



**Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2026
Fallon Council Conference Room
Village Hall
395 Magnolia Rd.
Pinehurst, North Carolina
4:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Review Minutes
 - A. April 13, 2026
3. General Business
 - A. Review of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan process
 - B. Update on the SMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
 - C. Update on Active Multi-Modal Construction Projects
 - D. Discuss NCDOT Pedestrian Improvement Funding Opportunity
4. Next Meeting Date
 - A. October 12, 2026
5. Motion to Adjourn

Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions.

Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement.



April 13, 2026
ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/08/2026

MEMO DETAILS

ATTACHMENTS

1. 4.13.2026 BPAC Draft Minutes



**Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026
Cannon Park Community Center – Multipurpose Room
210 Rattlesnake Trail
Pinehurst, North Carolina
04:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance in the Program Room:

Mr. Lyle Covino, Chair
Ms. Sara Hilliard
Mr. Jeramy Hooper, Council Representative
Mr. Doug Willardson, Village Manager
Ms. Angie Whisnant, Parks and Recreation Director

I. Call to Order. Committee Chair, Lyle Covino, called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

II. Review Minutes

a. Approve January 12, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Sara Hilliard, seconded by Jeramy Hooper, the Committee unanimously approved the January 12, 2026, meeting minutes.

III. General Business

a. Review of Current Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Projects

on the Village Manager Doug Willardson provided an update on current projects:

- The brick walkway installation along Dogwood Road is almost complete.
- Sod installed along Pine Vista Drive which sidewalk construction was completed in Fall 2025.
- No. 6 Phase 2 sidewalk project is currently under construction.
- Flashing pedestrian crosswalk signals have been ordered—three units for installation along Linden Road.

The Committee discussed progress and general coordination of these efforts.

b. Review of Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects in the Five-Year Strategic Operating Plan

The Committee reviewed planned projects as outlined in the Five-Year Strategic Operating Plan (reference handout, page 5).

Discussion included prioritization, funding considerations, and sequencing of future sidewalk and greenway improvements.

IV. Other Business

The Committee discussed potential future focus areas, including:

- Reviewing and prioritizing key intersections for pedestrian and bicycle improvements
- Continued discussion on sidewalk materials (grit vs. concrete)
- Opportunities to enhance cycling infrastructure and connectivity
- Future improvements and considerations for West Pinehurst Park

V. Next Meeting Date

July 13, 2026, at 04:00 p.m. in Village Hall Council Conference Room.

VI. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion by Jeramy Hooper, seconded by Sara Hilliard, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Willardson
Village Manager
Village of Pinehurst

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Review of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan process ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/08/2026

MEMO DETAILS

The Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO) is developing its **2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)**, which will serve as the region's long-range transportation blueprint through the year 2055. The plan covers Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Whispering Pines, Pinebluff, Taylortown, Foxfire, and portions of Moore County. The MTP identifies long-term transportation needs and establishes priorities for future investments in roads, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, greenways, transit, and other transportation improvements. Projects generally must be included in the MTP to be eligible for future federal transportation funding.

As the Village's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, your input is especially valuable during this planning process. Staff encourages Committee members to review the proposed transportation projects and consider providing comments related to:

- Missing sidewalk and greenway connections.
- Bicycle network gaps and opportunities.
- High-priority pedestrian safety improvements.
- Difficult roadway crossings.
- Opportunities to improve connectivity between neighborhoods, parks, schools, downtown, and regional destinations.
- Projects that should be considered for future regional funding.

Community Workshop

The Sandhills MPO will host a **Community Workshop on Monday, August 24, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Assembly Hall, 395 Magnolia Road, Pinehurst**. This drop-in meeting will provide an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the region's proposed transportation project lists and learn how transportation projects are prioritized. Committee members are encouraged to attend and share their perspectives on bicycle, pedestrian, greenway, and connectivity improvements.

Committee members are also encouraged to explore the interactive project website, review the project information, and submit comments directly through the online engagement portal. The interactive map allows users to identify specific locations and provide detailed feedback that will be considered as the plan is finalized.

Project Website:

<https://engagekh.mysocialpinpoint.com/SMPO2055MTP>

Staff will continue to monitor the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and provide

updates to the Committee as the process moves toward adoption.

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1. SMPO2055MTP_TCC_07082026



SANDHILLS 2055

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

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Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting

Finalized Vision

The Sandhills MPO region supports a safe, connected, and reliable transportation system that expands travel choices, supports economic vitality and tourism, preserves its natural and community character, and adapts to future needs.

Finalized Goals

ADAPT | MAINTAIN AND PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

*Sandhills will **adapt its transportation system** through proactive maintenance, expanded access, and long-term planning that prepares for growth, changing travel needs, and future risks across the region.*

BALANCE | PROTECT CHARACTER AND ENVIRONMENT

*Sandhills will **balance transportation needs with environmental and community priorities** through context-sensitive solutions that protect natural resources, preserve local character, and guide improvements.*

LINK | EXPAND CHOICES AND CONNECTIONS

*Sandhills will **link communities and destinations through a more connected transportation network** that expands travel options and improves access to jobs, services, and daily needs across the region*

Finalized Goals

MOVE |IMPROVE MOBILITY AND EFFICIENCY

*Sandhills will **move people and goods through a more efficient and reliable transportation system** that reduces congestion, improves travel times, and supports movement across key corridors and routes.*

PROSPER |SUPPORT ECONOMY AND TOURISM

*The Sandhills will **prosper through strategic transportation investments** that support local businesses, strengthen tourism, and improve access to key destinations and economic activity across the region*

SAFEGUARD |PRIORITIZE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY

*The Sandhills will **safeguard all users through a safer and more reliable transportation system** that reduces crashes, improves high-risk locations, and supports predictable and confident travel across all modes.*

The Universe of Projects

The Universe of Projects is a comprehensive list of all proposed transportation projects submitted for consideration within the Sandhills 2055 MTP.

These include:

Roadway



Pedestria



Bicycle



Railroad

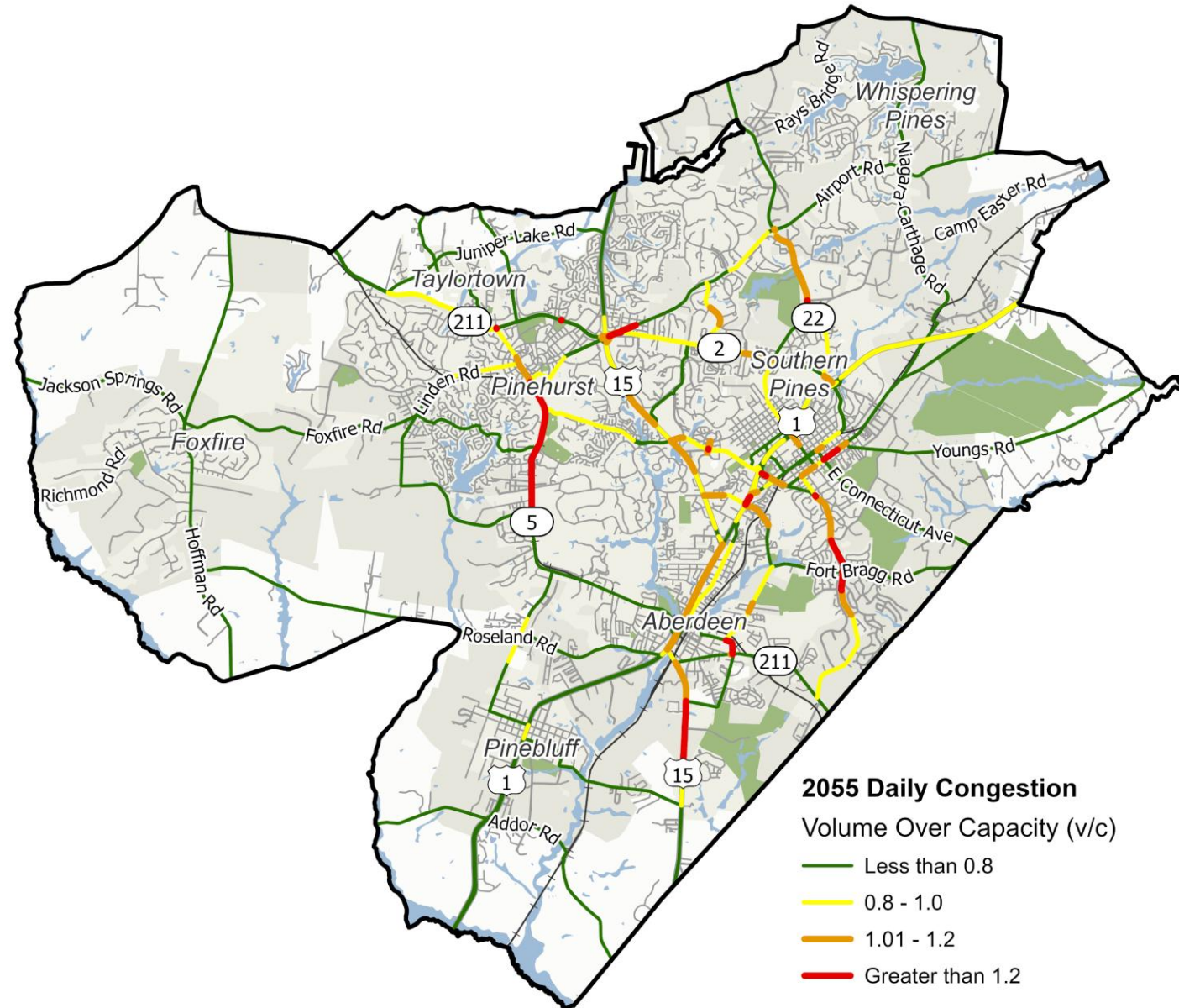


Congestion Analysis

Mapped projected 2055 daily congestion levels on corridors throughout the MPO using the Moore County Travel Demand Model.

Identified corridors where projected congestion exceeded volume over capacity ratios (v/c) of 1.2.

