



Transylvania County's Transportation Advisory Committee

Special Meeting

August 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM

County Commissioners Chamber at 101
South Broad Street, Brevard NC 28712

Agenda

Welcome

I

New Business

II

Public Comment

III

Board Members' Comments

IV

Public that is interested in speaking, please sign in at the front, thank you.

II. New Business

Prioritization 7.0 List

A

Presenter/Staff: Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO

Update on CTP

B

Presenter/Staff: Daniel Sellers, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division



II-A. Prioritization 7.0

Statewide Mobility- 40%

- **Selection based on 100% data**
- **3.9 Billion available**
- **Projects Programmed prior to Local Input Ranking**
- **Interstates**
- **None in County**
- **Ex: I-26**

Regional Impact- 30%

- **Selection based on 70% data and 30% Local Input**
- **Funding based on population within Region**
- **Region G: Division 14/13, it -74 million available**
- **US and NC Routes**
- **Ex: US 276 or NC 215**

Division Needs- 30%

- **Selection based on 50% Data and 50% Local Input**
- **Funding for remaining 10 counties**
- **198 million available**
- **Funding based on equal share for Division 14**
- **All roads leftover**
- **Island Ford, Neeley, Crab Creek**

TC's SPOT 7.0 Carryover Project List

Project Name	Location	Category	Project Description
Rosman Hwy	Indian Creek to East of East Intersection (Flat Creek Valley Rd)	Regional Impact	Widen and realign, climbing lanes, bike-able paved shoulders
South Broad St	US 64 Business (S. Caldwell) to North Country Club Rd	Regional Impact	Improve intersection alignment
Asheville Highway	Ecusta Rd	Regional Impact	Upgrade intersection, make right turn only into road and out of road. No left turns and light.
Pickens Highway	Main Street (Rosman) to Middlefork Rd	Regional Impact	Modernization- improve intersections, include bike-able paved shoulders.
Neely Rd, Parkview Rd, Chestnut St	US 64 to US 276 Greenville Hwy	Division Needs	Modernization- improve intersections, include curb/gutter, bike lanes and sidewalks, or SUP.

[Project List](#)

TC's SPOT 7.0 Draft Project List

Project Name	Location	Category	Project Description
Asheville Highway	North Termini to Brickyard Road	Regional Impact	Access management- Four lane divided hwy with median and bikeable shoulders and SUP.
Old Hendersonville Road	US 64 to Everett Road	Division Needs	Modernization- improve intersections, include curb/gutter, bike lanes, sidewalk and/or SUP.
Ecusta Road	US 64 to Wilson Road	Division Needs	Modernization- improve intersections, include curb/gutter, bike lanes, sidewalk and/or SUP.
Greenville Highway	Elm Bend to Wilson Road	Regional Impact	Modernization- improve intersections, include curb/gutter, bike lanes, sidewalk and/or SUP.
Rosman Highway	Intersection of South Broad and North Country Club to Median at Red Sky Knoll (private street)	Regional Impact	Access management- Four Lane divided with median, including bicycle/ped accommodations
Old Rosman Highway	US 178 to US 64	Regional Impact	Modernization- improve select intersections, include bike/ped accommodations per plans.
Rosman Highway	Clement Road to Park-n-Ride lot near US 178	Regional Impact	Widen existing to Four lane divided with SUP from Bike plan.

TC's Bike and Ped Project List

Project Name	Location	Category	Project Description
Brevard High School Greenway	US 64 Rosman Hwy to North Country Club Rd	Division Needs	Off Road Multi-use-path
Multi Use Path partially along King Creek Brevard College	Neeley Rd to Railroad Ave	Division Needs	Multi-use-path
Hillview Circle Multi Use Path	Mills Ave/Cashiers Valley Rd to Probart St	Division Needs	Multi-use-path
Bracken Preserve Connector (Along Music Camp Road)	Probart St to Bracken Preserve Recreation Area	Division Needs	Multi-use-path
Morris Road Sidewalks	US64/276 to Ecusta Rd	Division Needs	Sidewalk on both sides of Morris Rd
Osborne Road Sidewalk	US 64 Asheville Hwy to Old Hendersonville Rd	Division Needs	Sidewalk along Osborne Rd
Turkey Pen Park n Ride	Just south of Turkey Pen Round on East Side of NC 280	Division Needs	Park-n-Ride with bus shelter, lighting and trash receptacles.

[List](#)

Quick Update on NCDOT Projects

Project ID	Description	ROW ACQ Begins	Let Date
BP14.R022	Replace Bridge #11 on Solomon Jones Rd (SR 1559) over Walker Creek	2/11/2024	2/11/2025
BP14.R012	Replace B-5972 over tributary to Tucker Creek on Tanasee Gap Rd (SR 1324)	1/9/21 & 1/13/20	1/25/2028
17BP.14.R.181	Bridge #61 on Silversteen Rd over Parker Creek	1/15/2021	1/9/2024
17BP.14.R.183	West Fork French Broad River on Silversteen Rd		8/8/2023
BP14.R039	Replace Bridge over French Broad River on Old Turnpike Rd	11/11/2024	11/11/2025
HB-0026	Replace Bridge Over French Broad River on Everett Rd	5/15/2024	2/16/2025
EB-6037B	Ecusta Rail Trail	9/30/2021	
R-5763	Upgrade roadway: Wilson Road from Old US 64 to US 276	3/21/2022	11/19/2024
R-5799	Intersections of US 64, US 276, and NC 280, construction intersection improvements	8/19/2021	8/15/2023
R-5800	US 64 from US 276, Fortune Cove Rd to Caldwell Street. Construct median and access control measures.	3/1/2023	4/15/2025
HA-0002	Mountain Industrial Drive Extension, construct road extension in Jennings Industrial Park	4/7/2022	1/23/2024
HF-0004	US 276, Install guardrail from Sliding Rock to Proposed off-site parking, construct sidewalk		9/22/2026

