

French Broad River MPO



Memorandum of Understanding
(MOU) Update
February 2013

MPOs, a Very Brief History

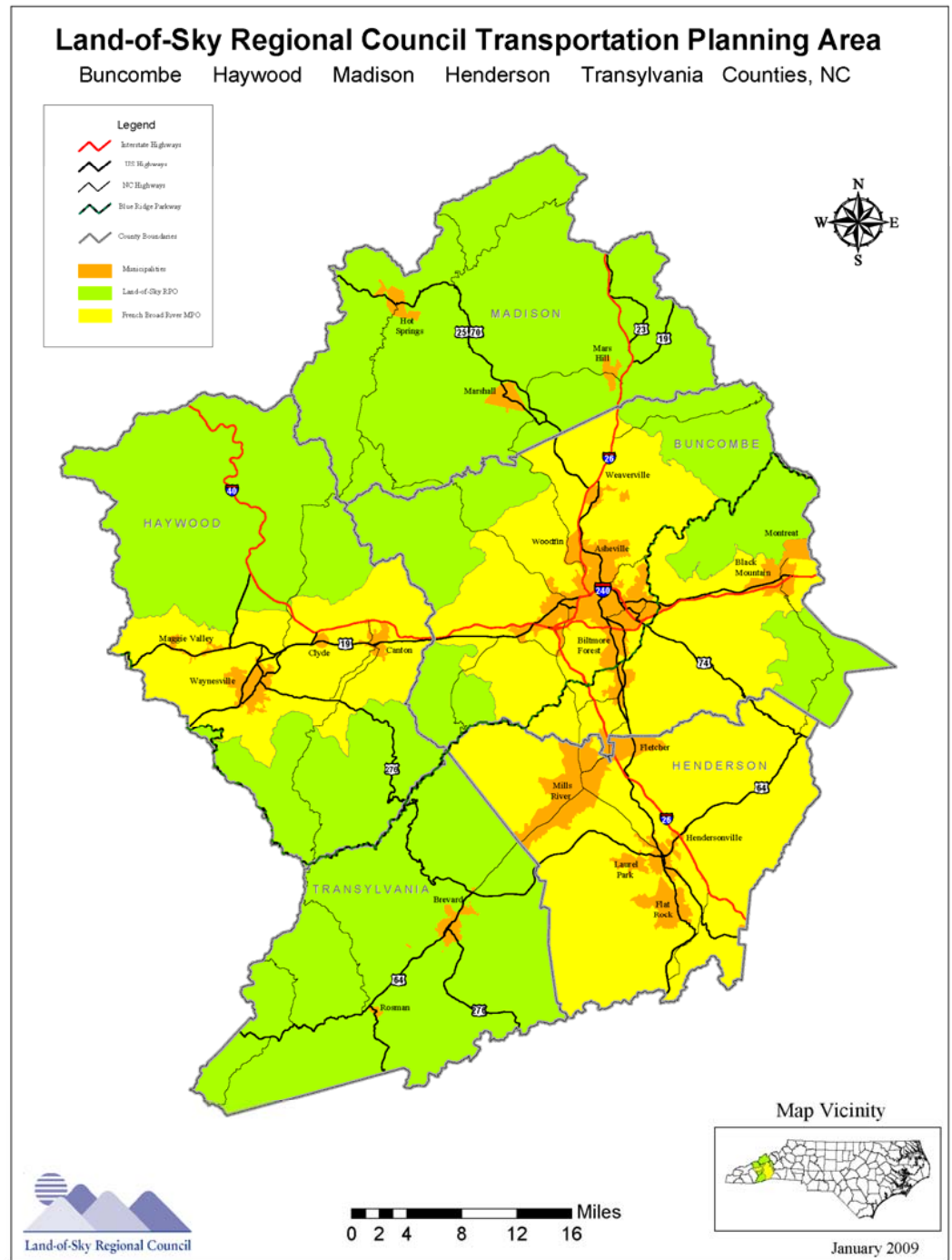


Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962 created the federal requirement for urban transportation planning

- The Act required transportation projects in urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or greater be based on a “3C”, continuing, comprehensive and cooperative planning process if using federal \$.

