

Impact of Road Projects on the Anson Economy

By John Marek, Executive Director of the AnsonEDP: Last week, I was asked to provide some economic projections based on the impacts of recently completed and proposed road construction in Anson County over the next 10 years. The three road projects specifically referenced are the Monroe Expressway, US74 Median and Wadesboro Bypass. Basically, I expect the population of Anson County to increase by 1% to 1.5% by 2025 based primarily on new residential and commercial development on the west side of the county. This increase will be almost entirely the result of the Monroe Expressway. We are also anticipating a similar level of growth in employment with the largest gains expected in Skilled and Semi-Skilled Construction Trades, Advanced Manufacturing Technology (especially as it relates to metal fabrication) and Logistics/Warehousing.

The US74 Median project will likely have minimal impact on either population or employment, although the slight improvement in eastbound travel times from the eastern side of the county to the Port of Wilmington could make sites in the Peachland-Polkton-West Wadesboro corridor slightly more desirable for over-the-road logistics operations. The Department of Transportation has worked hard to minimize potential negative impact on existing businesses along this corridor as the result of the realignment.

The Wadesboro Bypass is a complete and total wildcard. There is no design or construction funding for this road. The General Assembly recently appropriated funds for an engineering study, but it has not been started, so no one actually knows where the road will be located. There is virtually no chance this road will be finished in the next 10 years, and it is 50-50 whether it will be finished in the next 20. Making projections based on the information currently available is akin to speculating on what impact a Chelsea Clinton presidency will have on the economy.

Having said that, my best guess is that the road will be built sometime in the early 2030s. It will be a toll road and will have a "shallow" configuration that runs a mile to a mile and a half north of the current US74. The road will be about 7 miles long and there will probably only be one exit, at US52. This configuration would create a modest boost for property near the Anson County Airport as a location for manufacturing and logistics operations, but it would not create a significantly better location than those already available at the Anson 74 Rail Park and the Atlantic Gateway Logistics Park.

Harvest Ministries Offers Free Clothing and Free Groceries

Harvest Ministries Outreach Center in Wadesboro operates two programs to benefit those people in need in Anson County. The Community Clothes Closet LightHouse offers free clothing and the Helping Hands Community Food Pantry offers free groceries. The hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

No documentation is required. Harvest Ministries is located at 1134 East Caswell Street (Highway 74) in Wadesboro, behind McDonalds. The telephone number is 704-695-2879.

Computer Skills Classes

The Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center offers computer skills classes for all ages. Classes are tailored for beginners or intermediate students. If you are interested please contact BRLC to register. They are located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. The telephone number is 704-826-8737.

Church News

ALL JULY
Special Music
With Kim Gainey during 11am worship service at Morven Baptist Church. 9:45 am meet & greet with coffee & doughnuts, 10am Sunday School
JULY 8 - 12
Vacation Bible School
 At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 6:30-8pm. All are invited
JULY 13 & 14
Women's Conference
 At Parsons Grove Baptist Church, 598 Parsons Grove Church Rd in Lilesville. Sat luncheon 12 noon. Sun-Min Iva Hodge of Word of Life 11am & Pastor Iris Tillman of Church of God of Prophecy 3pm. All ladies encouraged to wear hats
JULY 14
56th Anniversary
 Of Cedar Creek Gospel Choir, 3pm
24th Pastoral Anniversary
 of Pastor Charles & Co-Pastor Mary Sturdivant at New Meltonville MBC. 10am morning worship followed by lunch. 2pm service with Pastor Michael McLeod
JULY 14 - 18
Homecoming & Revival
 At Harris Chapel AME Zion. Homecoming Sun 11am followed by dinner. Revival Mon-Pastor Donnie Bennett of Mt Sinai Baptist Church, Tue-Dr. Johnnie McLendon of Fisher Hill Baptist Church, Wed-Pastor Jamison Quick of Parson Grove Baptist Church, Thu-Pastor Luther McLendon of Galilee AME Zion, all at 7:30pm. Everyone is cordially invited
JULY 15 - 17
Summer Revival
 At Lindsey Chapel Friendship COG, 8 West Wall St in Wadesboro, with Pastor Johnny Brown of Genesis Church in Gastonia at 7pm
JULY 16
Salt & Pepper
For Unity meet at Rock Hill MBC, 11am-1pm. All seniors 55+ & exceptional adults are welcome
JULY 17 - 19
Vacation Bible School
 At House of Faith, 6:30-8:30pm. All are invited
JULY 20
Prayer Breakfast
 At Parson Grove Baptist Church, 9am

Ladies Lunch & Learn at Wadesboro Church of God of Prophecy, 1169 Hwy 52, Wadesboro, 12-3pm with Rhonda Holland. Evening service 7pm with Rhonda Holland & singers Robbie & Summer Hegler. All are welcome
JULY 21
108th Church Anniversary
 At New Zion MBC, 2:30pm with Rev Lennon Parsons of West Rocky Ford
18th Pastoral Anniversary of Rev Broce Sowell at Barringer Chapel MBC, 3pm
Men's Day
 At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3:30pm with Elder Carlos Melton. All are invited
JULY 21 - 24
Revival Week
 At Divine Unity. Sun-Pastor Sylvia McLendon at 11:15am, Pastor Renwick Fisher of True Holiness COG at 3pm. Mon-Pastor David Dickey of Ramah Grove, Tue-Pastor Cindy Wiggins of House of Faith Outreach Ministries, Wed-House of Shiloh, all at 7:30pm
JULY 27
Jesus Jewels Children Pageant
 at House of Faith, 2-4pm. All are invited
JULY 28
Family & Friends Day
 At Morning Star Redeemed COG, 3pm with Pastor Jakeem Bowman
Initial Sermon
 Of Brother Alvin Little at West Rocky Ford Baptist Church, 3pm. All are invited. 4497 White Store Rd in Polkton
50 State Rally
 Program at New Hope Christian Faith Church, 2pm. 152 Threadgill St in Ansonville
Appreciation Service
 For Elder Gary Gaddy at Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3:30pm with Apostle Marvin Leak & Sound Doctrine Fellowship Church. All are invited
JULY 28 - 31
Revival
 At Chilson Grove Baptist Church. Sun-Pastor Pete McNeil at 11am. Guest pastor is Rev Vashon Ingram of Sandy Ridge Baptist Church. Dinner served