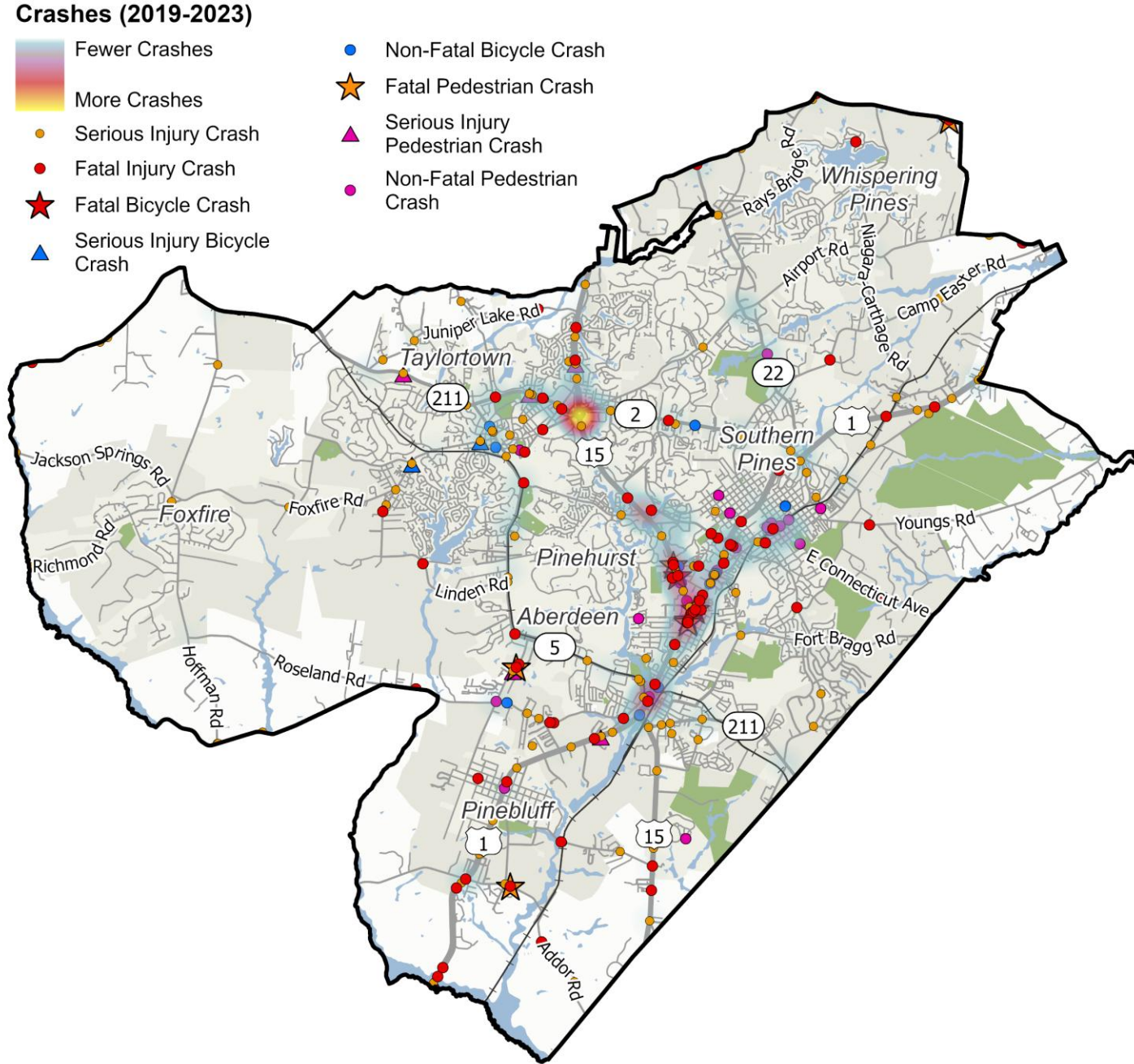
Reviewed existing project recommendations and developed additional projects to address identified congested corridors.



Safety Analysis

Mapped automobile, bicycle and pedestrian crashes throughout the MPO.

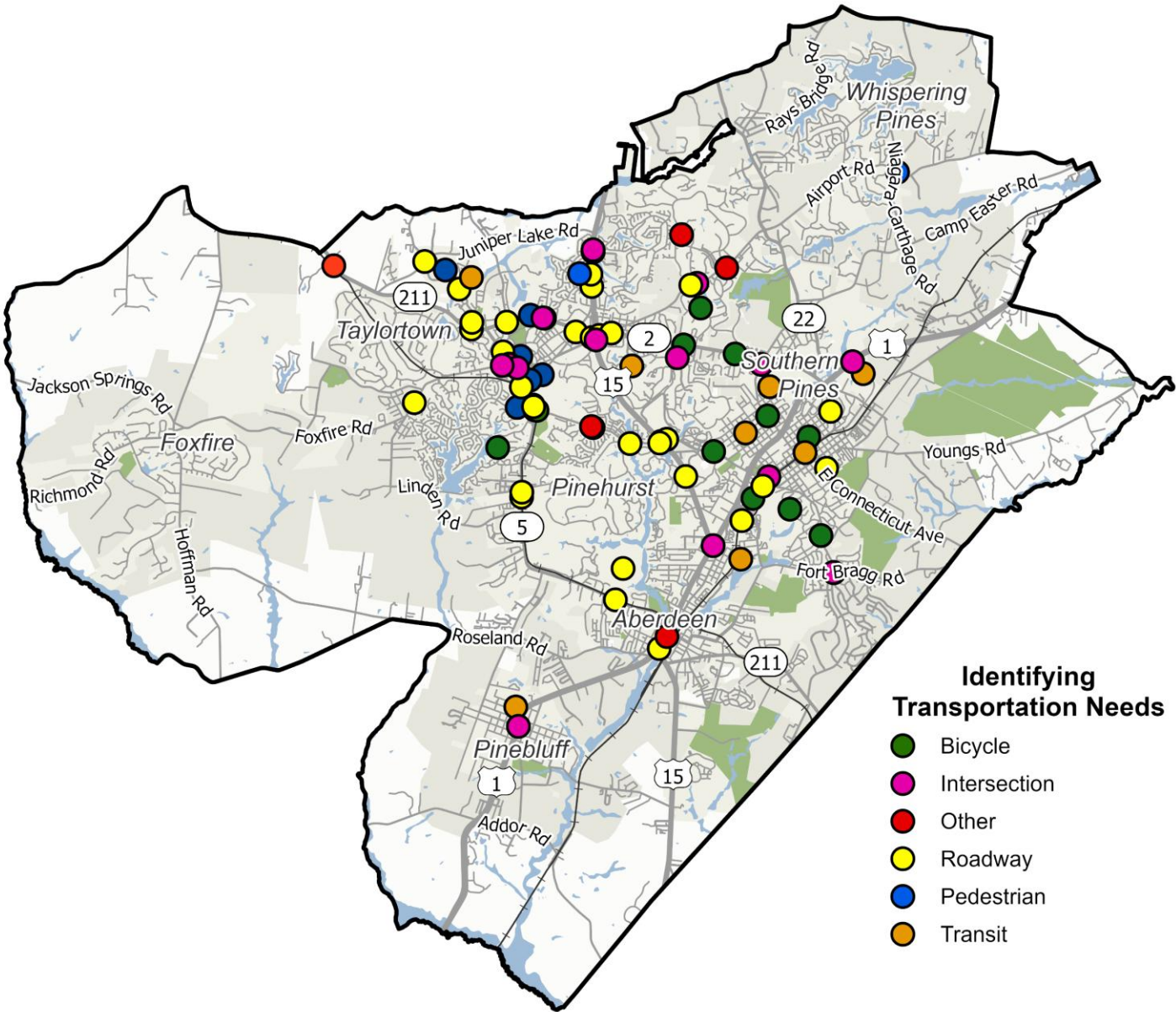
Reviewed existing project recommendations and developed additional recommendations to address high-crash corridors.



