

Thank you for joining us, the meeting will start shortly.

Jackson County Walks

Virtual Public Meeting
August 25, 2020



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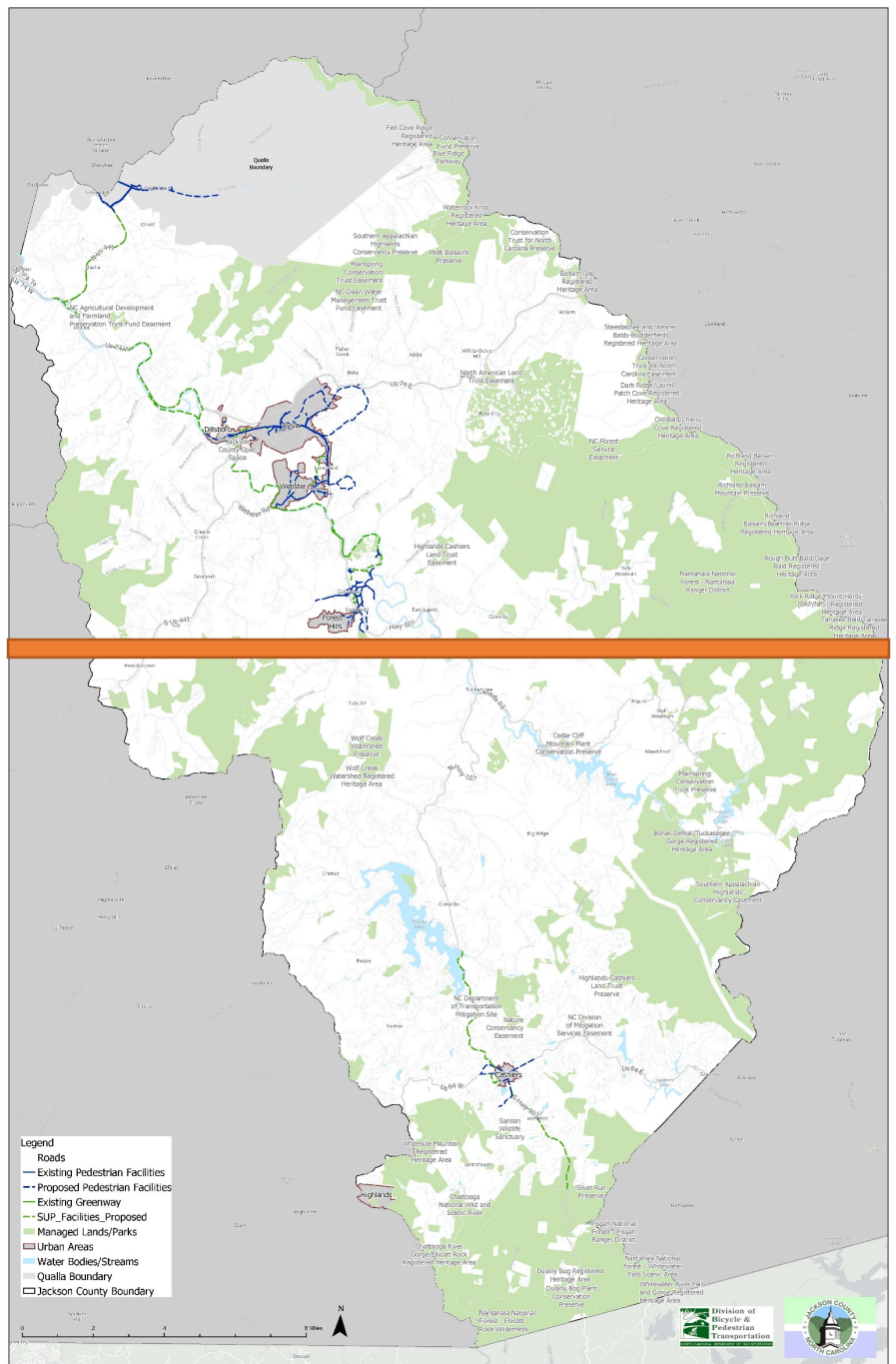
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Today's Meeting

- Housekeeping
- Presentation of findings to date
- Solicit feedback
- Identify gaps





Plan Purpose

WHERE DO PEOPLE WANT TO GO BY FOOT?

Identify the key locations that Jackson County pedestrians want to go.

HOW DO WE CONNECT THOSE PLACES?

Identify the facilities and standards to connect key locations.

HOW DO WE BUILD THE NETWORK?

Identify priority projects, costs, and funding opportunities.

HOW DO WE BUILD A PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY JACKSON COUNTY?

Identify programs and policies to promote walking.

