

**Henderson County  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
August 19, 2014**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met August 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.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	√	
Keith Maddox, at-large		√
Mike Edney, Henderson County Commissioner	√	
Tommy Thompson, Henderson County Board of Commissioner Vice-Chairman	√	
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville		√
Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock		√
Larry Freeman, Town of Mills River		√
Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher		√
Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Matthew Cable, Transportation Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	
John Connet (City of Hendersonville Representative alternate)	√	

John Mitchell, Henderson County Business and Community Development Director; Sue Anderson, City of Hendersonville Planning Director; and Paul Black, FBRMPO Director were in attendance. Also present were NCDOT Division 14 representatives including: Ed Green, PE, Division Engineer; Joel Setzer, PE, Operations Engineer; Wanda Austin, PE, Program Manager; Ralph Canady, PE, Maintenance Engineer; and Steve Cannon, PE, District 1 Engineer.

Ms. Kumor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened the floor to public comment. The public did not provide any comment.

**Discussion**

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Kumor, in light of the other items on the agenda and time constraints, suggested the meeting minutes for the April 16, 2014 meeting be considered at the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Chairman Comments. Ms. Kumor recognized that Mr. Cannon had provided staff with information regarding the conditions of Lancaster Road, the site of a school bus accident in the prior week. Mr. Cannon explained that Lancaster Road is among a list of unpaved state maintained roads. These unpaved roads will only be paved with the approval and right-of-way donation of impacted property owners. Mr. Cannon said NCDOT had again sent letters to the property owners requesting right-of-way in order to pave the unpaved portion of Lancaster Road. Ms. Kumor thanked Mr. Cannon for updating the committee on this issue.

NCDOT Local Stakeholders Meeting. Ms. Kumor recognized the NCDOT staff and thanked them for meeting with the Transportation Advisory Committee to discuss priorities. She then turned over the meeting to Mr. Ed Green and Mr. Joel Setzer with NCDOT. Mr. Green provided an overview of the STI process and the NCDOT Division 14 ranking process. He then provided an overview of the draft local input

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points. Mr. Green asked Mr. Black, with the FBRMPO, to discuss the current status of the points assignment. Mr. Black explained the current points assignment by the MPO. Mr. Cable indicated that the TAC's priorities were largely reflected in the points assignment by the MPO, and further, that the TAC had been provided in their packets, a series of tables showing all Henderson County projects with MPO points.

Mr. Green then provided a review of the draft budget for the region comprised of Division 14 (which includes Henderson County and nine (9) other counties) and Division 13 (immediately to the east).

Continuing with the presentation from NCDOT, Mr. Setzer explained the modal splits (highways, bicycle/pedestrian, air, rail) and programming considerations. This included a review of the NCDOT bike and pedestrian requirements that include a match commitment from a local government.

Mr. Setzer indicated that no public comments were received during Division 14's public comment period on its draft ranking methodology and points distribution. He then provided the committee with a list of projects showing how Division 14 had assigned its points to projects in the Division, including those in Henderson County.

Mr. Setzer indicated the importance of points assignment by the MPO and Division 14 in terms of advancing a project to funding. To this end, Mr. Setzer provided the committee with a document showing projects that are most likely to receive funding (based on the current local points assignment from the MPO and Division 14). Mr. Cable reiterated to the committee that the projects with the highest points from the initial SPOT score, and that receive MPO and Division points will be most likely to receive funding. Mr. Crafton inquired about the methods used by the NCDOT at the SPOT and Division level to assign points. Mr. Setzer explained the criteria that are used for scoring and points assignment by both offices.

Mr. Setzer explained that the purposes of NCDOT presence at the TAC meeting were to present its initial points assignment and discuss with the local stakeholders where the local points assignment through the MPO and the points assignment through the Division might be better aligned.

Mr. Cable pointed out that, for example, the Division had assigned 100 points to US-64 Brevard Road (SPOT ID H140274) which may be more useful in advancing a project to funding if these points were assigned to a project with a high SPOT score that also received MPO points. Mr. Cable suggested a segment of NC-191 might be an appropriate choice in order to advance another important multi-segment project. Mr. Crafton asked for clarification on the impacts of assigning points to only one section of a multi-section project. Mr. Setzer indicated that, as with the I-26 project, assigning points to only one section will advance all sections in terms of planning and programming.

Ms. Kumor identified NC-191 (project H090155-B) as the highest scoring of the two NC-191 sections and requested NCDOT Division 14 move its points from the US-64 project to the NC-191 project. Mr. Setzer agreed that this would be possible but that justifying points reassignment was necessary. Mr. Thompson indicated that new job growth and economic development along the northern end of NC-191 should provide justification for points reassignment. Mr. Setzer agreed and suggested NCDOT Division 14 would reassign these points.

The discussion then focused on bicycle and pedestrian projects. According to Mr. Setzer, NCDOT Division 14 had assigned 25 points to a Jackson Park Greenway Project (B142121). Mr. Cable indicated that he understood the City of Hendersonville had entered the project into consideration but that the City of


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Hendersonville did not have the local match required at this time. Mr. Connet confirmed the City of Hendersonville had not identified local match for this project at this time. Mr. Setzer inquired if the County had any local match they wished to commit. Commissioners Thompson and Edney indicated the County did not have local match identified for the project since the City of Hendersonville was the originator. Mr. Connet indicated the City could provide a letter pledging matching funds for the listed Kanuga Road sidewalk project (B142103) if that would allow NCDOT Division 14 to reassign its points to that project. Mr. Setzer confirmed this would be possible and indicated NCDOT Division 14 would seek to reassign the points to the Kanuga Road sidewalk project.

**Routine Updates**

No routine updates were provided at this meeting.

Ms. Kumor thanked NCDOT for seeking input from the local elected officials and citizens regarding specific project priorities and, with there being no further business, made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



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Renee Kumor, Chair  
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee

