

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION NCDOT 2024-2033 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)

WHEREAS, Franklin County recognizes the importance of transportation projects and the value reliable and efficient transportation provides to its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County is the fourth fastest growing County in the state of North Carolina with identifiable infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has recently adopted land use plans and ordinances consistent with recommended policies of the North Carolina Department of Transportation for access management, right-of-way reservation and the allowance of multi-modal transportation; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County has adopted a County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and supports the development and implementation of the S-Line Transit-Oriented Development Study; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County supports the inclusion of "Committed" projects within the 2024-2033 State Transportation Plan (STIP) and requests that the North Carolina Board of Transportation approve projects listed below without delay:

- 2022; Project ID: HL-0044 Bunn Rd. (SR 1230) Kenmore Ave. to US 401/NC 56 (Bickett Blvd.) in Louisburg. Reduce four lanes to two lanes and construct bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- 2023; Project ID: BL-0053 Franklin County Rails to Trails from Novozymes to Franklinton Depot.
- **2023**; Project ID: U-6024 <u>Preliminary Engineering Funding</u> for the conversion of Bickett Blvd. from a five-lane section to a four-lane median divided facility with bicycle/pedestrian accommodations.
- 2023; Project ID: R-3608 Preliminary Engineering Funding for the widening of US 401/NC 39 from NC 56 to North Main St. to multi-lanes within Louisburg.
- 2025; Project ID: B-6003 Baptist Church Rd. (SR 1609) bridge replacement right-of-way. Construction is scheduled for 2026.
- 2028; Project ID: R-2814D US 401 from Flat Rock Church Rd. to Fox Park Rd. ROW acquisition to commence in 2028 with construction in 2031; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County recommends the following projects be reviewed for inclusion in the 2024-2033 STIP for right-of-way and construction:

- Local ID: FRAN0006-H, NC 96 By-Pass Youngsville with an Average Annual Daily Trip Count (AADT) of 15,200 trips.
- Project ID: U-6024, Bickett Blvd. conversion from a five-lane highway to a four-lane median divided highway with bicycle/pedestrian accommodations with an AADT of 21,500, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby publicly endorse the resolution and requests the support of NCDOT, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and Kerr Tar Rural Planning Organization for inclusion of transportation projects as noted above within the 2024-2033 STIP.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of October, 2022.



Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board NCMCC, MMC