



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: February 4, 2025

Consent Agenda

Department: Planning & Development

Presenter(s): William High

Contact(s): William High

Subject: Resolution to Approve New FBRMPO Memorandum of Understanding

Brief Summary:

As the regional transportation planning coordinating agency, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) is made up of member governments within the Census Designated Urbanized Area for Asheville. The urbanized area is made up of four counties (Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, and Madison) and their municipalities.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Buncombe County and the FBRMPO was most recently adopted in 2013. The Census Designated Urbanized Area for Asheville was updated with the 2020 Census which means a new MOU that describes membership, clarifies appointments, establishes cost sharing, and ensures compliance with federal regulations has been developed. Per the 2020 Census, the urbanized area no longer includes Transylvania County.

The new MOU alters the membership to remove Transylvania County from the MPO, clarifies the urban and rural transit representatives to the Board, and adds non-voting members.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

The Board of Commissioners resolve to approve the new French Broad River MPO Memorandum of Understanding.

County Manager's Comments & Recommendations:

County Manager recommends as presented.