Public Input

Mapped public comments from online survey and in-person engagement events.

Reviewed existing project recommendations and developed additional recommendations to address needs identified by the public.



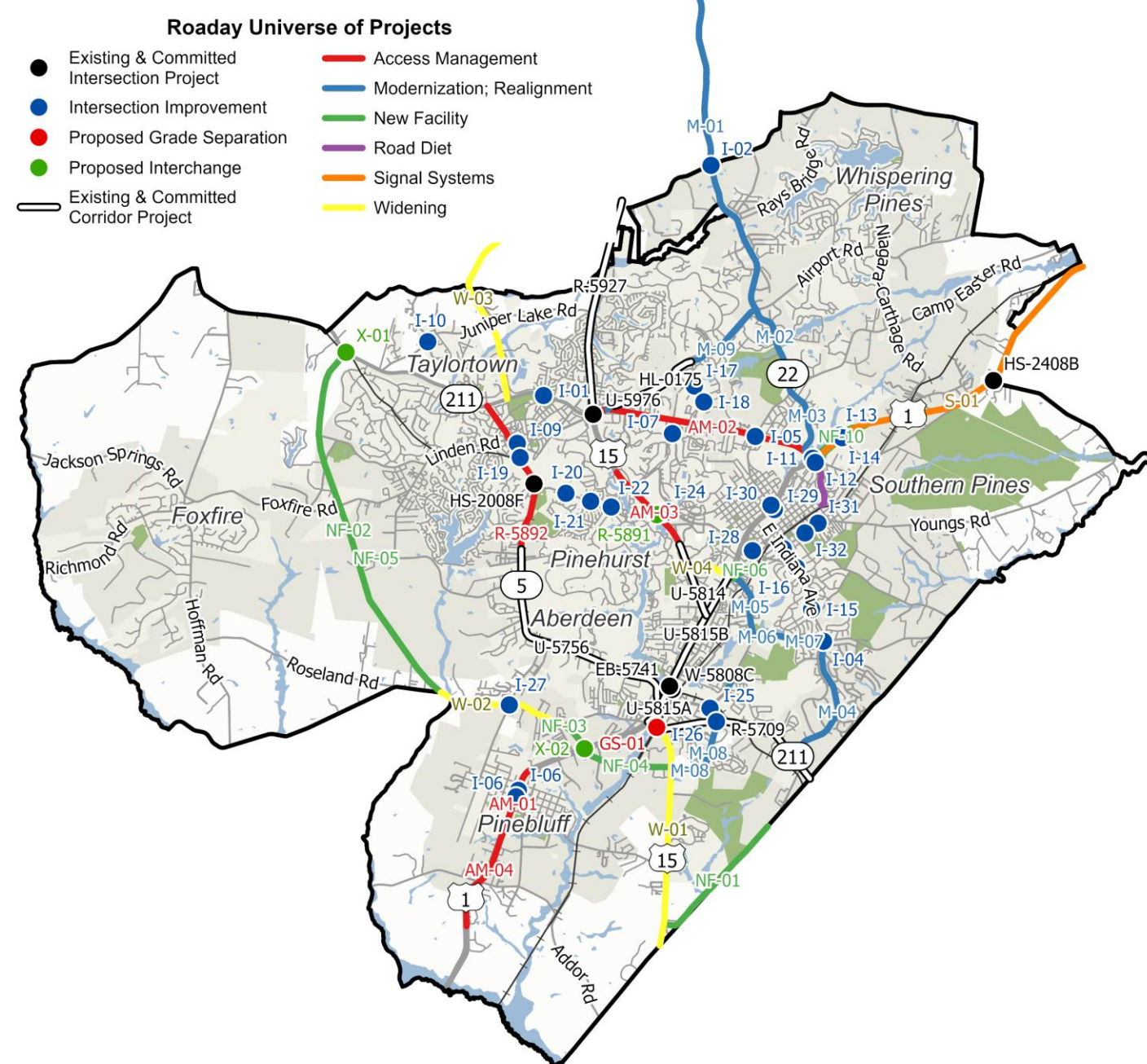
Identifying Transportation Needs

- Bicycle
- Intersection
- Other
- Roadway
- Pedestrian
- Transit

Roadway Universe of Projects

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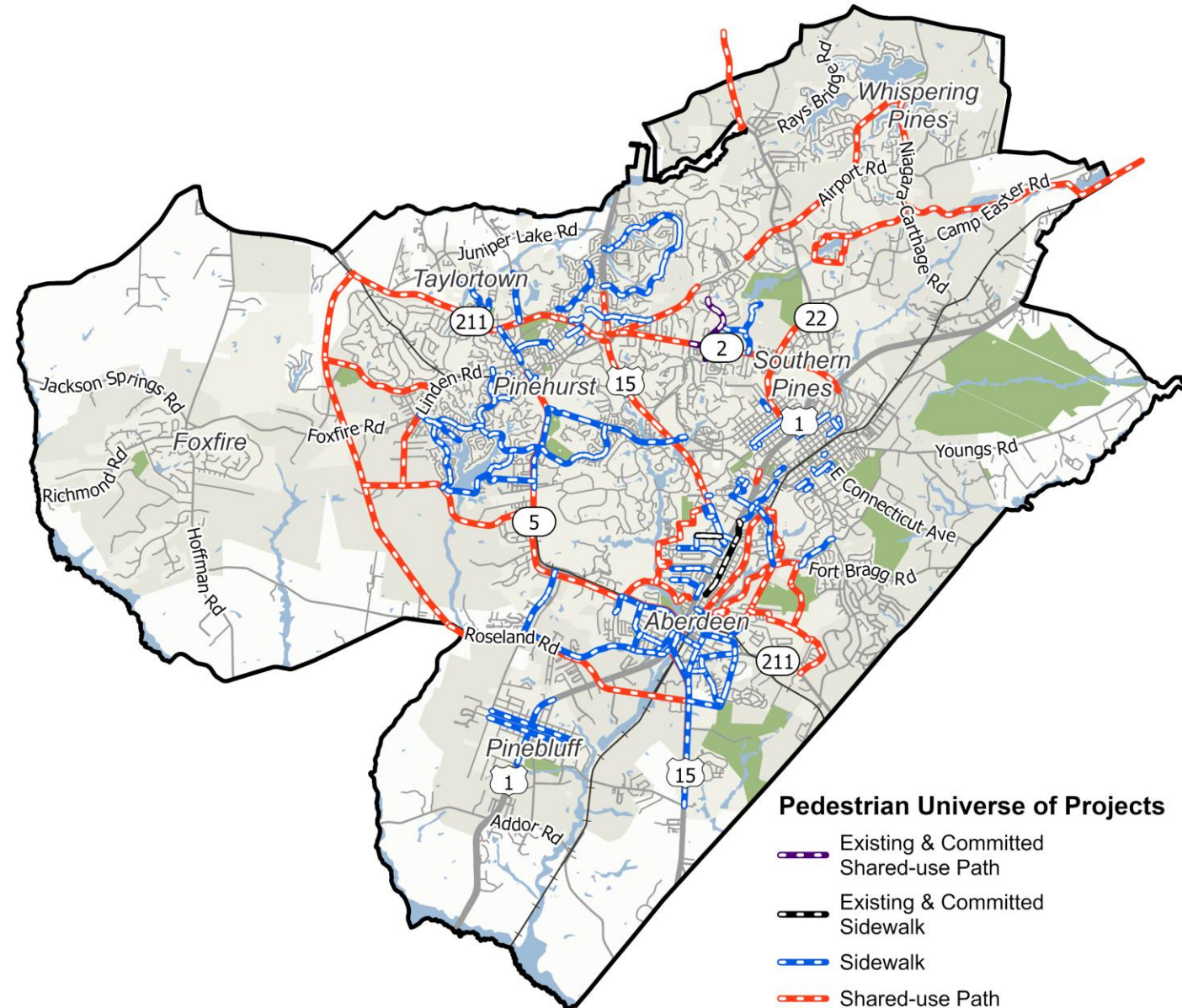
- Updated the UoP to include all roadway projects from the latest **Prioritization (P8) submittals**
- Added **Split Diamond** Express Design recommendations for the **US 1/Midland Rd/Air Tool Dr interchange**
- Added a **Bethesda Rd modernization** project and a **Murray Hill Rd widening** project to address congestion-related operational issues
- Added **18 new intersection improvement projects** to address congestion-related operational issues



