

**NC 80**

From South Toe River Rd (SR 1205) to McDowell County line

Local ID: YANC30007-HB

Purpose: Facility Deficiencies

Improvement: Improve Existing

**Identified Need**

This functionally classified Major Collector has narrow 10-foot lanes with no paved shoulders. It links Yancey County to McDowell County and the Blue Ridge Parkway. Truck traffic is 3% of daily vehicle traffic. The majority of access to Mount Mitchell State Park lands is currently via NC 80.

**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)	2.22
Existing ROW (feet)	60
Safety Risk Score	33-78

**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>	450-850	620-1100	620-1100
<i>Capacity (vpd)</i>	10100-10400	10100-10400	12100

**Capacity Data:** Year

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

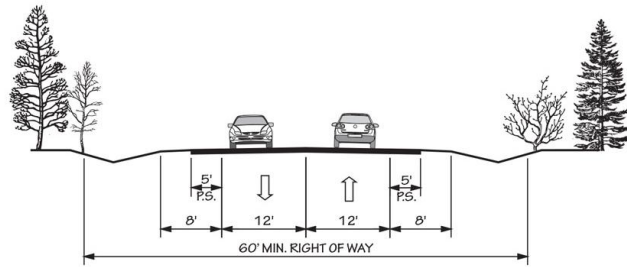


**Typical Section Options:**

None

# TYPICAL SECTION No. 2A

## 2 LANE UNDIVIDED WITH PAVED SHOULDERS



POSTED SPEED 55 MPH

### Project History/Linkage to Other Plans

The need to support cyclists was identified in the 2008 Yancey County CTP, and the 2014 High Country Bicycle Plan recommended 4-ft paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists.

### 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 works toward a safer multi-modal transportation system that connects residents and visitors to key destinations e.g. Mount Mitchell State Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, Yancey County Toe River Campground, South Toe Volunteer Fire Department, Mount Mitchell trailheads, Mt Mitchell Golf Club, South Toe Fire Department, Micaville Elementary School, South Toe Elementary School, and Marion.

### Potential Impacts

Based on planning level environmental assessment using available GIS data, the project has the potential to impact FRB/South Toe River Aquatic habitat, Low Elevation Montane and General Montane Dry-Mesic Hardwood and Mixed Forest, Wet-Mesic Hardwood and Mixed Forest, Dry-Xeric Mixed Forests, Woodlands, and Barrens, South Toe River and tributaries, high quality waters and outstanding resources, Still Fork Creek, and wetlands.

25.1-50% of population along NC 80 is at poverty level.  
25.1-50% of population along NC 197 is age 65 and over.

### Other Information

This facility is part of the Mount Mitchell Scenic Drive. There are several campgrounds and RV parks along this facility which leads to a significant number of campers, RVs, and trailers on it.

### Multi-Modal Considerations

Paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists

### CTP Public Survey Comments Received

**Public comments from CTP survey about NC 80:** Around 30 comments received about the need to accommodate cyclists on NC 80 S were received.

- NC 80S sure could use bike lanes.
- If Hwy 80 South is widened down to Hamrick and bike lane or bike path is installed, public health and safety in the South Toe Valley will be dramatically affected.
- Dangerous intersection of South Toe Elementary Rd and Hwy 80.
- Better shoulders, straighten, add left turn lanes.
- Make NC 80 more pedestrian friendly as well. Add a path beside the road.
- A greenway connecting Micaville to the Blue Ridge Parkway is needed.
- Need regularly scheduled public transportation to the South Toe region.
- Add a bike lane to NC 80S. It is the connector between the Blue Ridge Parkway and Micaville/Burnsville.