Quick Update on NCDOT Projects

Route/TIP #	Description	Completion Date	Completion %
US 64: R-5605	Davidson River Village Connector from US 64 to US 276/US 276 in PF	12/1/2023	92%
SR 1131: 17BP.14.R.182	Bridge on Middle Fork Rd	4/19/2023	90%
US 64: R-57941I-U-5104	Caldwell St near Bracken Ln to US 64 near Brevard Academy	6/25/2023	75%
US 64	Resurfacing on Rosman Hwy and various secondary routes throughout TC	10/15/2023	3%
SR 1351 (Whitmire St) B-5550	Bridge on Railroad Ave over King Creek	6/14/2024	4%



II-B. Comp. Transportation Plan Update

- Update on the Survey and Public Comment responses received
- Quick background on the survey that was taken
- Slides detailing comments about:
 - Bicycle routes
 - Sidewalk proposals
 - New Transit Route options
 - Bridge and Intersection construction
 - Multi-use paths
 - Highway construction



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Transylvania County CTP

Public Comment Summary

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Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina

Previous Public Involvement Efforts

The table below lists core working group as part of the Transylvania County CTP. In order to ensure we are receiving input that is representative of the county as a whole, we ask that you identify which group(s) you associate with, attend meetings, or regularly communicate with. Please add a group at the bottom if there are additional communities of interest.

CTP Working Group Members	Stakeholder Group																								
	Alan Justice	Sean Shelton	Clark Loveless	David Carter	David Joyce	ERIC Caldwell	Gloria McCann	Jeff Owenby	Jeffrey Merrill	Judith Nobile	Kate Hayes	Karen Shook	Lee McMan	Mica McNeely	Mark Burrows	Mark Tooley	Richard Hoek	Scott McCall	Jeff Carter	Amy Freeman	Pamela Tebeira	Sylvia Peith	Kenneth Coker	Jimmy Whitnize	Don Surette
Agriculture /Forestry			X	X														X	X						X
Environment/Natural Resource					X					X	X	X				X	X								
Pisgah National Forest											X	X				X									
Senior Citizens			X													X			X	X	X				X
Children																			X	X					
Pedestrian advocate																			X	X					
Bicycle/Greenways advocate										X	X	X				X	X								
Medical/Hospital Community											X								X	X					
Transit Provider																									
Transit Rider																				X					
Minority Group: Latino/Hispanic																			X	X					
Minority Group: Other																			X	X					
Rosenwald Community																									
Limited English Proficiency																									
Schools (K-12)																							X		
College/Higher Education										X		X													
Economic Development					X								X	X						X				X	
Workforce /Lower Income Advocates (WCCA)																							X		
Utilities - Water /Sewer /Power					X						X														
Freight Movement																X									
Emergency Services			X							X	X						X				X				
Industrial /Commercial					X									X	X										
Tourism										X	X							X							
Special Destinations									X							X								X	
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Blue Ridge Pkwy			X																						
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Thank you for taking time to pr feedback. Please share this sun

Surveys may be return by ma

Land of Sky Rural Planning Org
330 New Lebanon Hwy # 140,
Asheville, NC 28806

RPO@landofsky.org
(828) 251-6622

Deadline to submit the survey

If yo would like to be contact please provide us a way to go

The questions below are optional, and your answers will be kept anonymous and strictly confidential. The answers are helpful for analysis purposes, and some of the questions are being asked because federal funds are used for this study.

Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Public Survey

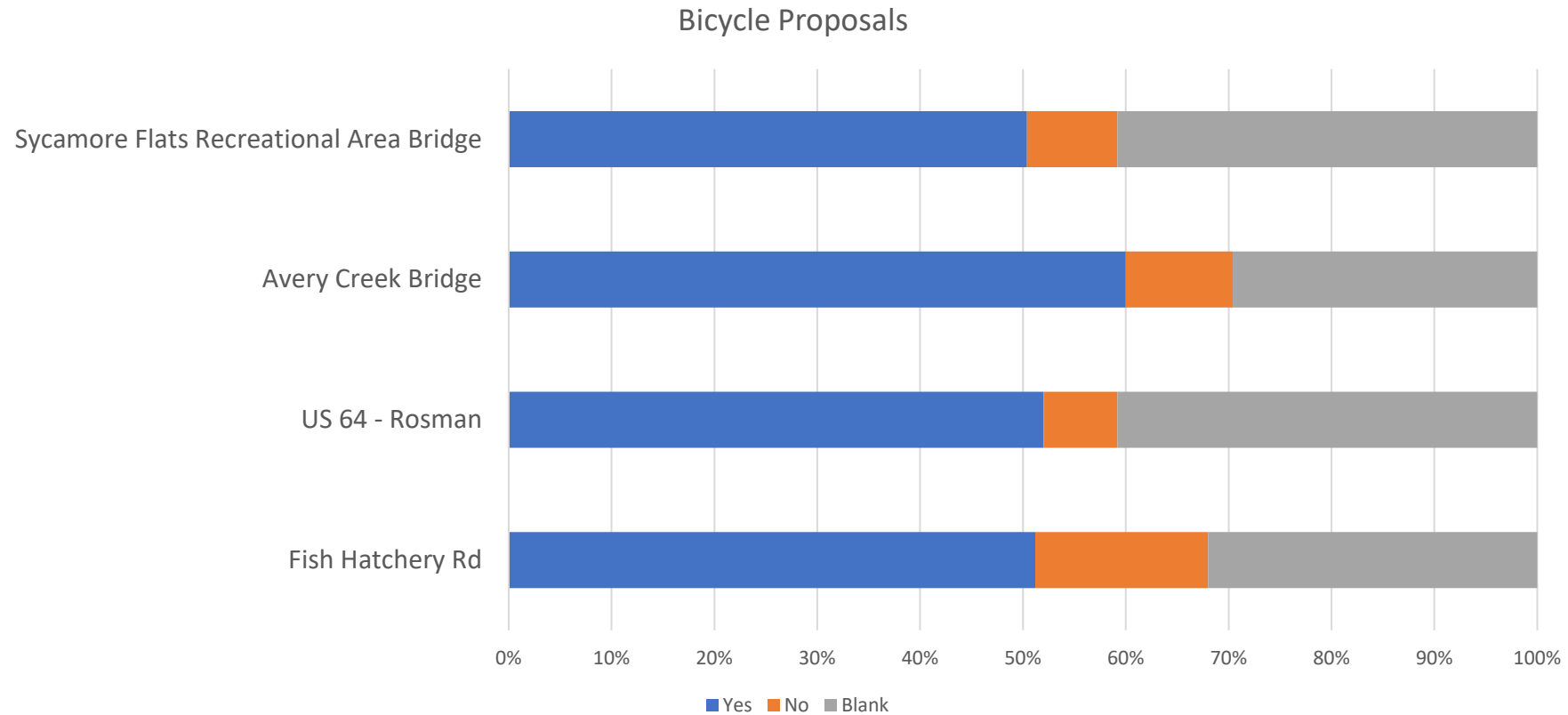
Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important. Transylvania County, the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, the Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization (LOS RPO), and the North Carolina Department of Transportation –Transportation Planning Division (NCDOT TPD) are working together to develop a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) that will identify transportation needs and long term solutions for the next 25 to 30 years. The study includes alternative modes of transportation (bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation). Your participation is essential in identifying transportation needs for Transylvania County.

Please use this map of towns and townships in Transylvania County to tell us about your typical commute.