Pedestrian Universe of Projects

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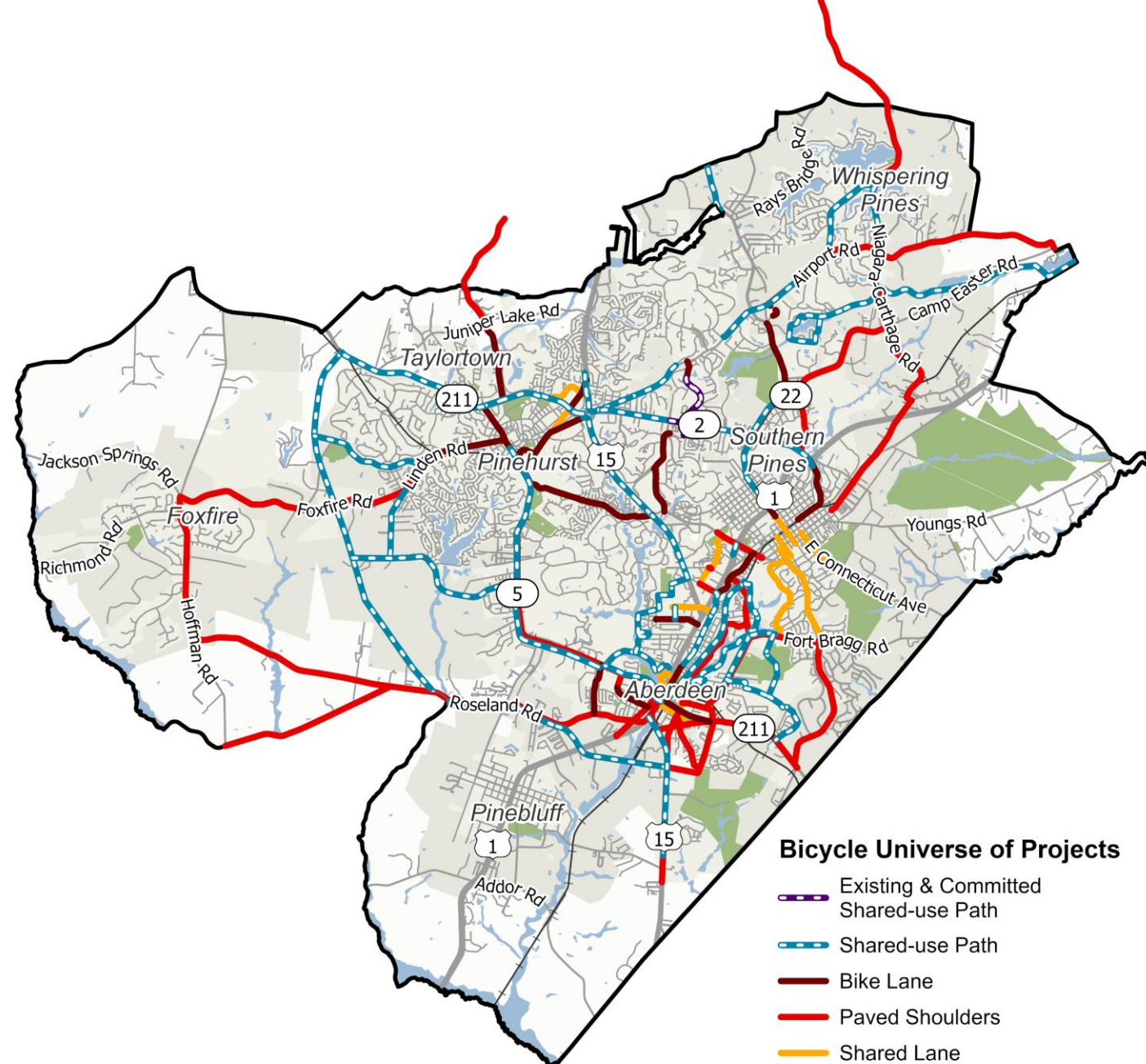
- Updated the UoP to include all pedestrian projects from the latest **Prioritization (P8) submittals**
- Included **pedestrian improvements** along **W Pennsylvania Ave** to align with recommendations from Southern Pines 2040 Comprehensive Plan
- Included **Shared-Use Paths** along **Airport Rd, Niagara-Carthage Rd, and Hardee Ln** based on stakeholder input
- Included **a sidewalk recommendation** along **Long Leaf Dr** based on stakeholder input



