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The City of Brevard respectfully requests that the Board of Education consider the dedication of 30' of right-of-way along Elm Bend Road to the North Carolina Department of Transportation. This right-of-way would be used to construct a sidewalk to better serve the pedestrian needs of the families who live in the vicinity of the Brevard Elementary School. The proposed sidewalk is the highest priority sidewalk slated for construction in the City's adopted Pedestrian Plan.



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Office of the City Manager
(828) 885-5601

July 10, 2012

Dr. Jeff McDaris, Superintendent
Transylvania County School System
225 Rosenwald Lane
Brevard, NC 28712

Dear Dr. McDaris,

As I am sure you are aware, the City of Brevard was awarded a Safe Routes to Schools Demonstration Grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in 2008 to construct the Gallimore Road Bike Path, to make improvements to the sidewalk along Highway 276, and to work with Brevard Elementary School to provide programs like Bike Rodeos & the Walk to School Days in order to encourage more children to walk and bike to school safely.

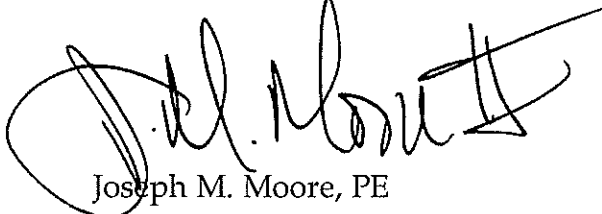
While looking at the overall goal of providing a safe pedestrian environment around the school campus, City Council determined that the construction of a sidewalk along Elm Bend Road (see map attached), in keeping with the goals of the City's adopted Pedestrian Plan which ranks the Elm Bend sidewalk as the #1 priority, would be the appropriate bookend to the Safe Routes to Schools project. To this end, City Staff has been working diligently to make this project a reality.

It is in making this project a reality that the City needs the assistance from the Board of Education. Elm Bend Road is a part of the North Carolina State Road System, which means right-of-way must be certified and recorded in the Transylvania County Courthouse prior to construction. In the process of investigating the existing right-of-way along Elm Bend Road, neither City nor NCDOT Staff have been able to find any evidence of documented right-of-way near the back entrance of the school. This section

of the proposed sidewalk is vital to making the connection to the entrance of Delphia Drive. Therefore, the City respectfully requests that the Board of Education partner on this project by dedicating a 30' right-of-way (from the center line of Elm Bend Road) along the length of the Board's property to NCDOT. Much of this right-of-way lies within the area already maintained and mowed by NCDOT and would allow the City to construct this high priority sidewalk that will increase the safety of pedestrians along Elm Bend Road.

This letter is a request to have the Board of Education consider dedicating the described right-of-way at the next available meeting. One of my Staff, Sarah Lutz from the Planning Department, will be present at that next meeting to answer any questions you may have. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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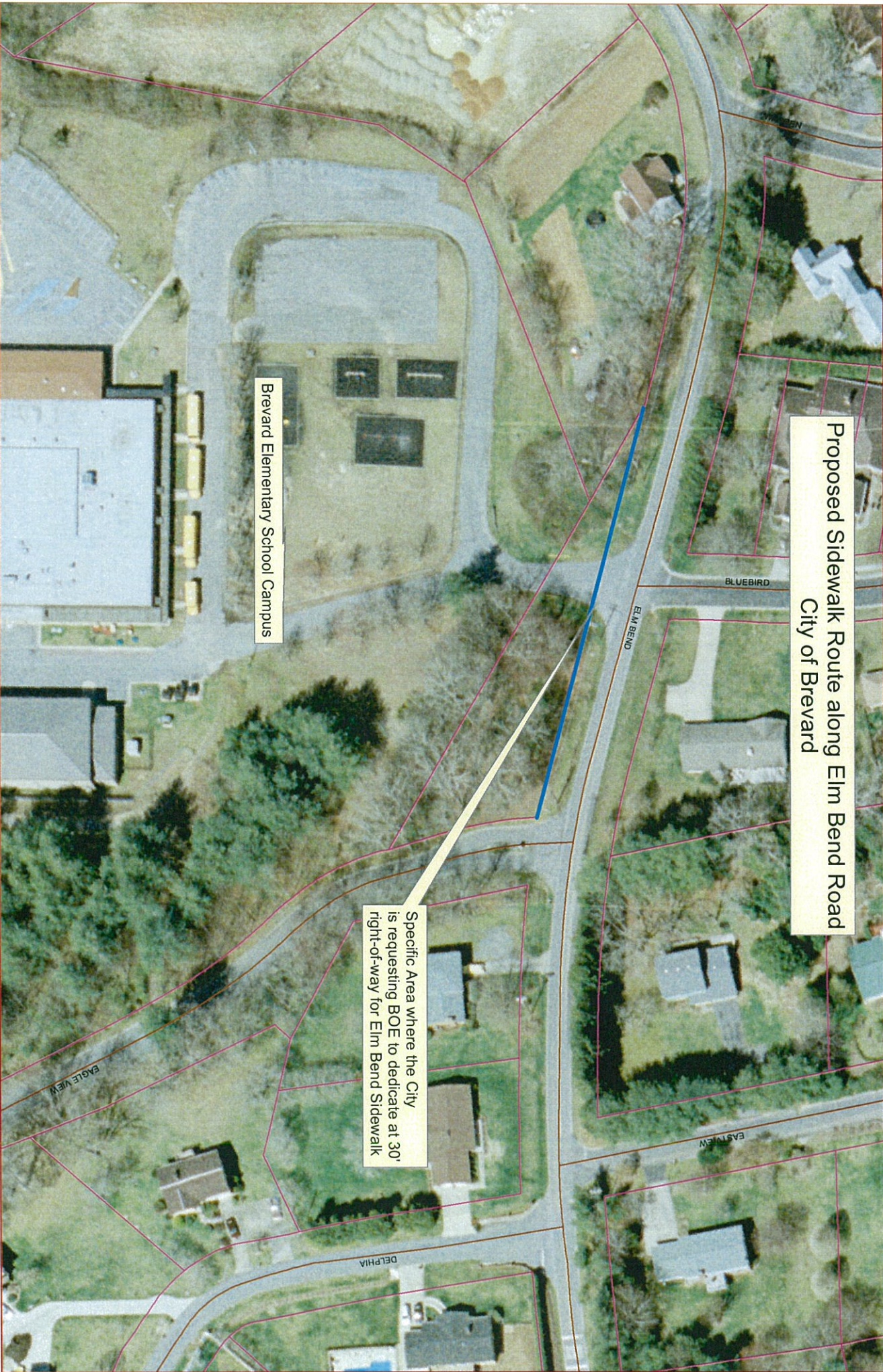
Joseph M. Moore, PE
City Manager



