

Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 17, 2017

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on May 17, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville. Meeting attendance was as follows:

Voting Member	Present	Not in Attendance
Renee Kumor, Chair at-large	√	
Jim Crafton, Vice-Chair at-large	√	
John Bryant, at-large		√
Beau Waddell, at-large	√	
Mike Edney, Henderson County Commissioner		√
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County Commissioner	√	
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville	√	
John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock	√	
Larry Freeman, Town of Mills River	√	
Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher		√
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner (Commissioner's Alternate)	√	
Brian Burgess, Transportation Planner	√	
Jeff Wells, (Town of Mills River Alternate)	√	

Also present was Tristan Winkler, MPO Transportation Planner, Steve Cannon, NCDOT Division 14, and John Mitchell, Business and Community Development Director. Mrs. Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Joe Sanders, who has worked with many municipalities on their bike projects, offered assistance and services to the Board.

Discussion

Approval of Agenda. No discussion of agenda.

Draft Minutes February 15, 2017. There was an error with the April 19, 2017 minutes; therefore this item will be approved at the next meeting.

SPOT 5.0 Discussion and Submission. Before the discussion of SPOT 5.0, Mrs. Renee Kumor discussed the presentation at Mountain True which involved a discussion about the Balfour Parkway. She requested that Mr. John Mitchell provide the Board access to relevant material, such as the Mountain True presentation, so that the TAC can take that information and implement it into their planning process. Mr. Mitchell agreed and directed Mr. Brian Burgess to inform the Board about future meetings. Gary Jernigan, director of Mountain True, offered his assistance to the Board for any Bike/Ped. Projects taking place in Hendersonville. Mr. Tristan Winkler then gave an overview of the SPOT 5.0 process. He stated that 40% of overall funds are programmed through the Statewide Mobility projects which go towards interstates and major airports. Next, he discussed the Regional Impact projects, which are projects that include anything from the Statewide Mobility Projects and U.S. /N.C. routes. The last category he discussed was the Division Needs Projects. These projects are any projects from the previous years, secondary roads, bike/ped. and transit areas. Mr. Winkler stated that at the last meeting the

Board reviewed projects funded from SPOT 4.0; these projects are currently being developed. There was also a list of carry-over projects that if the Board does nothing to change this list, those projects will automatically be entered into SPOT 5.0. Mr. Winkler reminded the body that at the last meeting, TAC agreed to use the carry-over projects. Mr. Winkler stated that during this meeting, he was looking for 7 new project submittals for each mode in SPOT 5.0. Mr. Jim Crafton reminded the Board that at the previous meeting Laurel Park and Mills River had two project suggestions and that Flat Rock's projects were being taken care of in the Division Needs plans. Mr. Winkler stated that all projects must be submitted to the MPO staff by September 15th, for them to approve it during the August cycle.

Mr. Jeff Wells stated that the Mills River Council had prioritized the School House Road and Banner Farm intersection project as their top need and Parsonage Road second. He also requested that C7 project (NC 280 to NC 191) be removed from the list. Mr. John Dockendorf requested to take C18 (NC 225 to W Blue Ridge Rd.) and C35 (W. Blue Ridge Rd to NC 225) off the list of considerations. He also mentioned that Flat Rock would have concerns with C29 (Erkwood Dr. to Kanuga Rd.) due to potential speed and volume issues. After consideration, he thought that Flat Rock would be happy to keep C29, only if they had input during the process. Mr. Steve Caraker stated that he advocated for C22 (Duncan Hill Rd to US 64) and C23 (Berkeley Rd. to North Main Street). He was then asked if C16 (Spartanburg Highway to NC 225) was a priority to the city, where he explained that it was not a priority because the private sector has done a great job with this corridor. He requested that project C16 be taken off the list. Mr. George Banta asked that White Pine Dr. on US 64 be added to the list of projects. He feels that this road needs improvements because it is narrow.

Commissioner Lapsley stated that he did not think that the other Commissioners would have any objections to the recommendations from the municipalities. The thought they would see the need as being a part of the urban areas and that the committee would support that. He also stated that he had no problem joining the recommendation for those projects. Commissioner Lapsley then listed projects that the Commissioners would support, those include: C12 (Butler Bridge Rd. to US 25), C15 (US 64 to Fruitland Rd.), C24 (Blythe St. to Brevard Rd.), C36 (Fanning Bridge Rd. to US 25), C22&23 (Duncan Hill Rd to US 64 and Berkeley Rd. to North Main Street), White Pine Dr. in Laurel Park, and the intersection of School House Rd. and Banner Farm in Mills River.

