Henderson County TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 17, 2016

The Transportation Advisory Committee met February 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	1	
Jim Crafton, Vice-Chair at-large	1 1	
David Jones, at-large	1 1	
Beau Waddell, at-large	1 1	
Mike Edney, Henderson County Commissioner		V
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County Commissioner		V
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville		V
John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock		
Larry Freeman, Town of Mills River		V
Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher		√
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park		V
Matthew Champion, Transportation Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	1 1	
Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner (Commissioner's alternate)		

Also present was John Mitchell, Henderson County Community Development Director, Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO Transportation Planner, and John Connet, City of Hendersonville Manager. Mrs. Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor to public comment. The public did not provide any comment.

Discussion

<u>Approval of Minutes.</u> Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting. Mr. Crafton seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

SPOT 4.0 Summary. Mrs. Kumor outlined a brief update of the SPOT 4.0 process and the rational for this meeting. She informed the HCTAC members that Henderson County projects needed to be ranked in order for preparation of the raw SPOT scores and MPO methodology. She asked Mr. Champion to discuss the next steps in the SPOT 4.0 reprioritization process. Mr. Champion gave a brief summary of recent NCDOT meetings held with elected officials and staff about three Henderson County roadway projects. White Street, Kanuga Road, and Highland Lake Road are all on the Henderson County SPOT 4.0 database, but were recently accelerated. Highland Lake Road and White Street were accelerated and funded. The Kanuga Road project was accelerated, but not funded. Mr. Champion provided a handout that identified all of the projects for Henderson County in the SPOT 4.0 database. The handout listed each project, both highway and bike and pedestrian, and gave a brief description of each project. The projects provided the original ranking from the SPOT 3.0 process that HCTAC determined, along with the MPO methodology scores. Mr. Champion stated that a more formal ranking of the projects would not be necessary until the April HCTAC meeting after the raw SPOT 4.0 scores are released from NCDOT. Mrs. Kumor opened the floor to the HCTAC members to ask any questions regarding the project database or SPOT 4.0 process. She then asked Mr. Winkler to discuss the next steps with regards to the FBRMPO SPOT 4.0 process. Mr. Winkler outlined that the HCTAC will need to discuss the regional and statewide projects during the April meeting. The divisional projects will be discussed during the August HCTAC meeting. Mr. Winkler stated

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the importance of holding off on ranking projects until the raw SPOT 4.0 scores are released. Mrs. Kumor began describing each project on the database to ensure all HCTAC members were familiar with the project list. Mr. Cannon wanted to clarify that the Highland Lake Road, White Street, and Kanuga Road projects were accelerated and removed from the SPOT 4.0 database list of projects to rank. Mrs. Kumor asked if the HCTAC can add more projects to the list, but Mr. Winkler indicated the time to enter projects has closed. Mr. Crafton wanted to know why Highland Lake, White Street, and Kanuga Road projects were accelerated before higher ranking projects. Mr. Cannon was unaware of why NCDOT chose to accelerate these projects. Mr. Champion and Mr. Winkler agreed to look into the rationale behind NCDOT's decision.

SPOT 4.0 Methodology. Mr. Champion provided a brief overview of the draft FBRMPO methodology for the SPOT 4.0 process. The HCTAC will have 123 points to assign to regional and statewide projects on the database. Mr. Winkler explained that statewide projects have no local input, but the HCTAC can request to have a statewide project cascaded into the regional tier in order to assign points. He cautioned that cascading a statewide project could use up most funds distributed for the regional tier. Mr. Champion stated that he would provide a brief overview of the SPOT 4.0 point distribution and a broken down FBRMPO methodology process by the next meeting in April. The HCTAC will have the opportunity to provide local input for regional projects in April and divisional projects in August. Mrs. Radcliff announced that if any HCTAC members needed additional guidance or more detail to contact Mr. Champion or herself.

<u>CTSP for ACPT.</u> Mrs. Kumor outlined that Mr. Champion and herself are participating in the Community Transportation Service Plan for the demand response side of Apple Country Public Transportation. This is a requirement by NCDOT in order to receive funding from the state. The CTSP looks at current operations, future operations, and provides recommendations to improve future service.

Routine Updates

NCDOT Projects. Mr. Cannon listed off a few bridge repairs and pavement rehab on I-26 in March. NCDOT will be meeting with different utilities about the 191 widening. Erkwood will be realigned and widened. Mr. Dockendorf asked Mr. Cannon to provide a brief explanation of NCDOT's road maintenance priorities with regards to snow removal. Mr. Cannon outlined roadways are cleared in order of their ranking, which would begin with highways and interstates. The road maintenance crews would begin working on primary routes then secondary routes. Each County maintenance crews develops their own snow removal plan based on the roadway ranking.

No updates were provided by municipal representatives or by HC TAC members present.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Jim Crafton, Vice Chair

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