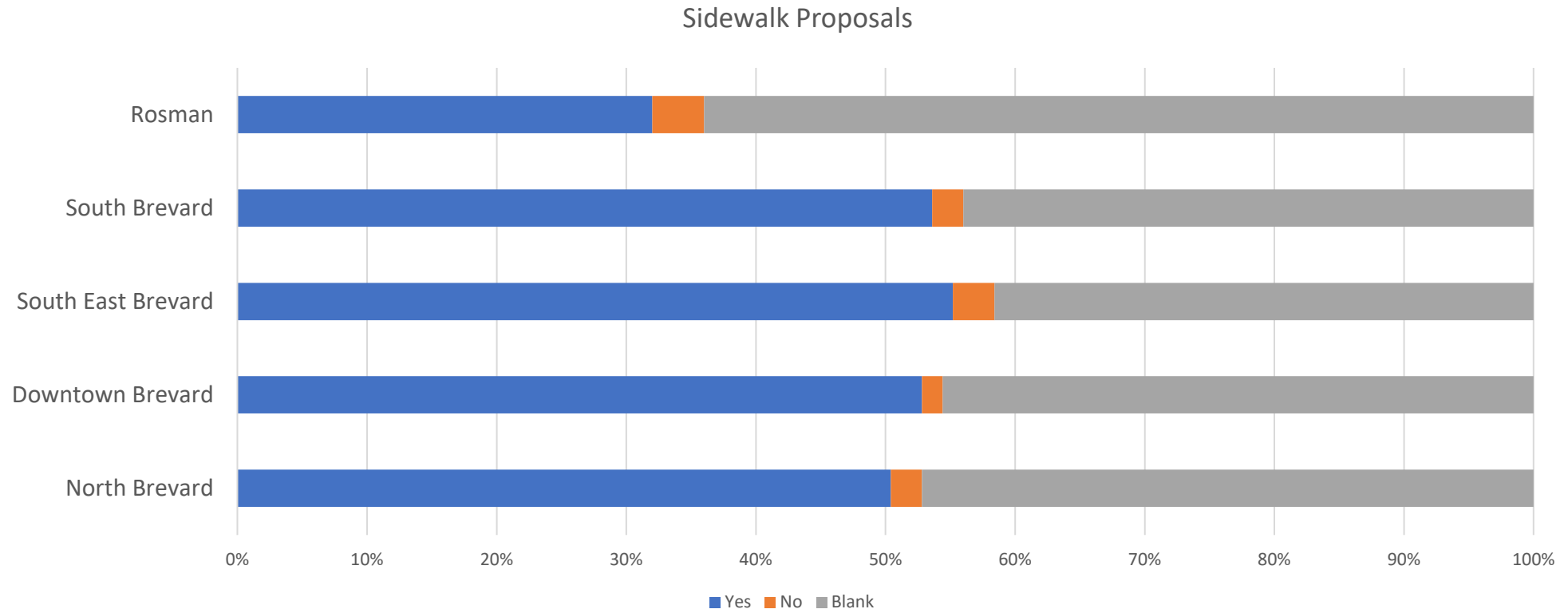
Background on Survey

- Survey was developed in MetroQuest allowing interactive mapping, voting, and comments.
- Survey was split into two because of the size and complexity
 - One Survey had the Highway mode, Intersection and Bridges, as well as Transit proposals
 - The other had Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Multi-Use Path proposals.
- Survey was conducted in December '22 and January '23, with a public workshop in January
- 125 people filled out each survey.
- Each proposal was shown on a map, clicking on it would:
 - show a short description,
 - provide a comment box, and
 - gave the taker the opportunity to answer the question “Is this project needed?”

