

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: November 3, 2025

SUBJECT: Regional Safety Action Plan – Letter of Support

PRESENTER: Janna Bianculli, Assistant Planning Director

ATTACHMENT: Letter of Support

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) requests Henderson County support for the Safe Streets for WNC, a regional safety action plan. This plan was developed with input from the MPO's Prioritization Committee, Technical Coordinating Committee, and the MPO Board, all of which have representation from Henderson County. The plan aims to achieve a 10% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2035, followed by an additional 45% reduction by 2045, and ultimately move toward zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to support Safe Streets for WNC regional safety action plan and sign the attached letter of support.

Suggested Motion:

I move to support the Safe Streets for WNC Regional Safety Action Plan.



October 7, 2025

Re: Safe Streets for WNC

The Land of Sky Regional Planning Organization (RPO) and the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) partnered to develop Safe Streets for WNC – the Land of Sky Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan. The Safe Streets for WNC plan was financially supported by a USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant and was completed in Summer 2025 with an overarching goal:

The region will achieve a 10% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes by 2035, an additional 45% reduction by 2045, and move toward zero fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.

Safe Streets for WNC follows the Safe System Approach – considering both reactive and proactive measures to reduce and ultimately eliminate fatalities and serious injuries resulting from roadway crashes. Safe Streets for WNC is a regional framework for understanding the most severe safety issues and includes a series of strategies and tools that will be used to develop projects and programs for implementation in the immediate and long term. Within the five county region including Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties, many local agencies and stakeholders participated in the development of the plan.

NCDOT, local governments, and community organizations are key partners in implementing the Safe Streets for WNC plan. Henderson County is committed to the goals and actions outlined in Safe Streets for WNC. Leadership from Henderson County resolved to support the regional transportation safety action plan on October 15, 2025, and will actively support implementation.

Sincerely,

William G. Lapsley
County Commission Chair
Henderson County