

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 17, 2016**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met August 17, 2016 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	√	
David Jones, 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	√	
Matthew Champion, Transportation Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner (Commissioner's alternate)		√

Also present was Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO Transportation Planner and Ed Greene, NCDOT Division 14 Engineer. Mrs. Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor to public comment. Joe Sanders with Blue Ridge Bicycle Club provided public comment in favor of a greenway connection between Jackson Park and Blue Ridge Community College. Mr. Crafton asked if money is available from the MPO for this greenway project. Mr. Winkler said the MPO has \$1.89 million available for bike and pedestrian planning. Mrs. Jane Parton also gave support for the proposed new greenway connection and cited quality of life enrichment for a rational of why this greenway would be beneficial. Mr. Gary Journagen from Mountain True also spoke to show support for the greenway extension between Jackson Park and Blue Ridge Community College.

Discussion

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Caraker made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 18, 2016 meeting. Mr. Banta seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Chair and Vice-Chair Elections. Mr. Lapsley made a motion to approve Mrs. Kumor as Chair and Mr. Crafton as Vice-Chair. Mr. Caraker seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

TAC Alternates. Mrs. Kumor outlined that the HCTAC Bylaws allows for an alternate to vote in favor for the appointed members. She expressed that in the case that an appointed member is unable to attend a meeting that the designated alternative could vote on their behalf. In order to have an official alternative, Mrs. Kumor asked the HCTAC members to provide an email or letter with a specific alternative. She would like for the appointed members to be at all meetings and especially for critical issues, but understands that some HCTAC members will not be able to attend all meetings.

SPOT 4.0 Discussion. Mr. Champion provided the introduction for the only remaining section of SPOT 4.0 left which was to assign local priority points towards Division Needs projects. He informed the

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HCTAC members that Henderson County has twelve (12) projects including Bike/Ped projects in the Division Needs Tier. The HCTAC has 123 local priority points to assign to these projects with 25 points being the most local priority points any one project can receive. Mr. Champion identified that Regional Tier projects could possibly cascade into the Division Needs Tier. He informed the HCTAC that cascading a project could use most of the funding available in the MPO for Division Needs Tier projects.

Mr. Champion provided an update on the Statewide and Regional Tier projects that the HCTAC assigned points to previously. NCDOT has not released any preliminary scores at the moment, which would mean cascading projects into the Division Needs Tier could be contingent upon being funded in the Regional Tier. During the previous MPO Board and TCC meeting, Henderson County Staff and Board Members chose not to cascade Statewide project H090019-BA (I-26 US 64 Interchange) since it would use most of the funding available in the Regional Tier and would not speed up I-26 widening. The remaining projects HCTAC recommended were among the top 18 projects in the MPO to be sent back to Raleigh for reprioritization. The HCTAC made the recommendation to assign 25 points to B142098 (Blythe Street sidewalks) and H090830-A/B/C (all sections of Balfour Parkway with section B being the most important). Project H111106 (Kanuga Road) was assigned the remaining 23 local priority points if Regional Tier project H090155-B (NC191 from Mountain Road to NC280) was selected for funding during the reprioritization process.

Mr. Greene informed the HCTAC that NCDOT Division 14 has the ability to assign points to projects as well. He asked the HCTAC if they wanted NCDOT Division 14 to align points with the recommendations that HCTAC made with regards to Division Needs Tier. The HCTAC wanted to align points in order for the best chance at being selected for funding when sent back to Raleigh for reprioritization. Mr. Caraker asked Mr. Champion to send out a summary of the projects selected to receive local priority points along with NCDOT Division 14 input.

Mrs. Kumor called the meeting to a close being that the discussion lasted longer than anticipated.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.



Renee Kumor, Chair
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