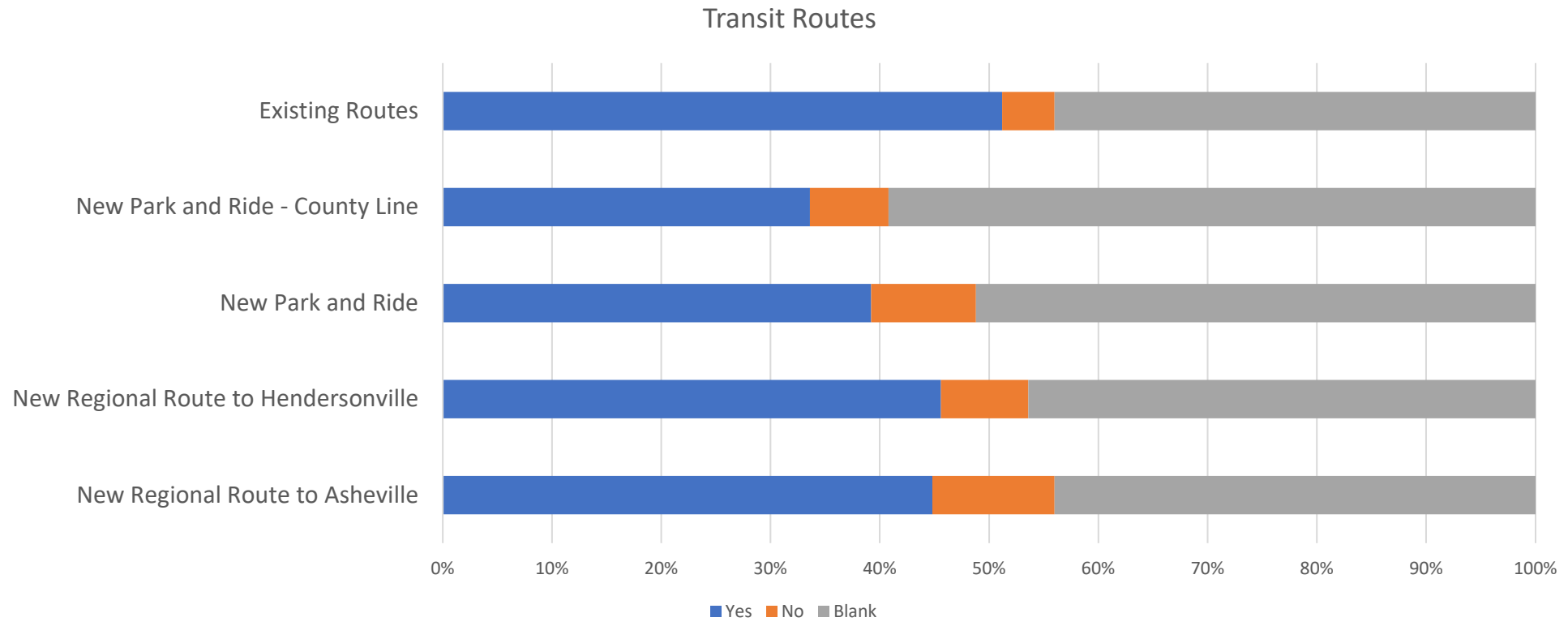
Bicycle: 4/4 Proposals with Net Support



Sidewalks: 5/5 Proposals with Net Support

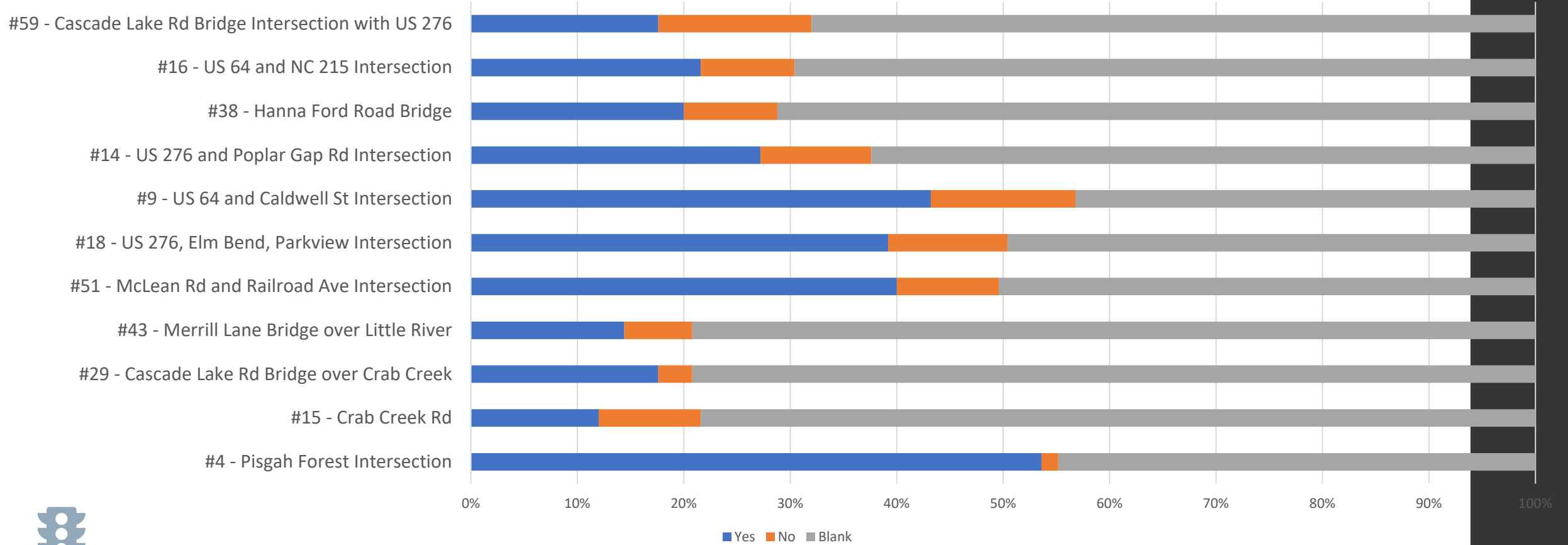


Transit Routes: 5/5 Proposals with Net Support



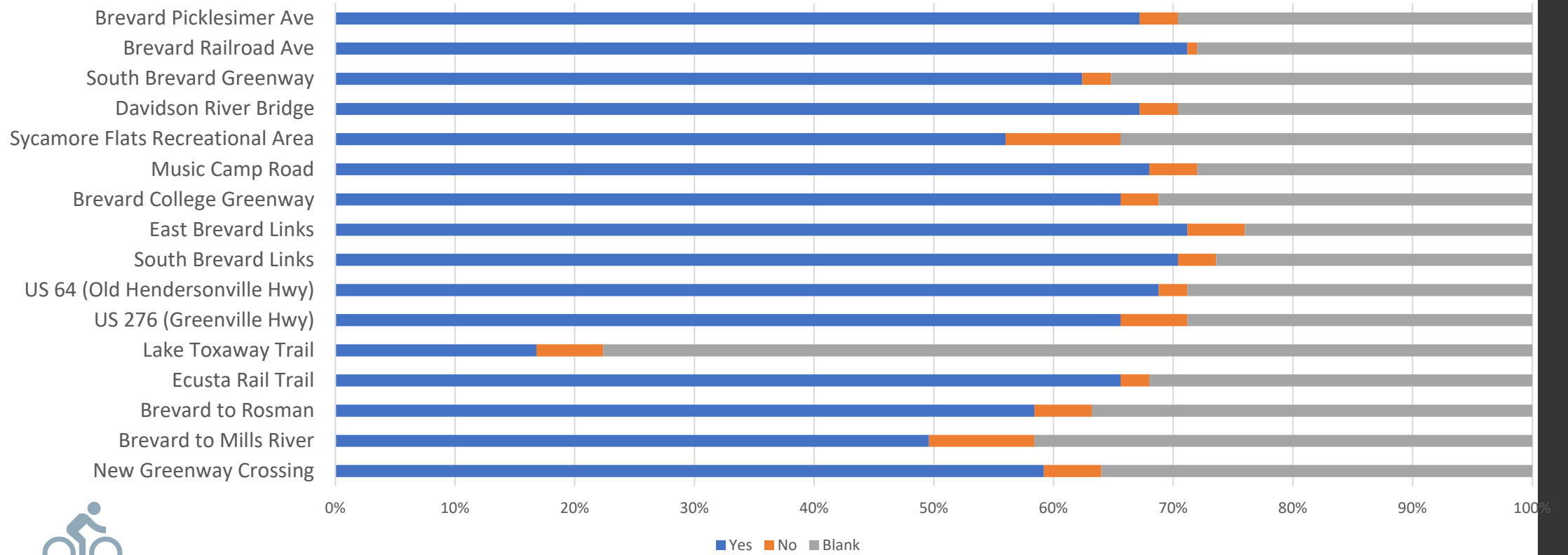
Bridge and Intersection: 11/11 Proposals with Net Support

