

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 19, 2017**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on April 19, 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, Renee Chambard, NCDOT Division 14, and John Mitchell, Business and Community Development Director. Mrs. Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. No public comment was made.

Discussion

Approval of Agenda. No discussion of agenda.

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

SPOT 5.0 Outline. Mr. Tristan Winkler gave an overview of the SPOT 5.0 process. He stated that this is the prioritizing of projects to move from long range plans to receiving funding and being constructed. MPO, RPO's, and NCDOT's division determine which projects get submitted. Projects then receive a quantitative score from NCDOT and the MPO gets to allocate local input points to both regional impact projects and division needs projects. The Draft TIP is then released and approved which allows those projects to be implemented. Henderson County will get 7 new project submissions for each mode in SPOT 5.0

Review of Projects Funded in SPOT 4.0. Mr. Winkler noted that the following projects were funded during the last round of SPOT and are now committed. These projects include the Hwy. 191 in Mills River, Kanuga Rd., a section of Balfour Parkway, South Main St. Bridge near Spartanburg Hwy., and the Blythe St. sidewalk project in Hendersonville. These projects will not have to be resubmitted and the NCDOT will begin working on design construction soon. He

mentions that it is important to note that other projects have been funded in past rounds and do not need to be resubmitted; those include: Highland Lake Rd., U.S. 64 in Laurel Park, I-26 (I-4400 C) from Mtn. Home Rd. exit to Airport Rd.

Discuss SPOT Carryover Projects. Mr. Winkler referenced the carryover project list in the agenda packet and noted that these projects, unless removed, will go back into SPOT to be funded and they do not count as new submittals. These projects are considered 'sibling projects' to other projects- meaning that they are unfunded sections of other funded projects. He asked the TAC to consider these 6 projects and to decide whether to keep these carryover projects and add them to SPOT 5.0. Tristan reminded the Board that they will receive 7 new projects per each mode: road, bike/ped., and transit in addition to the carryover projects. Beau Waddell made a motion to keep the carryover projects based on the prior prioritization reviews, John Dockendorf second the motion. All members voted in favor.

Project Discussion and Submission. Per Mr. Crafton's advice, the Board decided to wait and make the final list of 7 projects until all representatives are available, so that there is a consensus around the priorities set. Mr. Banta of Laurel Park asked the Board to consider widening White Pine in Laurel Park to Hwy 64 as a potential project due to the dangerous conditions. Mr. Wells of Mills River asked for the intersection of Banner Farm Rd. and School House Rd. to be considered as a potential project as well. He stated that the intersection could use modernization improvements, especially the turning radius amount. Mr. Dockendorf of Flat Rock stated that their issues were already being addressed in the division needs section of the plan, those included: Blue Ridge Rd. and Erkwod Rd, as well as the Shepherd St. intersection. Mr. Winkler encouraged to Board to consider the Spartanburg Hwy. Project and the US-64 project. Mr. Winkler noted that there is a lot of projected growth around the Fruitland Rd. area (i.e. Duncan Hill, Signal Hill, Berkley, and North Main St), however that project was not funded before. Ms. Kumor stated that each member should consider the projects mentioned during the meeting, plus the two additional project considerations by Laurel Park and Mills River. She stated that all members should be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss the 7 potential projects and set priorities.

Bike/Ped Project Discussion. Mr. Winkler stated that the TAC can submit up to 7 bike/ped projects into SPOT 5.0. Mr. Mitchell explained that the Commissioners have an interest in Greenway and bike/ped. projects and have given him permission to seek funding from the MPO to expand Greenways in the County. Currently, there have been two submitted applications to the MPO for the Surface Transportation Program. This program provides funding for two feasibility studies: 1) A feasibility study going south from Oklawaha Greenway in Jackson Park to Blue Ridge Community College and extending on to Flat Rock Park, with possible inclusion of the Henderson County Athletics and Activity Center. 2) The second feasibility study is the Oklawaha Greenway from Berkeley Park to Kunz Farm Park/Westfeldt Park. Mr. Winkler noted that these two feasibility studies are on the May MPO Board agenda for consideration; however, the subcommittee has recommended approvals for the studies. Mr. Dockendorf mentioned using East Henderson High School as a possible point for the BRCC Greenway. He also mentioned that Flat Rock is conducting a feasibility study from the Carl Sandburg House and Village Hall to Flat Rock Park. Laurel Park currently has a study going on for a bike/ped. project. Mr. Winkler mentioned that there are potential submittals that did not make it through the last round of SPOT that could be possibly considered. These include: the Meritor Greenway, a section of 280 in Mills River, and the Jackson Park Greenway aforementioned by Mr. Mitchell. He also reminded the members that these are new submittals and would be a part of the 7 potential projects if requested. Mrs. Radcliff mentioned that the Kunz Farm Park Bridge could also be

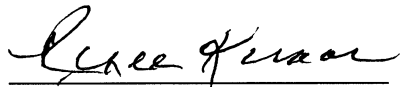
considered as a possible project. Mr. Winkler noted that cost estimates for each project would need to be included. He also stated that there would be a 20% local match for each project. The due date for the committed match, however, is unknown at the time. Mr. Jim Crafton suggested inviting other stakeholders to the next meeting in May in order to further discuss the topic of proposed greenways and bike/ped. projects.

Routine Updates

NCDOT Projects. Ms. Renee Chambard with NCDOT Division 14 reminded the members of the Construction Project Report, which describes the current NCDOT projects and nature of that project. She also reviewed the five year plan set by NCDOT.

Municipal Representatives. Mr. Jeff Wells commented on the success and turn out of NCDOT's presentation discussing the NC-191 project at the Mills River Council meeting. Ms. Radcliff introduced Brian Burgess as the new Transportation Planner. Mr. Burgess has been working with the County as a Planner and will be taking over the responsibilities of the transportation position.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.



Renee Kumor, Chair

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