 - The steering committee agreed to **remove** this project stating that it is a decent road despite having narrow lanes.

Bicycle Only:

- **US 64/Sloan Rd:** From W Old Murphy Rd (SR 1448) to Carolina Dr
 - This proposal was rated by 85 participants. About 74% agreed with this proposal.
 - 2 comments were left on this project. Both comments disagreed with the inclusion of bicycles on this facility
- **Horse Cove Rd (SR 1603)/Main Street/Whiteside Cove Rd**
 - This proposal was rated by 38 participants. About 55% agreed with this proposal.
 - Only one comment on this project which stated that they preferred paved shoulders.
 - The steering committee agreed to **remove** this proposal.

Bicycle and Pedestrian:

- **Siler Road (SR 1660)/Dowdle Mountain Rd (SR 1659):** From US 23/441 Georgia Road to Wells Grove Road (SR 1667)
 - This proposal was rated by 91 participants. About 75% agreed with this proposal.
 - 3 comments were left on this project. Two comments stated that it is a priority while one only wanted the sidewalk improvements

Pedestrian Only:

- **US 64/NC 28 (Franklin Rd):** From Mirror Lake Road (SR 1551) to Will Henry Steven's Bridge
 - This proposal was rated by 41 participants. About 83% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments
- **US 441 BUS (Main St)/First St/Old Cat Creek Rd:** From Lakeside Drive (SR 1324) to Lake Emory Road (SR 1325)
 - This proposal was rated by 83 participants. About 77% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments
- **Baird Cove Rd (SR 1319)/Palmer Dr:** From W Palmer St (SR 1442) to Palmer Dr (SR 1417)
 - This proposal was rated by 87 participants. About 77% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments
- **Depot St (SR 1729):** From Wells Grove Road (SR 1667) to US 441 BUS (E Main Street)
 - This proposal was rated by 87 participants. About 77% agreed with this proposal.
 - 1 comment stated it should be a priority.
- **Green St:** From Wild Mint Road to Harrison Avenue
 - This proposal was rated by 86 participants. About 83% agreed with this proposal.
 - 1 comment stated to widen this road if there is room.
- **Phillips St (SR 1718):** From US 441 BUS (E Palmer Street) to Wayah Street (SR 1667)
 - This proposal was rated by 78 participants. About 87% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments
- **Womack St (SR 1158):** From Old Murphy Road (SR 1442) to US 441 BUS (Georgia Road)
 - This proposal was rated by 90 participants. About 77% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments

Multiuse Path:

- **The Crawford Branch Greenway**
 - This proposal was rated by 89 participants. About 88% agreed with this proposal.
 - No comments
- **The Little Tennessee Greenway Extension**
 - This proposal was rated by 97 participants. About 91% agreed with this proposal.
 - 4 comments were left on this proposal. All of them supported the project, stating that it was a priority and a huge asset to the community.
- **The Southwest Loop Trail**
 - This proposal was rated by 90 participants. About 84% agreed with this proposal.
 - 3 comments were left on this proposal. One comment agreed on improving bike and trail safety and another thought it should be extended to include Roller Mill Road. One comment disagreed with the inclusion of bikes.