Bridge and Intersection Proposals



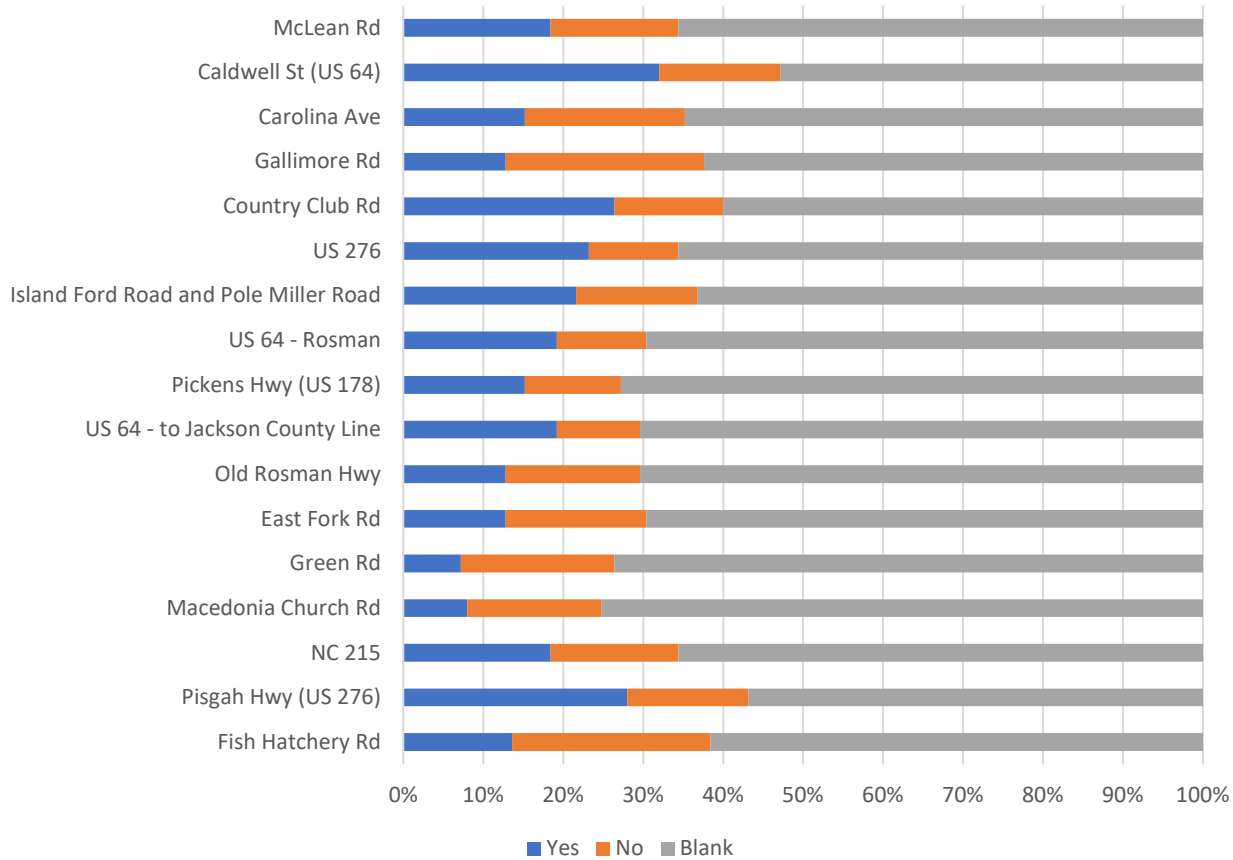
Multi-Use Paths: 16/16 Proposals with Net Support

