

**Yancey County
Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update Steering Committee
Zoom Meeting #9 Summary**

February 3, 2021

Attendees:

- Pam Cook, NCDOT TPD
- David Graham, High Country RPO
- Jake Blood, NC High Peaks
- Jeff Howell, Yancey County EMS
- Stephen Sparks, NCDOT Division 13
- Jamie McMahan, Yancey EDC

The Yancey County CTP Update Steering Committee met remotely through the Zoom online meeting platform. The following is a summary for each agenda item:

1. Review of Final CTP Recommendations and Maps

Pam Cook shared the final CTP recommendations, maps, and highway project sheets with the Committee. Comments for the recommendations, maps, and highway project sheets are as follows:

- Add sidewalk recommendation to north side of US 19E from West Burnsville Church Road to Charlie Brown Road.
- Update date on Recommendations List to reflect current date.
- Work on wording of US 19W recommendation on section to Tennessee Line concerning bicycles.
- NC 80 – From US 19E to Mitchell County add information about truck traffic generated by Main transfer solid waste station for Mitchell County and Yancey County and tourists going to the Observatory.
- NC 80S sections – Add information to Project Sheets about 3 campgrounds located off this facility due to a significant number of campers, trailers, and RVs using it.
- US 197 from US 19E to Clearmont Rd – Add climbing lanes to steep grade section.
- Check “Gliders Creek” versus “Gilders Creek”.
- Move recommended Park and Ride lot location from West Blvd/Court St location to Depot/US19E/OMC Dr location
- Change name of Mount Mitchell Greenway to South Toe River Greenway

David Graham informed the Steering Committee that he will be reaching out to Yancey County and Burnsville Town Manager’s to request permission to send out the final CTP recommendation for public input.

The Steering Committee noted that the US 19E and River Walk intersection near Dollar General is dangerous and that NCDOT should evaluate for safety improvements. David Graham

informed the Steering Committee that he will reach out to NCDOT Division 13 on behalf of the Steering Committee.

2. Final CTP Recommendations Public Workshop/Survey Discussion

David Graham discussed with the Steering Committee using the Metroquest online survey platform that was used for the initial CTP public input survey for the final CTP recommendations survey due to the good survey response rate. The Steering Committee agreed to using Metroquest online survey platform for the CTP recommendations survey. In addition to the Metroquest online survey would work best. In addition, the Steering Committee discussed the option of a physical location in Burnsville for those with limited internet access or capabilities where the CTP maps and recommendations can be made available to the public for comment.

The Burnsville Town Center and the technology center were discussed as options for a physical location to capture hard copy public comments. It was determined that the Burnsville Town Center would be the best location to capture public comments. Jeff Howell offered to help get the word out on the CTP recommendations survey through the SMS communications system. It was also noted to send the CTP recommendations survey to the individuals that requested additional information from the first survey. The Steering Committee suggested contacting Heather Hockaday, Burnsville Town Manager to reserve a time to use the Town Center. David Graham informed the Steering Committee that he will reach out to the Burnsville Town Manager accordingly.

3. Next Steps

Pam Cook will begin the process of ordering the Metroquest survey and David Graham will work on approval from Yancey and Burnsville Manager's to send the recommendation out for public comment. Pam Cook advised the Steering Committee that the survey will be scheduled for April. The Steering Committee would meet in May to discuss the survey results before taking the final CTP to local governments for adoption. After adoption from local governments, the High Country RPO will act on endorsing the CTP and then the NCDOT Board of Transportation would act on adoption of the CTP. All approvals and endorsements are expected by September.

4. Adjourn