

# P8 – Draft Assignment of Local Input Points for Regional Impact Projects

LAND OF SKY RPO

## Introduction

This informational packet reflects the DRAFT assignment of local input points by the Land of Sky RPO as part of the current process of prioritizing transportation projects in North Carolina. The Land of Sky RPO is holding a public comment period on its draft assignment of local input points from July 22 to August 19 in order to get feedback from members of the public. These comments will be considered on Thursday, August 20th at the RPO Board meeting that will provide the final assignment of local input points.

### How to Comment on the Draft Assignment of Local Input Points

Comments may be sent in a variety of ways:

**Email:** [vicki@landofsky.org](mailto:vicki@landofsky.org)

**Mail** (mailed comments received after August 19th will be forwarded to the Board after their final decision):

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**In-Person:** comments may be provided at the Land of Sky RPO Board meeting, scheduled for 11:00 AM on Thursday, August 20th at Land of Sky Regional Council (with a Zoom option.)

## FAQs

### What is P8?

P8 is the eighth iteration of North Carolina's data-driven and transparent prioritization process used to determine what transportation projects become funded by state and federal funds in North Carolina allocated for improvement projects.

### What are Local Input Points?

Local Input Points are a part of the prioritization process used by MPOs, RPOs, and NCDOT Divisions to “boost” the score of projects in the Regional Impact or Division Needs tiers. This enables these entities to reflect projects they see as priorities or not.

## What is the Regional Impact tier?

Based on the rules of the prioritization process, there are three funding tiers that are differentiated by eligible project types, the geographic area in which they compete, and the amount of funding. The Regional Impact tier is for highway projects on US or NC routes, passenger rail projects that cross multiple counties, or projects from the Statewide Mobility tier that are requested to be considered by RPO Board or TCC members.

## How Does the RPO Determine What Projects Receive Local Input Points?

The RPO developed a methodology, approved by the RPO Board, that is used to score projects. The RPO TCC and Board consider the results of the methodology and approve a Draft Local Input Point Assignment List prior to the Final approval of the Local Input Point Assignment.

## Projects Assigned Draft Local Input Points

| County   | Route / Facility / Project Name | From / Cross Street / Location                                   | To / Cross Street     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Specific Improvement Type           | Cost to NCDOT | Draft LIP Points        |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Buncombe | NC 191 (Brevard Road)           | SR 3486 (Glenn Bridge Rd SE, Avery Creek Road), Southwicke Drive | N/A                   | Realign Glenn Bridge Rd to Laurel Park Dr. to convert to 4-leg intersections. Add exclusive left turn lanes on NC 191 at both intersections. Cul-de-sac Glenn Bridge Rd SE to maintain access to parcels near existing 5-leg intersection. | 10 - Improve Intersection           | \$ 8,600,000  | 100 (DONATED TO FBRMPO) |
| Haywood  | US 276 (Russ Avenue)            | US 23-74 (Great Smoky Mountain Expressway)                       | US 19 (Dellwood Road) | US 23-74 (Great Smokey Mountain Expressway) to US 19 (Dellwood Road). Access management.                                                                                                                                                   | 11 - Access Management              | \$ 42,500,000 | 100                     |
| Haywood  | US 276                          | SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Rd), Raccoon Rd                             | N/A                   | SR 1134 (Crymes Cove Road) and Raccoon Road. Intersection realignment.                                                                                                                                                                     | 21 - Realign Multiple Intersections | \$ 6,500,000  | 100                     |

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|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Madison      | US 25, US 70                    | US 25, US 70 BUS                                         | SR 1143 (Upper Brush Creek Road)                         | Upgrade multiple intersections along US 25-70 from US 25/70Bus to SR 1143.                                                                                     | 25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor | \$ 12,600,000  | 100              |
| Madison      | US 25, US 70                    | SR 1143 (Upper Brush Creek Road, Lower Brush Creek Road) | N/A                                                      | Construct intersection improvements. Potentially consider Roundabout.                                                                                          | 10 - Improve Intersection                          | \$ 11,500,000  | 100              |
| Transylvania | US 64 (Rosman Highway)          | SR 1346 (Nicholson Creek Road) /SR 1121 (Glazener Road)  | SR (Carolina Ave)/SR 1123 (Forest Hill Rd)               | Realign Glazener Road to tie into Nicholson Creek Rd. and Improve intersection at Carolina Avenue.                                                             | 25 - Improve Multiple Intersections along Corridor | \$ 22,800,000  | 100              |
| Transylvania | US 64 (Rosman Highway)          | SR 1337 (Clement Road)                                   | SR 1338 (Old Rosman Highway)/ SR 1331 (Morgan Mill Road) | Widen existing roadway to a 4-Lane divided facility with access management. Include MUP. Evaluate all intersections to improve safety (RCIs, turn lanes, etc.) | 1 - Widen Existing Roadway                         | \$ 118,700,000 | 100              |

## Other Projects Considered For Local Input Points

| County            | Route / Facility / Project Name | From / Cross Street / Location                                 | To / Cross Street | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Specific Improvement Type         | Cost to NCDOT | Draft LIP Points |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Madison           | US 70, US 25                    | NC 213                                                         | N/A               | Convert intersection of US 25/70 and NC 213 ramps to a roundabout OR convert interchange to a quadrant with grade separation (eliminating the ramp(s) south of US 25/70).                                          | 10 - Improve Intersection         | \$ 12,200,000 | 0                |
| Madison, Buncombe | NS AS Line                      | MP 142.3 to 185.5 between Murphy Junction and the NC/TN Border | N/A               | Modernization of corridor (replace dark territory with signalized territory) between MP 142.3 (Murphy Junction) and 185.5 (NC/TN Border) on the NS AS Line to increase the overall train capacity of the corridor. | 7 - Corridor modernization (line) | \$ 53,187,517 | 0                |

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|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Transylvania | US 276 (Greenville Highway)     | SR 1543 (Elm Bend Rd)/ SR 1612 (Parkview Dr) | N/A               | Improve intersection of US 276/SR 1543 and SR 1612 with a one lane roundabout. | 10 - Improve Intersection | \$ 5,800,000  | 0                |
| Transylvania | US 276 (Jonathon Creek Road)    | SR 1395 (Cove Creek Road)                    | N/A               | Improve Intersection, consider one lane roundabout.                            | 10 - Improve Intersection | \$ 5,800,000  | 0                |