Multi-Use Paths

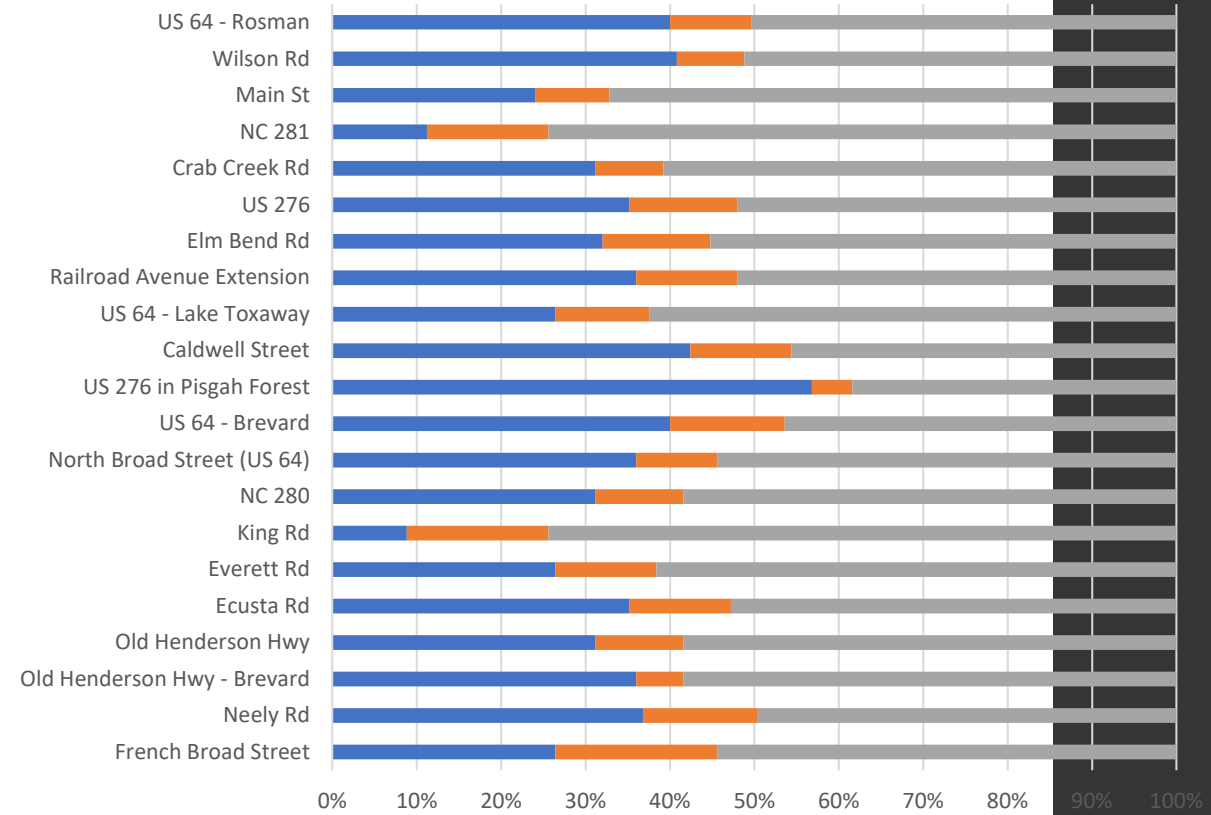


Highways: 29/38 Proposals with Net Support

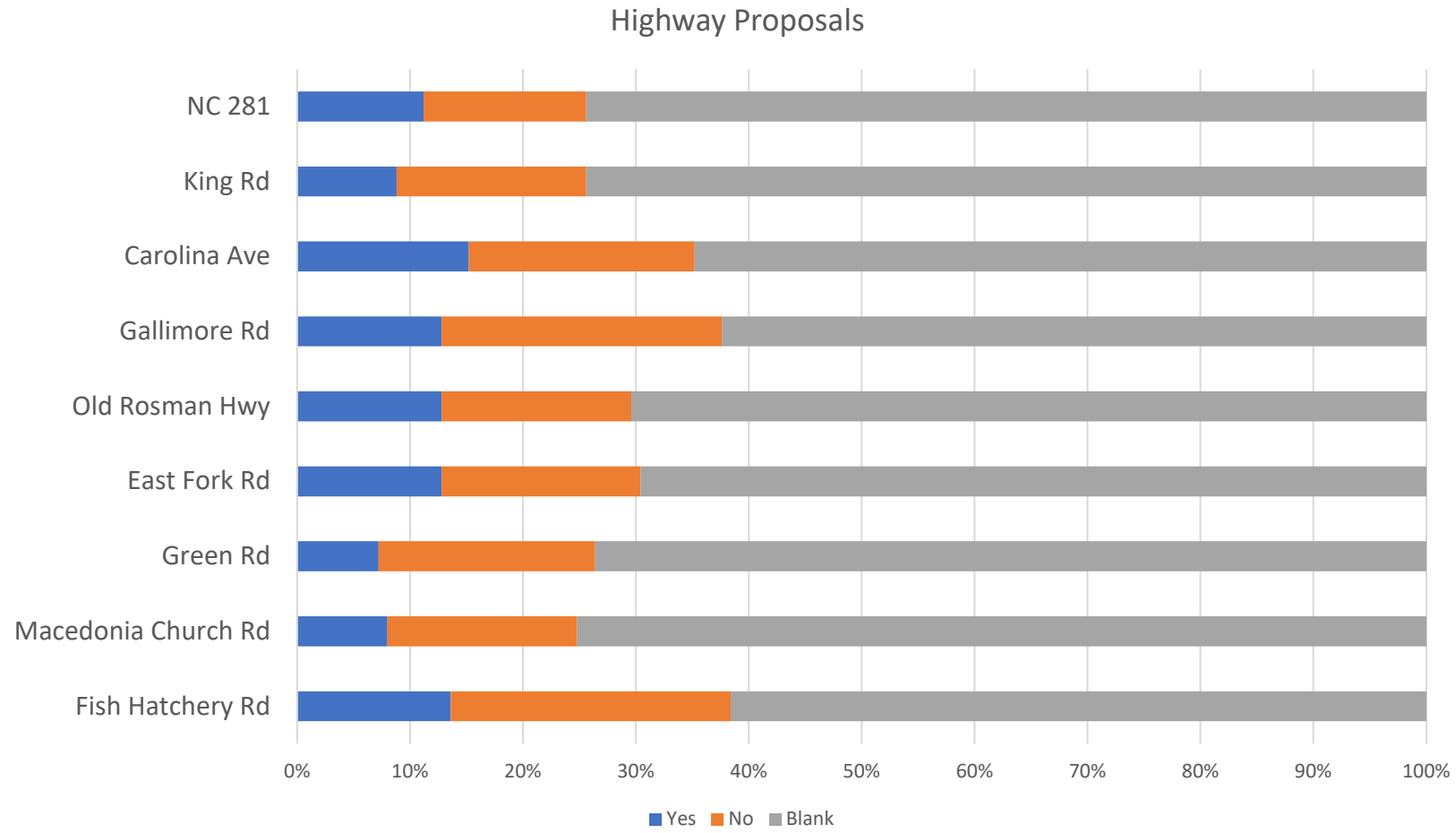
Highway Proposals



Highway Proposals



Highways: 9/38 Proposals with Out Net Support



Comments received at the Survey Workshop

- Ten people submitted paper comment sheets at the workshop
 - One person opposed Railroad Ave
 - One person said more work was needed on Sidewalks on King Street
 - Three people opposed the roundabout at US 276 and Elm Bend Rd and would prefer the signal
 - Three people supported more paths to get bicyclist out of roads
 - One person supported more places to park and lock up bikes
 - One person supported more funds for expanding transit service to nights and weekends
 - One person questioned if Elm Bend Rd floods. I don't have any records of it doing so
- Several commented that the survey was hard to take. Especially those who wished to review every project. Information overload was mentioned. As well as the generic nature of some of the project descriptions.
 - This was driven by the sheer number of proposals. Limitations of the software. And more digital than in person participation.



Final Comments

- “The roads in Transylvania County desperately need updating. We need more multiuse trails and bike lanes on our roads.”