Mr. Steve Cannon mentioned that C15 (US 64 to Fruitland Rd.) could be dropped from the list because it could potentially be funded and completed at another time. Mr. John Dockendorf then stated that C20 (Shepherd St. to Greenville Highway) may be an area in need of upgrades due to it dangerous condition. Mr. Steve Cannon stated that it was possible that the C20 project be done as a safety project and mentioned that he will look into this area more.

Commissioner Lapsley motioned to recommend to the MPO 7 projects for SPOT 5.0 those being:

- 1) C17 (NC 225 to US 176/ US 25B)
- 2) C12 (Butler Bridge Rd. to US 25)
- 3) C22 and C23 (Duncan Hill Rd to US 64 and Berkeley Rd. to North Main Street)
- 4) C24 (Blythe St. to Brevard Rd.)
- 5) C36 (Fanning Bridge Rd to US 25)
- 6) White Pine Dr. in Laurel Park
- 7) The intersection of School House Rd. and Banner Farm Rd. in Mills River.

All members voted in favor.

Bike/ Ped. Project Discussion. While discussing the items for the bike/ped. project list, Mr. Winkler reminded the body that there will be a 20% local match requirement for each project. He recommends that each local government should examine cost estimates for their projects. He also stated that there is an estimated \$8 million in the Division 14 funds for bike/ped. projects and that competition for this money will not be competitive. He stated that each municipality should be aggressive in pursuing funds in this pot. Mr. Dockendorf questioned whether or not a municipality could submit a project and later scale it back to fit the funding abilities. Mr. Winkler explained that once a municipality submitted a project, negotiation is not an option at that point.

Mr. Winkler then went over the projects submitted in the last round that were not funded and would potentially be good candidates for resubmittal. Those projects were the Meritor Greenway in Fletcher, an extension of the Oklawaha Greenway to Blue Ridge Community College, the 280 Multiuse Path, another extension of the Oklawaha Greenway from Jackson Park to Westfeldt Park, and Westfeldt Park to Kunz Farm. Mr. Dockendorf presented two more projects; a greenway from Carl Sandburg to Flat Rock Park and a Mud Creek Greenway connecting the future Publix and Little River Rd. Mr. Winkler recommends that each municipality figure out preliminary cost estimates.

Commissioner Lapsley made a motion to send the MPO 7 bike/ ped and 2 back up projects for SPOT 5.0. Those projects include:

- 1) Section of 280 Greenway from N. Mills River Rd. to NC191
- 2) Oklawaha Greenway extension from Jackson Park to Blue Ridge Community College
- 3&4) Oklawaha Greenway extension from Berkeley Rd. to Westfeldt Park- this project will be broken up into 2 sections.
- 5) Greenway extension from Westfeldt Park to Kunz Farm Park (pedestrian bridge across French Board River)
- 6) Greenway from Carl Sandburg to Flat Rock Park
- 7) Sidewalk project on Grove Street
- * Standby Project- Meritor Greenway from US 25 to I-26
- *Standby Project- Section of 280 Greenway from NC 191 to the River

All member voted in favor.

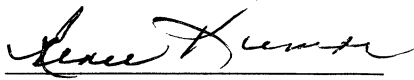
Routine Updates

NCDOT Projects. Mr. Steve Cannon informed the TAC that the bridge on Berea Church Rd. had begun construction. Mr. Dockendorf asked that the signs on Berea Church road be moved back due to safety concerns. Mr. Cannon also mentioned that night construction on I-26 will begin soon. He stated that resurfacing on US 64 to Moores Gap Rd will continue throughout the summer. He mention that the Publix right of way acquisition has been agreed upon.

Municipal Representatives. Mr. George Banta informed the group that Laurel Park is wrapping up their bike/ped. plan. Mr. Jeff Wells commented that Mills River is finishing up their budgeting process and will begin planning park projects soon. Mr. John Mitchell stated that there will be two new Planners introduced at the next meeting.

FBRMPO TCC Meeting Review/ Board Meeting Preview. Mrs. Autumn Radcliff announced that the feasibility studies for the Northern and Southern Oklawaha Greenway extensions will be voted on at the upcoming FBRMPO Board meeting next week.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.



Renee Kumor, Chair

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