

Rail-Trail Advisory Committee



10:00 AM | November 8, 2023 | King Street
Meeting Room



Agenda

Call to Order

Public Comment

Business Items

1. Approval/Adjustment of Agenda & Draft Summary
2. Update: Conserving Carolina
3. Update: Friends of Ecusta Trail
4. Update: Henderson County

Discussion: No Items

Adjournment





Groundbreaking Event

- Date: Saturday, October 28th from 10-12 (Program started at 11)
- Location: Veteran Healing Farm
- Number of Guest Speakers Participated in the program
- Approximately 400 people attended
- Special Thanks to the FOET for assistance with the event and parking
- WLOS clip and Henderson County Communication Office Coverage
 - [Henderson County \(vimeo.com\)](https://www.vimeo.com/1000000000)



Construction of Phase I

(Ecusta East from S. Main to US 64 – 6 miles)

- BOC approved the selection of NHM Constructors for the construction of this portion of the trail
- Bid had to be extended 60 days to align with Board of Transportation meetings
- Project cost is \$10,629,359
- Portion of the NSFLTP funding is going towards construction of this phase (agreements have been signed and will be approved by the Board of Transportation on November 15th)
- Remaining construction is funded with STBG-DA funds
- Following the Board of Transportation meeting on November 15th, the contract with NHM will be executed for construction to begin
- Anticipated construction completion is end of calendar year 2024

Ecusta West PE

(US 64 to County Line – 5 miles)

- BOC approved the selection of JMT to complete the PE for Ecusta West
- FBR-MPO approved moving STBG-DA funds from construction of Ecusta West to fund the PE
- BOC approved the agreement with NCDOT for STBG funds this past Monday (Board of Transportation will approve the agreement at its December meeting)
- Board of Transportation will review the STIP amendment for the PE in November and approve at its December meeting (required 2-month process)
- Scoping for the Ecusta West PE is being finalized
- The scope and fees for the consultant must be reviewed by NCDOT and the GESC (General Engineering Services Consultant). The contract and final review will be completed following the December BOT meeting.
- It is anticipated that the survey for this portion of the trail will take place in January/February
- The PE is anticipated to take 18 months to complete
- Once the 100% designs are complete, NCDOT will move forward with the construction bid for this portion of the Henderson County trail
- It is anticipated that the trail construction will be done in conjunction with the Transylvania County side of the trail

Update on Grants

NCDOT has been working with FHWA, MPO, Henderson County and City of Brevard to determine how to utilize the federal funding for the project

Phase I - Ecusta East Construction

- ▶ STBG-DA and NFSLTP will fund the construction of the first 6 miles

Ecusta West PE

- ▶ Redistributed STBG-DA funds from construction to PE

Ecusta West Construction

- ▶ RAISE
- ▶ NSFLTP
- ▶ STBG-DA

Match required is 20% for STBG, 10% for NSFLTP, and 0% for RAISE



Trail Amenities Being Considered Include:

- ▶ Restrooms
- ▶ Parking Areas
- ▶ Trailheads
- ▶ Bike racks
- ▶ Waste receptacles
- ▶ Water Stations
- ▶ Benches
- ▶ Information kiosks
- ▶ Trail-related informational signage

*NCDOT is awaiting review and approval from FHWA to determine the types of amenities that are allowable expenses under the RAISE and NSFLTP grants



Questions or Other Items for Discussion