Apple Country Public Transit



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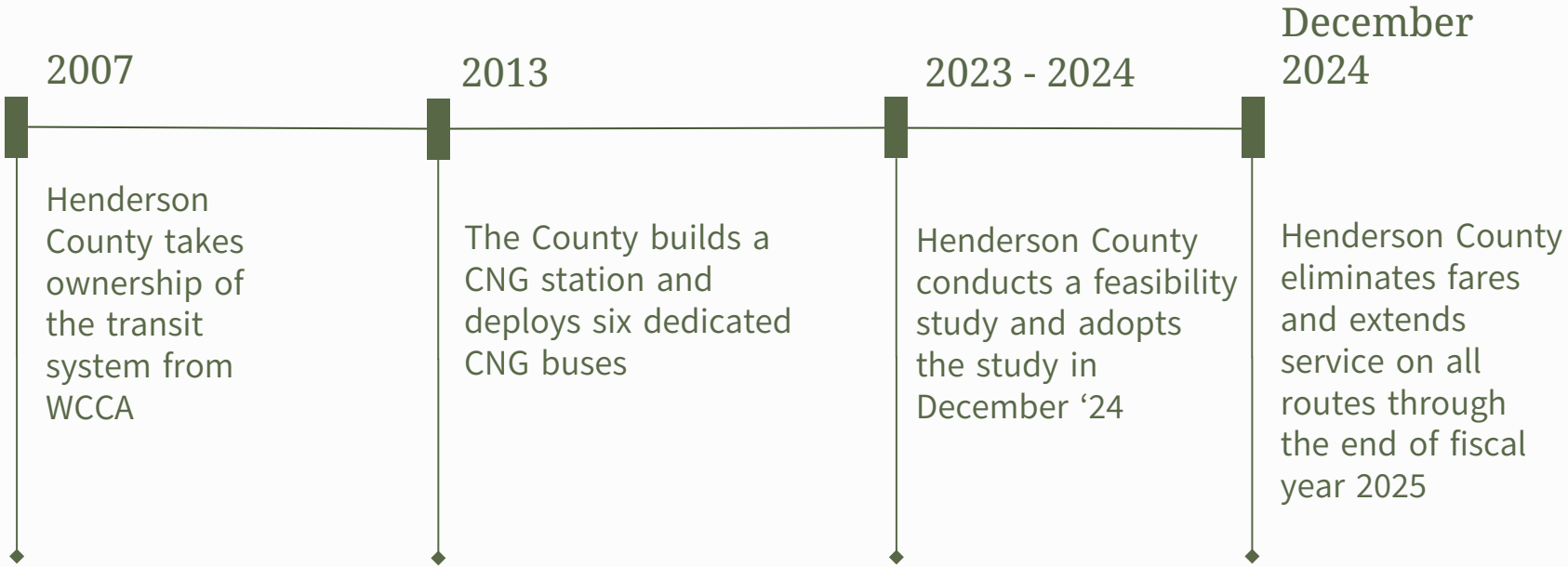
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System History