Bicycle Universe of Projects

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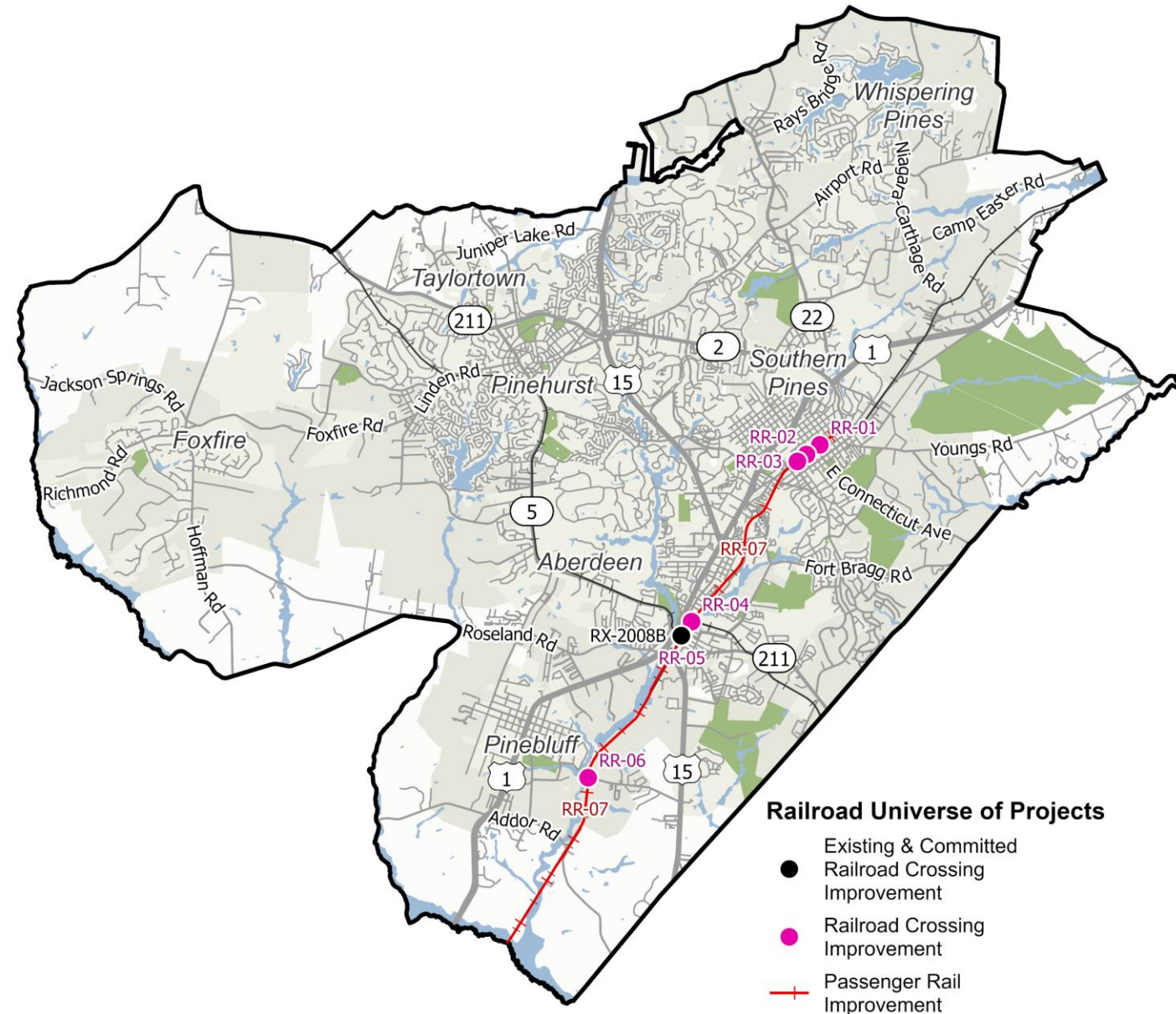
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Railroad Universe of Projects

Since the June TCC:

- Updated the UoP to include all railroad projects from the latest **Prioritization (P8) submittals**



Next Steps

- Prioritization of Projects
- Public Engagement
 - Online Survey
 - In-person Workshop



Thank you!



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Update on the SMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/08/2026

MEMO DETAILS

The Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO) has selected RS&H to prepare the region's Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan. The consultant was chosen through a competitive qualifications-based selection process conducted in accordance with NCDOT requirements. The project is anticipated to begin later this summer and be completed by June 30, 2027.

The Master Plan will establish a long-range vision for improving walking and bicycling throughout the SMPO planning area. The study will focus on identifying gaps in the existing bicycle and pedestrian network, recommending new sidewalks, greenways, bicycle facilities, and crossings, and prioritizing projects for future implementation and funding opportunities.

As the Village's Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, your knowledge of existing conditions and future needs will be an important part of this effort. Committee members will have opportunities to review draft recommendations, identify priorities, and provide input throughout the planning process. Staff will coordinate with RS&H to ensure the Committee is engaged at key milestones.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Update on Active Multi-Modal Construction Projects ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/08/2026

MEMO DETAILS

Airport Road Greenway Connector

The Airport Road Greenway Connector continues to move forward. The project will construct approximately 7,000 linear feet of a 10-foot-wide shared-use path between Forest Creek Drive and McKinnon Road, completing an important regional connection for pedestrians and bicyclists. The consultant selection process has been completed, with design expected to begin in September. Once completed, the facility will improve access between Pinehurst, Southern Pines, and surrounding neighborhoods.

Neighborhood No. 6 Sidewalk Improvements

Construction of the Neighborhood No. 6 sidewalk project has been completed, significantly improving pedestrian connectivity throughout the neighborhood and providing safer access to parks, schools, and surrounding residential areas.

Two related projects remain. Design continues on the planned pedestrian crossing of US 15-501, which will provide a safer connection across the highway. In addition, the Village continues to seek a contractor to construct the planned pedestrian bridge. Due to the specialized nature of the work, staff has had difficulty identifying interested contractors.

Rattlesnake Trail Sidewalks

Design of the Rattlesnake Trail sidewalk project has been completed and the project has been bid. Construction is expected to begin in September. The project will fill an important gap in the Village's sidewalk network and improve pedestrian safety and accessibility along the corridor.

Chinquapin Road / Magnolia Road Improvements

The remaining work on the Chinquapin Road/Magnolia Road project is focused on repairs to the downtown brick sidewalks. Staff anticipates this work will be completed in the coming weeks.

Traffic Circle Improvements

Village staff continues to work closely with NCDOT on long-term improvements to the Traffic Circle. The Village has emphasized the importance of providing safe accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists. As a result, NCDOT has incorporated a multi-use path into the proposed concept plans.



