

**US 19 W**

From Little Creek Rd (SR 1411) to  
Huntdale Rd (SR 1417)

Local ID: YANC20002-HB

Purpose: Facility Deficiencies

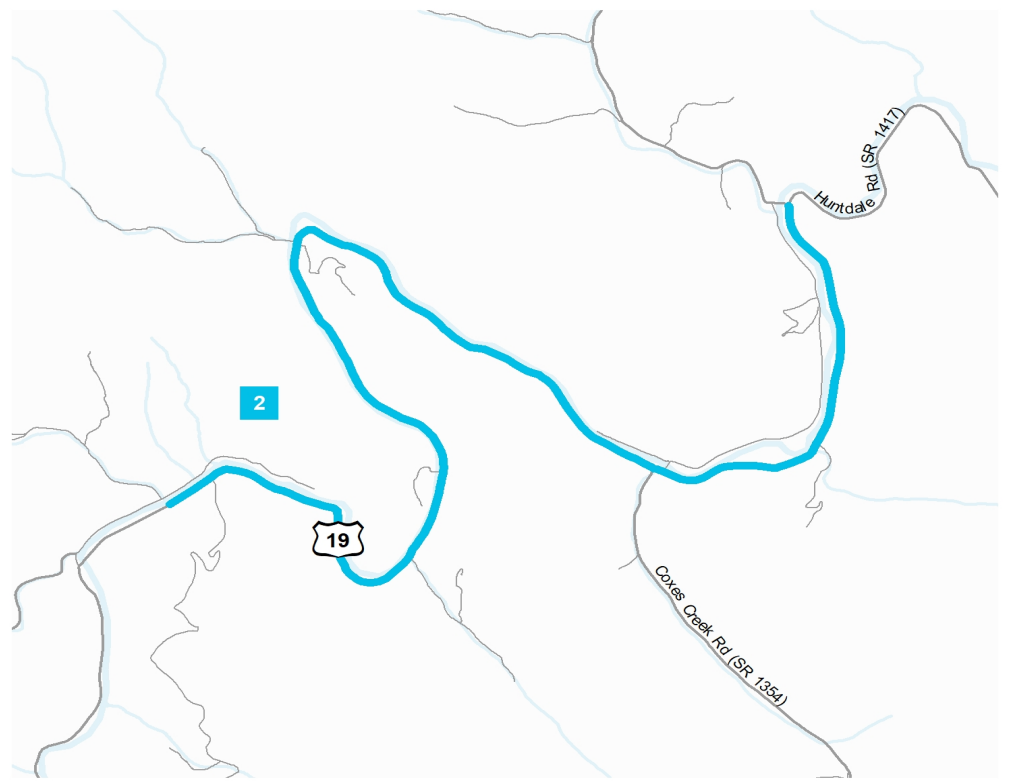
Improvement: Improve Existing

**Identified Need**

This Major Collector has 9-foot lanes with trucks composing 5% of the daily traffic, and it is a popular cyclist route. Drivers unfamiliar with the area drive this facility as a scenic route to the Cherokee National Forest and Appalachian Trail.

**Recommendation**

Modernize to 12-ft lanes with 5-ft paved shoulders.



Local ID #	Improve	New Location	Local ID #	Improve	New Location
Congestion / Mobility	#	— ····	Interchange	⊙	□
Access Management / Operations	#	— ····	Bridge / Overpass	⊙	○
Modernization	#	— ····	Intersection	⊙	∟
Other	#	— ····		⊙	△

**Proposal At A Glance**

Highway Class	Modernization
Facility Type	Major Thoroughfare 2-lane
Typical Section	02 A
Section Options	-
Estimated Cost	-
Length (miles)	5.93
Existing ROW (feet)	40-60
Safety Risk Score	11-44

**Proposal Data: 2018 Base Year 2045 Future Year**

Improved Route	Existing	Without Proposal	With Proposal
<i>Facility Type</i>	Major Thoroughfare 2-lane	Major Thoroughfare 2-lane	Major Thoroughfare 2-lane
<i>Travel Lanes</i>	2	2	2
<i>Volume (vpd)</i>	200-700	210-720	210-720
<i>Capacity (vpd)</i>	10100	10100	12100

**Capacity Data: Year**

Facility will be Approaching Capacity (>80%)	-
Facility will be Over Capacity (>=100%)	-

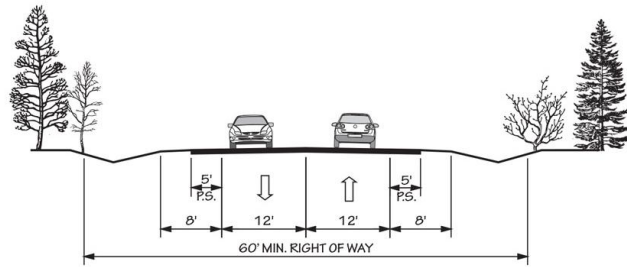


**Typical Section Options:**

None

# TYPICAL SECTION No. 2A

## 2 LANE UNDIVIDED WITH PAVED SHOULDERS



POSTED SPEED 55 MPH

### Project History/Linkage to Other Plans

This project was not included in the 2008 Yancey County CTP. In the 2014 High Country Bike Plan this route's importance to the cycling community was noted, and it was recommended to have 2-ft paved shoulders to support cyclists. The 2019 Yancey Economic Development Plan includes a goal to improve bicycle and pedestrian transportation infrastructure and to advocate for the improvements identified in the High Country Bike Plan.

### CTP Goal Analysis

The Vision Statement for this CTP is Yancey County has a safe and accessible multi-modal transportation system that connects its residents and visitors to key destinations within the county and regionally where an emphasis is placed on alternative modes. This project provides multi-modal access to key destinations e.g. the Appalachian Trail.

### Potential Impacts

Based on planning level environmental assessment using available GIS data, the project has the potential to impact Appalachian elktoe and Mesic hardwood and mixed forests. There is 25.1-50% of population along US 19W that is at poverty level.

### Other Information

Functionally Obsolete bridge #98 over Bolens Creek is in this section.

### Multi-Modal Considerations

Paved Shoulders to accommodate bicycles are recommended.

### CTP Public Survey Comments Received

**Public comments from CTP survey about 19W:**

- People drive over the line all the time, especially big trucks. Drive too fast for the conditions.
- Primary secondary road needs widening or wider shoulders.
- US 19W is a highly used and popular cycling route. A wider shoulder would significantly improve safety.
- Addition of pull-offs or picnicking opportunities would make for enjoyment of natural beauty.
- Need bus routes and stops.
- People race on straight area and cross over the lines. US 19W has become very hazardous.
- Folks like to walk and run in the mornings and evenings down Cane River on US 19W. It is dangerous especially at blind curves.
- US 19W is a beautiful and popular route for cyclists, but in the southern part of this road, near Cane River, the traffic can be fast and there isn't an adequate bike lane.
- Cane River Road/US 19W is a highly used bikeway but is extremely dangerous for bicycle users.
- US 19W and Jacks Creek Rd are very popular cycling routes, a wider should on these and other roads would significantly improve safety.