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JULY 28 - AUGUST 1
Homecoming & Revival
 At Rock Hill MBC. Homecoming Sun-Dr. T.J. Horne 11am. Revival Mon-Rev Dockery, Tue-Rev Donnie Bennett, Wed-Dr. Hurley Williams, Thu-Rev John Kirkpatrick, all at 7pm
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1
Annual Revival
 At New Hope Christian Faith Church with Rev Neil Atkinson, Senior Pastor of Wilson Heights FCOG in Charlotte. 7:30pm nightly. All are welcome. 152 Threadgill St in Ansonville
AUGUST 4
Appreciation Service
 For Assistant Pastor Robin Cason at House of Faith, 3pm with Pastor Joletha Dockery of Betsy Chapel AME Zion
AUGUST 16
Healing Service
 At House of Faith, 7:30pm
AUGUST 25
Usher's Board
 Program at New Hope Christian Faith Church, 3pm with Rev Harvey Marsh, Senior Pastor of Lindsey Chapel Holiness Church. All are welcome. 152 Threadgill St in Ansonville
ONGOING
Time for You
 Music, prayer & praise at 6pm at Wightman UMC
Bible Study
 Every Wed night, 7pm at Victory Temple Miracle Center
Prayer/Bible Study
 Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm at House of Faith
Bible Study
 Every Wednesday at noon at Expected End Ministries by Pastor Betty Tillman
Exercise Class
 Each Thursday at 2pm at Hopewell UMC
Intercessory Prayer & Bible Study
 at Sandy Ridge MBC every Wednesday, 5pm
Bible Study
 At West Deep Creek MBC each Wednesday at 6:30pm
Youth Night
 At Vision of God Ministries in Morven each Sat, 5-7pm w/bible study, Christian movies, games, crafts refreshments & more

UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. HEAD START PROGRAM

PO Box 1029, Monroe NC 28110-1029

CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM MEDIA RELEASE

Sponsoring Organizations of Centers - Central Head Start Center/Morven Head Start Center Agreement #7207

The Union County Community Action, Inc. announces their participation in of the U.S. Department of Agriculture funded Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled participants. The income guidelines for free and reduced price meals by family size are listed below. Children who are TANF recipients or who are members of SNAP or FDPIR households or are Head Start participants, are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits. Adult participants who are members of food stamp or FDPIR households or who are SSI or Medicaid participants are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES Effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

The Following Household Size and Income Standards Are Used to Determine Eligibility

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEARLY		MONTHLY		TWICE PER MONTH		EVERY TWO WEEKS		WEEKLY	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$16,237	\$23,107	\$1,354	\$1,926	\$677	\$963	\$625	\$889	\$313	\$445
2	\$21,983	\$31,284	\$1,832	\$2,607	\$916	\$1,304	\$846	\$1,204	\$423	\$602
3	\$27,729	\$39,461	\$2,311	\$3,289	\$1,156	\$1,645	\$1,067	\$1,518	\$534	\$759
4	\$33,475	\$47,638	\$2,790	\$3,970	\$1,395	\$1,985	\$1,288	\$1,833	\$644	\$917
5	\$39,221	\$55,815	\$3,269	\$4,652	\$1,635	\$2,326	\$1,509	\$2,147	\$755	\$1,074
6	\$44,967	\$63,992	\$3,748	\$5,333	\$1,874	\$2,667	\$1,730	\$2,462	\$865	\$1,231
7	\$50,713	\$72,169	\$4,227	\$6,015	\$2,114	\$3,008	\$1,951	\$2,776	\$976	\$1,388
8	\$56,459	\$80,346	\$4,705	\$6,696	\$2,353	\$3,348	\$2,172	\$3,091	\$1,086	\$1,546
For each additional family member add:	\$5,746	\$8,177	\$479	\$682	\$240	\$341	\$221	\$315	\$111	\$158

The poverty guidelines are sometimes loosely referred to as the "federal poverty level" (FPL), but that phrase is ambiguous and should be avoided, especially in situations (e.g., legislative or administrative) where precision is important.

Events

JULY 14
Anson Singers Concert at the Ansonia Theatre, 3pm entitled "Give Our Regards to Broadway." Funds raised from \$18 general admission tickets & donations used to defray costs of Feb 2020 trip to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Tickets at Lacy's, First Methodist Church of Wadesboro or call Arts Council 704-694-4950
JULY 15
Brown Bag Book Club Meets 12 noon at Hampton B. Allen Library with program by John Marek, AnsonEDP Director & author. Everyone invited to bring a covered dish & attend. Info 704-694-5177

ONGOING EVENTS
Chair Yoga
 Every Wednesday, 10-11am at the Hampton B. Allen Library. No fee & you don't have to preregister. Info 704-694-5177
Ladies Out
 Every Monday, 1pm at Grace Senior Center. Info & register 704-694-6616
Wadesboro Rotary Club Meets each Thursday at noon for lunch at Welika Fish Camp in Lilesville
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