The French Broad River MPO

- Began in 1960s
- Centered around Asheville
- “Urbanized Area” in 2000 grew to include Henderson & Haywood



French Broad River MPO

- Housed at Land of Sky Regional Council in Asheville
- Funded by Federal government and local dues
- Transportation planning for the region
- Additional info at www.fbrmpo.org



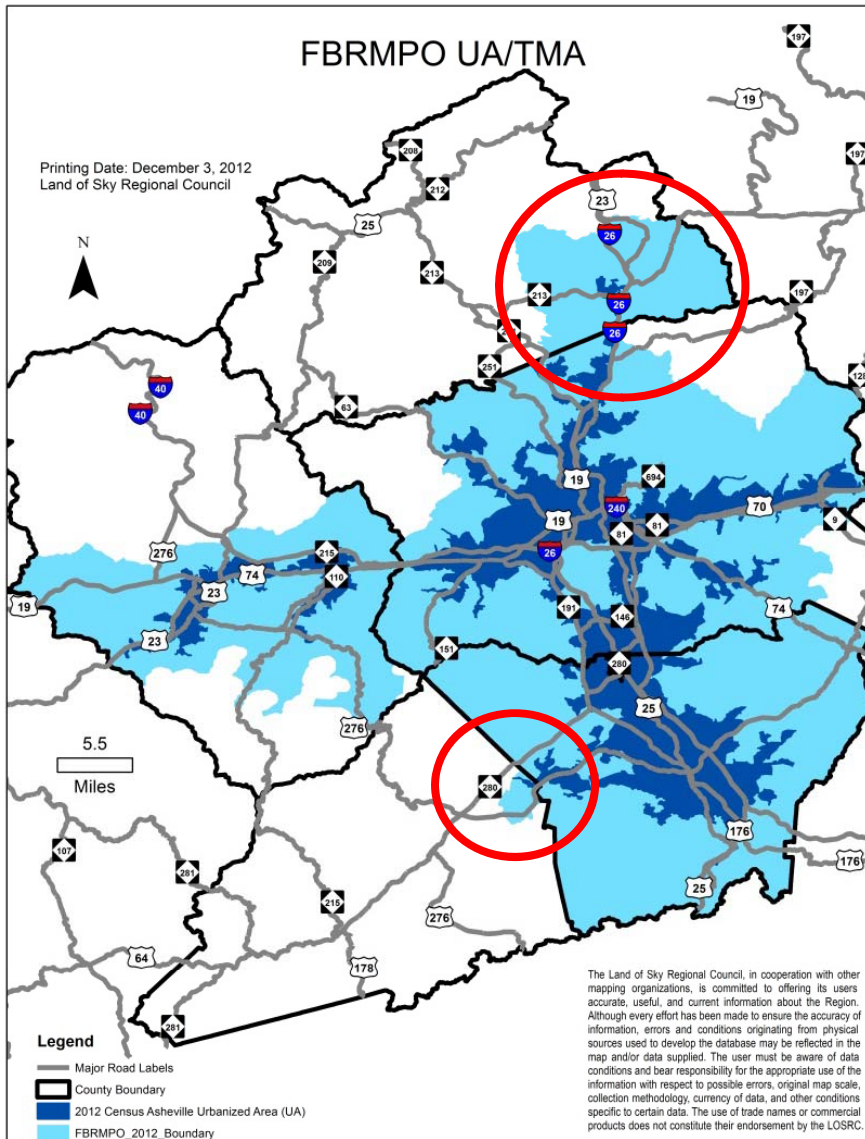
Buncombe County Representatives to French Broad River MPO

- Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)
 - Joshua O’Conner
 - Denise Braine
- Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)
 - Commissioner Holly Jones
 - Commissioner Brownie Newman

Metro Area

- Census 2010 expanded the Asheville metropolitan area to include previously rural parts of:
 - Transylvania County
 - Madison County
 - Town of Mars Hill
 - Buncombe County
 - Greater Weaverville/ Jupiter Road Area
- Urbanized boundaries voted on in November 2012 (minor adjustments January 2013)

Final Boundary Map



- New areas:
 - Madison County
 - Mars Hill
 - Transylvania County
 - Buncombe County
 - Greater Weaverville Area
 - Jupiter Road Area
 - Henderson County
 - Etowah

MOU Update

- Boundary changes triggered an update of the MOU done in 2008
- Federally mandated
- Voted on by TCC at Jan. 10th meeting
- Voted on by TAC at Jan. 31st meeting
- Up for adoption by all local governments
- March 2013 Federal deadline

Updates Continues

- Most of the text changes in the MOU regard adding Transylvania County, Madison County, and Mars Hill
- Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) became Metropolitan Planning Area- updated federal language
- Updated voting structure to include new municipal members
- Changed references from TEA-21 to MAP-21 (Federal Legislation governing transportation)

“The Board”

- The TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) made up of local elected officials is now referred to as “French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization Board” or “The Board” for short
- To make more clear to the general public the decision-making authority of FBRMPO TAC/Board

Priority Needs List (PNL)

- PNL process was replaced by the (SPOT) process NCDOT's STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION
- SPOT process codified by Session Law 2012-86
- Prioritization process to be spelled out in the MPO Bylaws where it would be easier to adapt to changing requirements