**Proposed Sidewalk Route along Elm Bend Road
City of Brevard**

Proposed Sidewalk Route

Brevard Elementary School Campus



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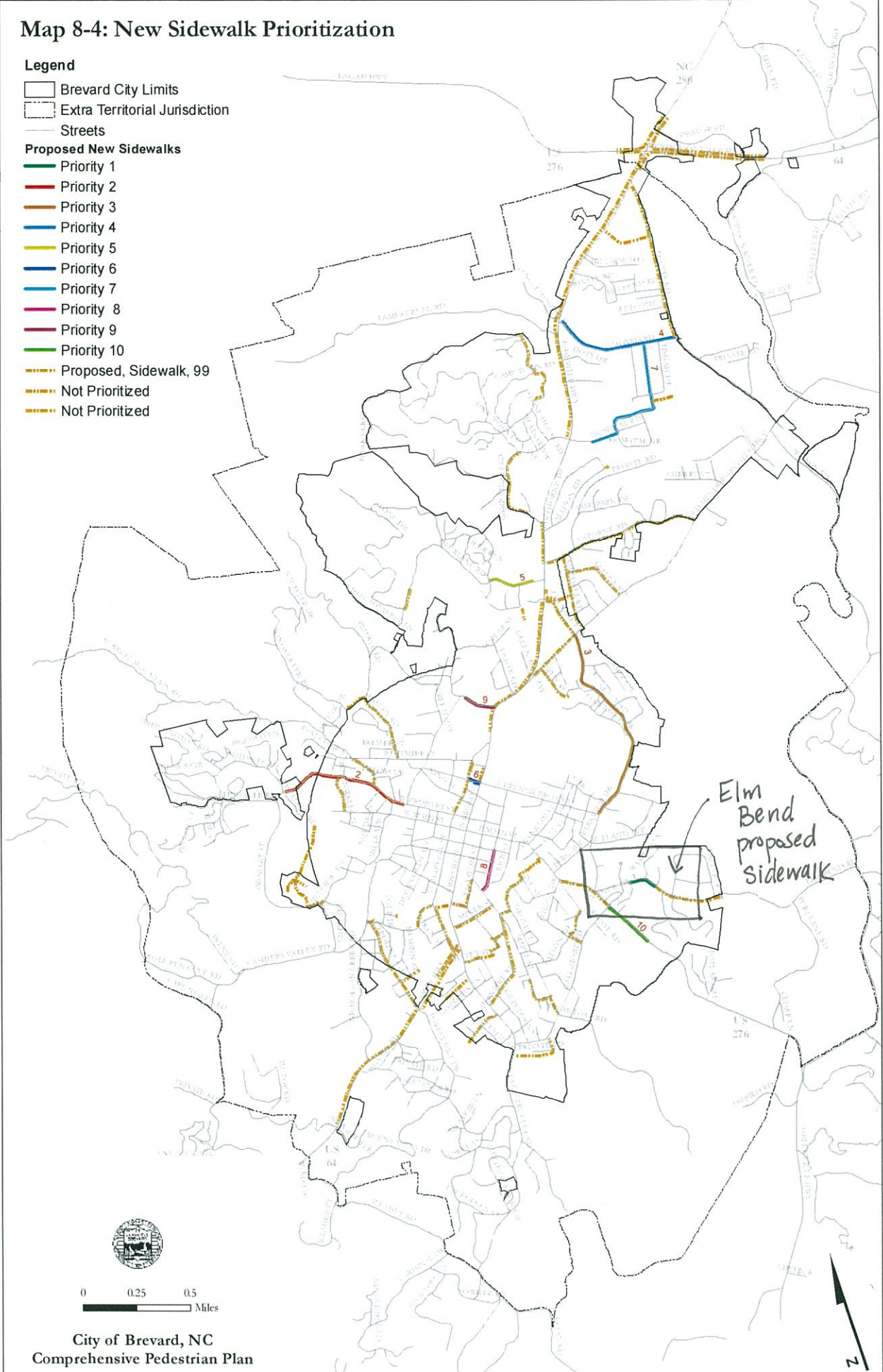
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Specific Area where the City is requesting BOE to dedicate at 30' right-of-way for Elm Bend Sidewalk

Map 8-4: New Sidewalk Prioritization

Legend

- Brevard City Limits
- Extra Territorial Jurisdiction
- Streets
- Proposed New Sidewalks**
- Priority 1
- Priority 2
- Priority 3
- Priority 4
- Priority 5
- Priority 6
- Priority 7
- Priority 8
- Priority 9
- Priority 10
- Proposed, Sidewalk, 99
- Not Prioritized
- Not Prioritized



Elm Bend proposed sidewalk