**JAN
2020**

KICKOFF & EXISTING CONDITIONS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - SURVEY & MEETING #1

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

COMMUNITY MEETING #2

**JAN
2021**

FINAL PLAN DEVELOPMENT

**MAR
2021 &
BEYOND**

LIFE CYCLE IMPLEMENTATION

Goals



Improve safety for all



Create a prioritized list of projects



Prioritize connections of schools and colleges

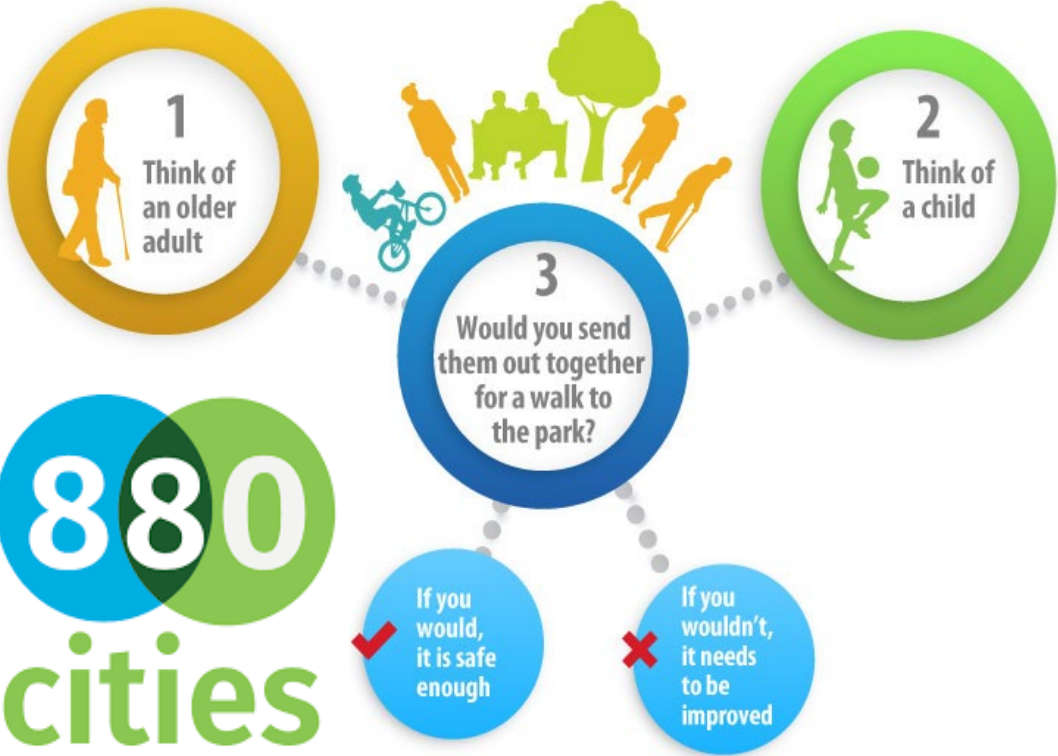


Promote inclusiveness and equity



Provide opportunities for physical activity and improved health

Approach

















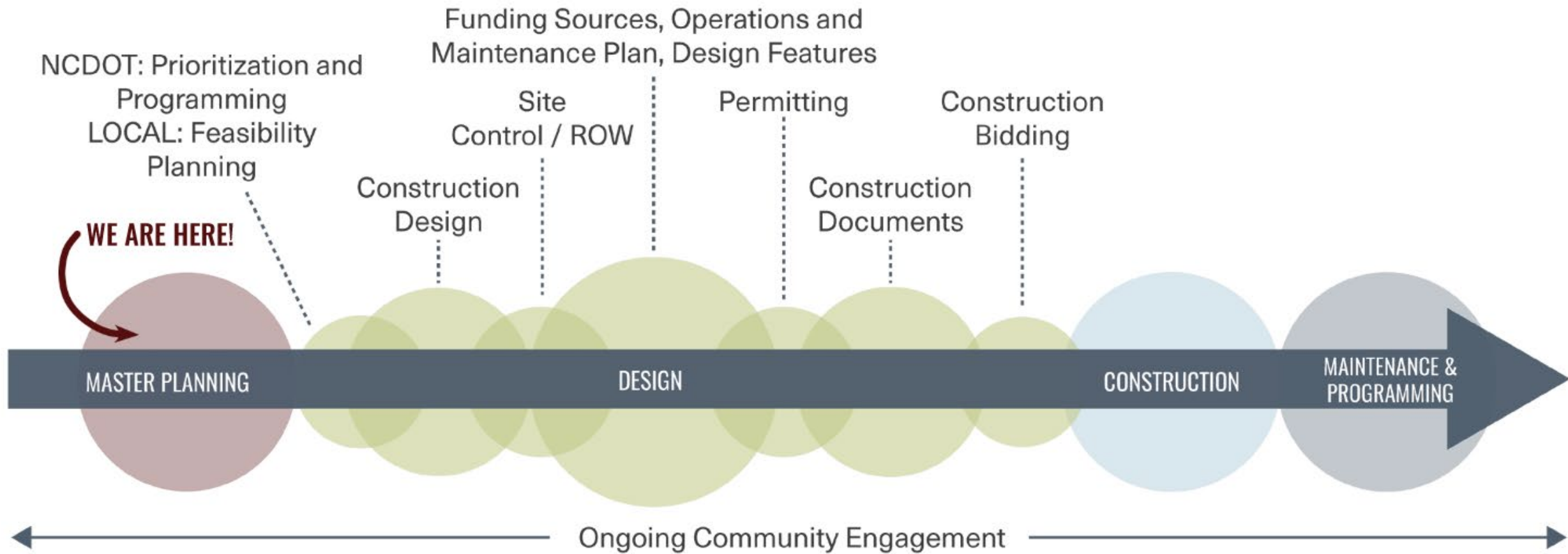








LIFE CYCLE OF AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT



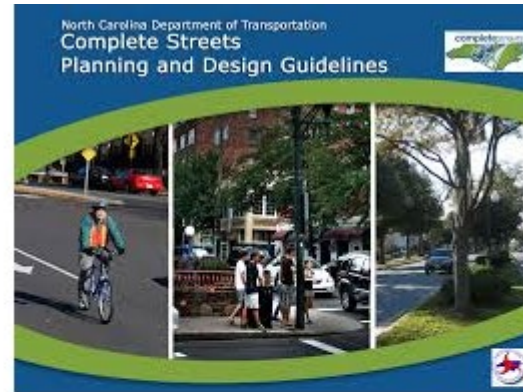
NCDOT Complete Streets

COST SHARE

- Pedestrian Facility
- Bicycle Facility
- Side Path
- Greenway Crossing
- Bus Pull Out
- Bus Stop (pad only)

In CTP	• NCDOT pays full cost
Not in Plan, but Need Identified	• Cost Share*
Betterment	• Local pays full cost

*Exception – NCDOT pays full cost for on-road bicycle facility



Survey

NCDOT > Jackson County Pedestrian Plan and Greenway Master Plan

Rachael Bronson ~



SURVEY RESPONSES TO DATE

1015

PARTICIPANTS

23,794

RESPONSES

810

COMMENTS

Jackson County Pedestrian Plan and Greenway Master Plan



The County is creating a Pedestrian Plan and updating their Greenway Master Plan. When complete, documents that provide a path to building pedestrian and greenway infrastructure in the County.

Please help guide the projects by answering some survey questions.

Survey



Most participants currently walk for recreation and fitness



People would use greenways more often if they were more connected



If it was more convenient or felt safer, respondents of the survey would like to walk more for recreation and socialization



10% said they have physical limitations that make walking difficult.

Survey



Survey-Southern Portion of the County