Linden Road Crosswalk Enhancements

The Village is moving forward with installation of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) at the Linden Road pedestrian crossings to improve visibility and safety for pedestrians. The RRFB equipment has been ordered, and staff is currently working through the NCDOT encroachment permit process while securing an electrical contractor and installation contractor so construction can begin as soon as approvals are received. Once completed, these enhancements will provide motorists with a highly visible warning that pedestrians are crossing and improve safety along this heavily traveled corridor.

Staff will continue to provide updates as these projects progress and additional bicycle and pedestrian improvements move forward throughout the Village.

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None



Discuss NCDOT Pedestrian Improvement Funding Opportunity ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS:

FROM: Doug Willardson, Village Manager
CC: Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee;
DATE OF MEMO: 07/08/2026

MEMO DETAILS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has announced a Pedestrian Safety Call for Projects that will be open from July 13 through August 28, 2026. The program is intended to fund relatively simple, high-impact pedestrian safety improvements in smaller urban and rural communities that can be implemented quickly and require little to no right-of-way acquisition.

Examples of eligible projects include marked crosswalks, curb ramps, pedestrian signal improvements and WALK phases at signalized intersections, visibility enhancements at crossings, and improved pedestrian crossings at unsignalized or midblock locations.

This funding opportunity is particularly attractive because NCDOT will provide the required local match, prepare cost estimates for selected projects, and administer project delivery. As a result, local governments are not required to provide matching funds or develop project cost estimates as part of the application. Selected projects are anticipated for construction funding in June 2027 or June 2028, depending on project readiness.

Village staff will review potential candidate projects that could improve pedestrian safety in Pinehurst and determine whether one or more applications should be submitted. Committee members are encouraged to share locations where relatively small improvements could have a meaningful impact on pedestrian safety and accessibility.

NCDOT will also host an informational webinar on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. for interested applicants.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Funding Opportunity

NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety call for projects

From Scott Walston <swalston@vopnc.org>

Date Wed 7/8/2026 12:23 PM

To Paul Sabiston <psabiston@townofaberdeen.net>; Lee, Wongoo <wlee3@ncdot.gov>; Laura Williams <lwilliams1@moirecountync.gov>; racheld@townofpinebluffnc.org <racheld@townofpinebluffnc.org>; Doug Willardson <dwillardson@vopnc.org>; Reagan Parsons <parsons@southernpines.net>; Carolyn Cole <townmgr@taylortownnc.gov>; Linda Christopher (clerk@vwpcnc.org) <clerk@vwpcnc.org>; Blakley, Reuben <rblakley@ncdot.gov>; Biggs, Sonia <sbiggs@moirecountync.gov>; Pam Graham <pgraham@townofaberdeen.net>; Boyd, Dominique L <dlboyd1@ncdot.gov>; Ruth Pedersen <rpetersen@moirecountync.gov>; fireman22j@yahoo.com <fireman22j@yahoo.com>; Alex Cameron <acameron@vopnc.org>; michel@southernpines.net <michel@southernpines.net>; Rich Lambdin <firechief@vwpcnc.org>; Dagoberto JuarezPozos <djuarezpozos@ncdot.gov>; aminott@moirecountync.gov <aminott@moirecountync.gov>

Good afternoon everyone -

NCDOT is issuing a call for projects from **July 13, 2026, through August 28, 2026**. Project submissions will be reviewed based on funding program eligibility and scoring criteria. *For selected projects, NCDOT will provide the required non-federal match and administer the projects.*

Please see the announcement from NCDOT below. If your jurisdiction has crosswalks, pedestrian signals, or curb ramps that can be implemented quickly, this funding opportunity may be worth considering. It appears that all SMPO member jurisdictions are eligible. *NCDOT will also host a webinar on **July 28**, and registration is required (see link below).*

Scott

E-mail from NCDOT:

The NCDOT is excited to announce an open Call for Projects focused on pedestrian safety. The Call for Projects will open on **July 13th** and runs through **August 28th, 2026**.

This call for projects is specifically focused on improvements in smaller urban and rural areas that can be obligated relatively quickly and require little to no right-of-way acquisition. Eligible pedestrian safety projects include a range of pedestrian-focused improvements, such as:

- Marked crosswalks, curb ramps, visibility enhancements or traffic control at crossings
- Marked crosswalks, curb ramps and pedestrian WALK phasing at signalized intersections
- Improved crossings at unsignalized or midblock locations

Important aspects of this effort:

- Cost estimates are not needed at the time of project submission. NCDOT will develop estimates for selected projects.
- Local matching funds are not needed for selected projects.
- NCDOT will administer and deliver selected projects.
- Selected projects will target construction fund obligation dates of June 2027 or June 2028:
 - Projects that are ready for obligation by June 2027 will target that funding cycle.

- Selected projects requiring additional preliminary work or coordination will target June 2028.
- **Projects submitted during the 2025 open call for pedestrian safety projects that were not selected to move forward should be resubmitted during this open call to ensure consideration.**

The following website contains more details about the Call for Projects, including a map of eligible areas, entities that are eligible to submit projects, scoring criteria, and a link to submit projects:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/safety/Pages/Pedestrian-Safety-Project-Call.aspx>

In addition, **NCDOT will host a webinar on July 28th at 10:00am** to provide additional information and be available for questions. The webinar will be recorded for those that are not able to attend. You can register for the event **here**.

Scott Walston
Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization Director
(Village of Pinehurst - Internal Email)