Sidewalks in Buncombe

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Moving Towards a Comprehensive Multi-Modal Policy

✓ Urban/Rural – ETJ, urbanized nodes

✓ Examples across the county:
  * Emma/N. Louisiana, Swannanoa/Easthaven, Sand Hill (Lake Drive to Sards)

✓ Partnering when possible

✓ Maintenance

✓ SRTS/Complete Streets

✓ Comprehensive Planning (Now and in the Future)
Balancing the Need for Urban and Rural Levels of Service

- Parcels within 100 feet of water and sewer lines
- Highways
- Roads
- Incorporated Areas
As a partner in the development and realization of their visions, the Department desires to assist localities, through the facilitation of long-range planning, to optimize connectivity, network interdependence, context sensitive options, and multimodal alternatives.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE AND CITY OF ASHEVILLE REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS ON HOLLIS AVENUE.

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 31st day of June, 2021, by and between the City of Asheville (hereinafter called "City"), and the County of Buncombe, a body politic and corporate created pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina (hereinafter called "County").

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 136-145 and N.C. Const. Art. 6 Sec. 200b-401, the City and County may enter into agreements in order to execute intergovernmental relationships;

WHEREAS, the County desires to construct sidewalks to improve pedestrian traffic along North Louisiana Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City has the technical knowledge and ability to design and construct said sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the City is in receipt of federal funding for the construction of a pedestrian and bicycle support structures extending from the City's jurisdiction line to the jurisdiction of the County on North Carolina Avenue from Street Road in Woodrow Road, which is intended to serve the Boys and Girls School;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual covenants, terms and conditions contained herein, according to the benefit of each of the respective parties thereof, the City and County agree as follows:

1. The City and County agree to work towards constructing a sidewalk along North Louisiana Avenue Road. The area is located in the City’s territories of expansion.

2. The City will Serve as lead agency in the acquisition and management of funds needed for construction of sidewalks. The City will prepare the necessary plans and specifications, initiate the needed NCDDA contracts, and cause to be constructed the sidewalks infrastructure and perform construction oversight.

3. The County and the City shall work together to ensure the success of the project.

This Agreement is made and entered into the 31st day of June, 2021, by and between the City of Asheville, a municipal corporation organized and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina, and the County of Buncombe, a body politic and corporate existing pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Asheville, through its duly elected and appointed officials, and the County of Buncombe, through its duly elected officials, have executed this Agreement.

[Signatures]

[Date]

[City of Asheville]

[County of Buncombe]
New Leicester Highway - City of Asheville to Construct Sidewalk

SIDEWALKS
- Existing
- Proposed
Comprehensive Plan – Future Policy Direction

**Intercity Connectivity**
Issue: As areas of the County continue to develop in a more urban context, there can be a lack of connectivity between all urban and rural development. Accounting for, or at a minimum awareness, interconnectivity between developments enhances future development potential and addresses traffic safety and congestion issues. After a subdivision or a development is completed, it is difficult to make appropriate adjustments and changes to promote connectivity, the ability to travel between developments, making the review process the most advisable time to make necessary recommendations for interconnectivity.

Recommendation: Buncombe County review processes should begin to incorporate an assessment of a project’s interconnectivity with existing multimodal networks and potential Complete Streets improvements. Such an assessment should be integrated with existing administrative reviews and should function to make the applicant aware of potential changes to the surrounding transportation network as well as to allow the applicant the opportunity to consider the multimodal issues available at the development site. In projects which require administrative review beyond staff level, the applicant should submit information pertaining to the development’s interaction with Complete Streets to the appropriate board.

**Buncombe County Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2013**
Section 6: Issues and Recommendations

**Key Points and Elements:**
- Topography makes interconnectivity extremely difficult, especially when it comes to residential subdivisions.
- A lack of interconnectivity or a lack of planning for interconnectivity creates difficulties in developing commercial projects along certain roads due to an absence of bike access.
- Intercity connectivity can enhance the potential for shared parking and better opportunities for site reconfiguration or redevelopment.
- Intercity connectivity can capitalize on multimodal opportunities and can make mixed-use development more feasible.
- This recommendation is best suited toward urban and suburban sections of the County.