- “Thanks for soliciting public input. We definitely need safer alternatives for cyclists and pedestrians in TC. Request you also look at the timing of the lights and pedestrian walk signs in downtown Brevard.”
- “Overall I am encouraged by a lot of these projects but I really do NOT want to see our idyllic county taken over by wider, straighter roads. More impervious surface area/wide lanes means more runoff, more heat, faster cars. The daylighting & sightline work NCDOT has done is terribly ugly. In roads where shoulders are going to be constructed, they are just "shoulders" --they should be designated bike lanes if they must exist. Go all-in on getting people OUT of cars, then consider updating roads.”
- “Improving safety for bikers by creating bike lanes and multi-use pathways is vital for this areas growth. Connectivity of neighborhoods should also be a focus. I only voted no on the connectivity between Rosman and Brevard because I would rather focus on finishing current multi-use paths before starting new projects.”
- “Thanks!”



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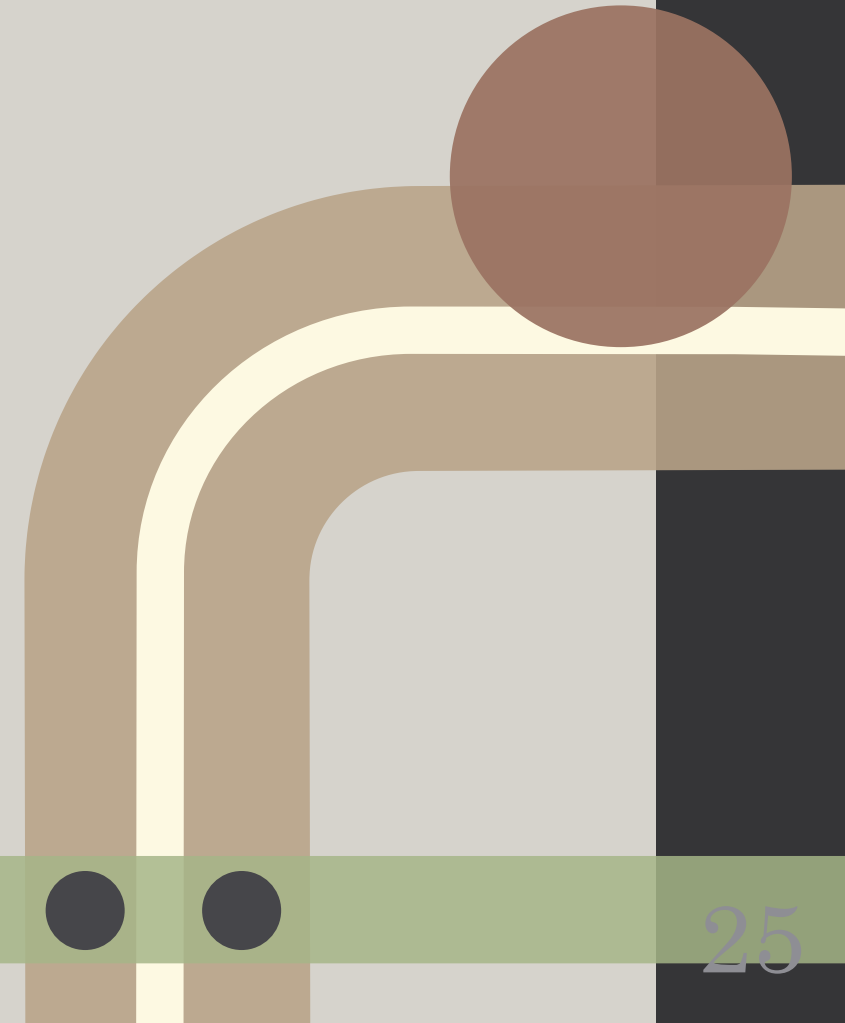


Public Comment

15-minute time limit

For those who wish to speak, please sign in on the sheet at the front.

Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes





Board Member Comments

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Thank you