

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 15, 2014**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met January 15, 2014 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	√	
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)	√	

Also present was Steve Cannon, NCDOT District Engineer. Ms. 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

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2013 meeting. Mr. Caraker seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Appointment of Vice Chair. Ms. Kumor opened the floor for nominations for a Vice Chair given Mr. Crafton's stepping down from and her recent appointment to the Chair position. Mr. Maddox nominated Mr. Crafton to serve as Vice Chair and all members voted in favor.

Routine Updates

NCDOT Projects Update. Mr. Cannon began by explaining recent changes to the statewide secondary roads program, and specifically the unpaved roads program which has been in place at NCDOT since the 1980s. He explained that the funds had been reduced because the remaining unpaved roads statewide are unpaved due to right-of-way refusals. Mr. Cannon explained that these funds were being redirected into the broader Transportation Improvement Program to support other NCDOT projects.

Mr. Cannon then provided the committee with the following updates regarding NCDOT projects in Henderson County.

- Upward Road: Completion May 2014
- Howard Gap Part A (US Highway 64 to Brookside Camp Road): Completion December 2015
- Howard Gap Part B (Brookside Camp Road to Jackson Road): Completion Early 2016
- Howard Gap "Fletcher Section" (Jackson Road to US Highway 25 N): Letting Oct 2014
- NC Highway 191 Improvements (Mountain Road to N/S Rugby Road): Letting Spring 2015

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- Little River Road Bridge: Complete
- Dana Rd Devil’s Fork Creek Bridge: Completion May 2014
- Fruitland Road Bridges (2 total): Bridge 1 is under construction with Bridge 2 scheduled to begin March 2014. Transitioning to the new bridges should occur over the summer months and be completed before school resumes in August 2014.

Ms. Kumor thanked Mr. Cannon for the update on the existing projects.

FBRMPO TCC Meeting Review/MPO Board Meeting Preview.

SPOT 3.0 Projects List. Mr. Cable reviewed the TAC’s October 23, 2013 recommendation of the top 10 Henderson County projects to attempt to advance into the 14 open SPOT slots in this SPOT 3.0 review. He explained that, at the most recent TCC meeting, the TCC recommended that Henderson County receive 4 of the 14 open slots in SPOT 3.0 to include the top 4 projects as submitted by the Henderson County TAC. The 4 projects which will be scored by NCDOT through SPOT 3.0 are:

Rank	Facility	From	To	CTP ID
1	US 64	Daniel Dr	South Rugby Road (SR 1312)	C13C
2	Fanning Bridge Road (SR 1358)	US 25	NC 280	C10
3	Hebron Rd (SR 1172)	Lake Ave	State St	C26
4	Shepherd Street	NC 225	Tracy Grove Rd	C20

Mr. Cable further clarified that these projects would be added to all existing projects already in SPOT 3.0. He provided the TAC with the following information which indicates Henderson County has 25 of the 70 projects entered into spot for the MPO region. Mr. Caraker commented that Henderson County appeared to be holding its own in advancement of projects through the process. Mr. Cable explained that the TCC arrived at the advancement of 4 projects from Henderson County based on population, and the fact that Henderson County was not far behind Buncombe at this point in project submittal and review by SPOT. The committee expressed concern over the continuous lack of preparation by other members of the MPO Board in making decisions on project prioritization to meet deadlines.

SPOT Prioritization Methodology. Mr. Cable provided an overview of the activities at the MPO with regard to SPOT Prioritization. As he explained, NCDOT was requiring MPO’s to submit the process they use for project prioritization and local point assignment by January 31, 2013. Mr. Cable explained that the MPO had put together a Prioritization Subcommittee to assist in developing a methodology and that the TCC had recommended a version of that methodology which emphasized local input being at least 50% of the local scoring process for point assignment. Ms. Kumor expressed concern that this was a rushed project and that the MPO Board members haven’t seen anything about this yet. Mr. Caraker agreed that he, as an MPO Board member, had not yet received the prioritization information. Ms. Kumor stressed that it was important for the members of the Henderson County TAC, that also serve on the MPO Board, to be present and vote on this item as it directly corresponds to Henderson County transportation project advancement. Mr. Cable stressed that the MPO Board could follow the TCC recommendation or make their own recommendation at the time. He also indicated that Winston-Salem area MPO had sent forward their existing project which is almost wholly based on qualitative local input.

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Comprehensive Transportation Plan/Metropolitan Transportation Plan Volunteers. Mr. Cable explained that the MPO was seeking volunteers for an Executive Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee. Ms. Kumor suggested the MPO Board members consider which of them would be willing to serve as the Henderson County representative to the executive committee. Mr. Caraker requested a better understanding of the timing and commitment. Mr. Cable explained that he understood the commitment to be approximately 1 to 1 ½ years with irregular meeting schedule not more than quarterly for the Executive Committee.

Special Called Meeting. Ms. Kumor informed the committee that she and Mr. Cable met to discuss a request from the MPO Staff for the Henderson County TAC to review all projects currently in the CTP and recommend complete street cross sections. Ms. Kumor indicated that it seemed the best approach would be individual jurisdictional review of those projects within each jurisdiction with a short special called meeting to discuss any specific issues and vote on an entire list. Mr. Cable indicated that he would work to provide this list to the TAC members by end of January. Ms. Kumor extended the offer for Mr. Cable to attend meetings at each municipality should they need assistance in reviewing the complete streets program and understanding the request. Mr. Caraker requested Mr. Cable be available for the Hendersonville City Council Meeting in February to discuss this request.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Renee Kumor, Chair
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