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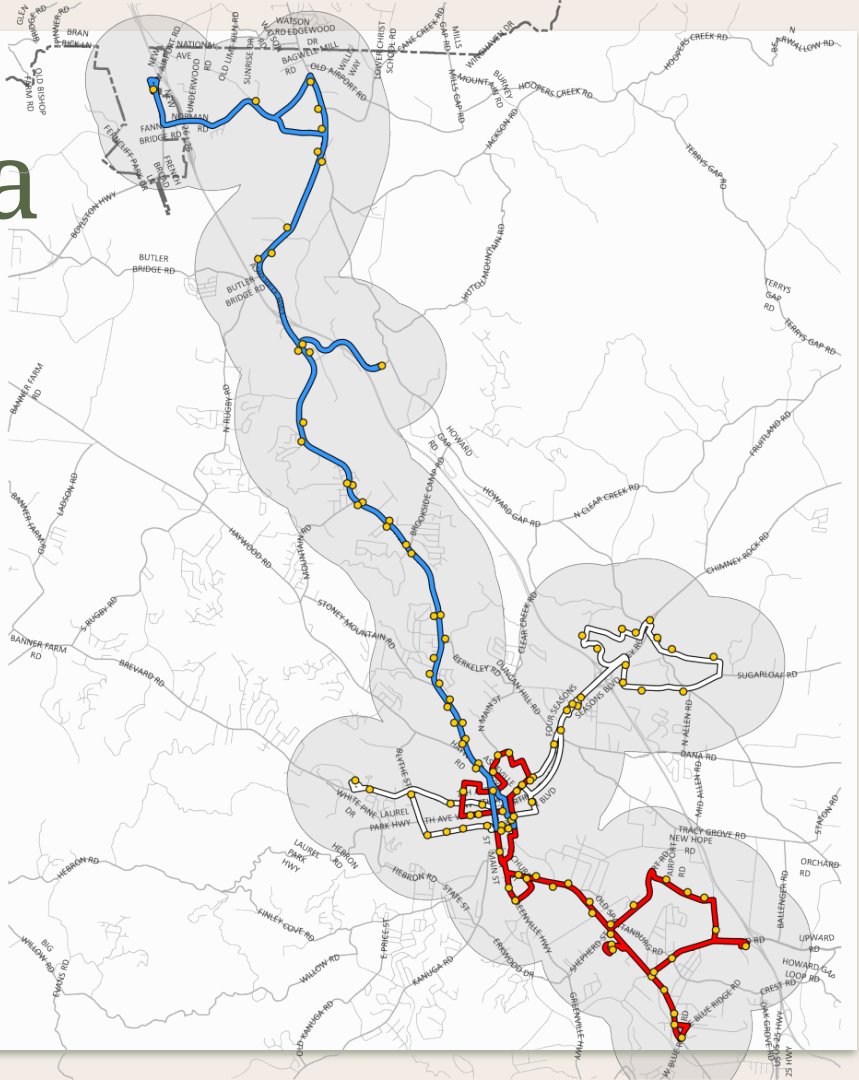
- Henderson County is responsible for the funding and implementation of the urban transit services
  - The County contracts out the operation to WNCSource (AKA WCCA), which has held the contract since 2007
  - The contract is rebid every six years
- ACPT operates Monday – Friday, 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM
- It is free to ride
- There were 73,486 riders in FY24, which is 2.3% greater than pre-COVID ridership
- There are 113 stops along 3 fixed-routes
- The system covers 57 miles of the county every hour





ACPT Service Area

- System is made up of three fixed routes and an on-demand paratransit service
- Fixed-route transit serves three municipalities
- Paratransit service is a door-to-door service for individuals who cannot navigate the fixed-route system due to physical or cognitive disabilities
    - This service is required via the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
    - ACPT offers the option within a ¾ mile buffer around the existing fixed-route service area
- Henderson County cannot operate ACPT outside the urbanized area
- Transportation is available through WNCSource Transportation to people who live outside the urbanized area



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System Funding

ACPT Funding

- Henderson County is eligible for Section 5307 funds from the Federal Transit Administration for the operation of ACPT. These are provided through the French Broad River MPO and are administered by the City of Asheville.
- Different system costs are funded at various federal rates:
  - Contracted service (WNCSource) - FTA only allows 40% of the total contract cost to be reimbursed at an 80/20 match.
  - Rolling stock is eligible for an 80/20 match on total cost.
  - Bus shelters, signs, etc., are eligible for a 50/50 match on the total cost.



03 Town of Fletcher – Requested Contribution

FY 2026 Service Costs

- Fletcher is requested to pay their portion of the FY26 service costs, totaling $31,545.63
- Costs are based on the percentage of stops and the number of paratransit trips located within the town and its ETJ (averaged from the previous six months)
- Fletcher may want to consider an interlocal agreement for transit costs similar to what the City of Hendersonville has with the County
- This would allow the Town to know the exact costs for the length of the County's service contract with WNCSource (currently set to expire at the end of FY28)



Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

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