

Balfour Parkway Update (May 17, 2018)

This email is in follow-up to the May 7 resolution by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners asking the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to abandon the current Balfour Parkway project. The same partners who initially identified and supported the project can also agree to eliminate the project. As a member of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO), Henderson County's stance on the project will be considered by this regional transportation agency.

Anticipated Next Steps [target date]:

- MPO consideration of a resolution withdrawing its support from the Balfour Parkway project (R-5744), which will initiate the process to remove the project from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) **[May 24]**
- Public comment period regarding MPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment to remove Balfour Parkway **[beginning June 6]**; information will be posted on the FBRMPO website: <http://www.fbrmpo.org/>
- MPO consideration of TIP amendment **[June 28]**
- Upon approval of the TIP amendment, NCDOT would proceed to remove Balfour Parkway from the STIP **[July – August]**
- Consideration of the STIP amendment by the NC Board of Transportation **[late summer 2018]**

Updated Contact:

If you have any questions about Balfour Parkway or other transportation projects in Henderson County, please contact:

Joshua B. Deyton, PE

Division 14 Project Team Lead

jbdeyton@ncdot.gov

828-586-2141

NCDOT Appreciates Your Input:

NCDOT and the entire project team appreciate the time and feedback given for this project. Please be assured that the vote by Henderson County will not strain the working relationship and partnership between NCDOT and the county. NCDOT looks forward to continuing to work with Henderson County to address the county's transportation needs.