

Southwest Rural Planning Organization

Prioritized List of NCDOT Transportation Plan Needs

1. Jackson County – currently in development

Jackson County should be addressed in a county-wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. This County Transportation Plan is under way (NCDOT – Zaneta Adme/Sarah Smith).

2. Swain County – in draft form subdivision ordinance, planning board working

Swain County should be addressed in a county-wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Swain County has a draft 1978 plan. Year-round resident population is growing. Part time and transient population is also increasing. The scenic, walkable town of Bryson City is saturated with traffic between May and November.

3. Macon County – No official talk of a land development plan

Macon County should be addressed in a current county-wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Macon County has a high growth rate with the most recent plan being 1997.

4. Cherokee County – Not ready to embark on a land development plan.

Cherokee County should be addressed in a county-wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Cherokee County has a high growth rate. Large amounts of transportation dollars have been expended with no plan in place.

5. Clay County – beginning stages of developing a planning department with staff

Clay County should be addressed in a county-wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Clay County has a 1978 adopted plan.

6. Graham County –

Graham County should be addressed in a current county-wide Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Graham County has the smallest population of any subsequent RPO County and a low growth rate.