

**Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization
2017 STP-DA Project Descriptions**

Burke County – Fonta Flora Trail

Design, surveying, engineering, permitting, and right of way/easement acquisition and purchase for a section of the Fonta Flora State Trail that extends approximately 2.5 miles from the intersection of Laurel Ridge Court and North Powerhouse Road to the proposed Harris Whisnant trailhead at the intersection of Harris Whisnant and Cobb Roads. This section of the Fonta Flora State Trail will utilize a ten-foot-wide asphalt side path for pedestrians and cyclists.

City of Claremont – Sidewalk on Centennial Blvd

The Centennial Boulevard Sidewalk Project is approximately 3,000 linear feet of 5' sidewalk and extensive fill and drainage construction along the south side of Centennial Boulevard linking North Oxford Street to North Lookout Street.

City of Conover – Construct Interchange

Build the western half of an interchange at the intersection of Interstate 40 and NC 16-Business. This is the location of the former exit 131, which is already graded for an interchange, and all right-of way is already in place.

City of Conover – Bike and Ped Improvements – Supplemental

These improvements include re-striping the roadway, installing island pedestrian refuge medians, and adding curb bump-outs through the downtown all intended for traffic calming and increasing safety for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The project follows 1.89 miles along 1st Avenue N from 10th Street NW to 1st Street (US HWY 70A) and continues along 1st Avenue S from 1st Street (US HWY 70A) to 7th Street PI SW, then following 7th Street PI SW to end at Conover Blvd W(US HWY 70). The project also includes an extension of 0.24 miles down 3rd Street SE from 1st Avenue S to 5th Avenue SE.

Granite Falls (NCDOT) – left turn lanes - Supplemental

Widen Pinewoods Road Extension to provide dual left-turn lanes onto US 321 South and provide pedestrian signal and sidewalk.

City of Hickory – Bridge Improvements

This will go towards aesthetic improvements to the US Hwy 321 bridges. The monies will go to NCDOT early in the design process so the improvements can be incorporated into the original designs.

City of Hickory - Citywalk

A pedestrian walkway is to be constructed along Main Ave NE/NW from Lenoir-Rhyne Blvd to 9th St NW which will include a pedestrian bridge over NC Hwy 127. This money would go towards the construction costs.

City of Hickory - Riverwalk

These monies will be used for design of the Riverwalk. The Riverwalk is a project in its own right but part of a larger master plan to turn the existing US 321 northbound bridge into a pedestrian bridge once the new Highway bridges are constructed. However, it should be noted that the Riverwalk is not contingent upon the US 321 bridge becoming a PED bridge.

NCDOT - left turn lanes

Project consists of constructing a left-turn lane for southbound Connelly Springs Road and revising the traffic signal at Cahah Mountain Road.

City of Newton - West A Street Improvements

This project will implement the recommendations to construct a combination of a protected bikeway and bike lane improvements, sidewalk construction and ADA improvements with connections in the gaps to the partial sidewalk network will allow users a safer multi-modal connection between the areas. Secondly, the existing sidewalk connection has a missing gaps and is impaired for disabled users due to non-accessible curb cuts and ramps.

Greenway Transportation

Capital replacement of one 35-foot bus, equipment and branding.