Sidewalks and new facilities needed:

- Along Highways 107 and 64, especially in Cashiers commercial area
- Any sidewalks or trails in the Tuckaseegee area
- Ingles in Cashiers to Slabtown
- Glenville: sidewalk from Hamburg Baptist to Pine Creek Road
- Village Ramble to be completed
- Greenway Loop at East La Porte Park

Connections needed:

- To recreational trails
- Summit Charter
- Village Green
- Downtown-so people don't have to get in their car to drive from one shop to another

Survey-Northern Portion of the County

Sidewalks and new facilities needed:

- Extend the current greenway
 - Connect Cullowhee, Sylva, and Dillsboro
- Greenway in Scott's Creek Area
- Skyland Drive, Sylva
- River Road (North and South)
- Highway 107 throughout the county
- Main Street, Sylva safety improvements
- Old Cullowhee Road, Cullowhee
- Ledbetter Road, Cullowhee

Connections needed:

- Cullowhee Valley School
- WCU to student housing
- WCU to Dillsboro
- Fairview Elementary School
- Mark Watson Park



Focus Group Conversations

- NAACP
- Here
- Jackson County Transit
- Western Carolina University
- Town of Sylva
- NCDOT
- Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians



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Next Steps

- **Project Development**
- **Community Meeting #2 (early winter)**

Thank you!

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Questions



- **Is there anything in the survey findings that surprised you? Anything that wasn't surprising?**
- **What do you think of when you consider the current walking conditions in the County?**
- **Are there any roads, crossings or areas of the County that are problematic to you?**
- **Are there specific destinations you want to walk to?**
- **What is one big idea you have to help us make a more walkable Jackson County?**
- **Is there any group that we haven't spoken with that we should consider talking to?**