

Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 17, 2013

The Transportation Advisory Committee met April 17, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville.

Members present were Jim Crafton, Chairman at-large, Renee Kumor, Vice-Chairman at-large; Keith Maddox, at-large; Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville; Board of Commissioners Vice-Chairman Tommy Thompson; and Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park;. Members not in attendance were David Jones, at-large; Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock; Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher; Roger Snyder, Town of Mills River; and Commissioner Mike Edney. Village of Flat Rock Administrator Judy Boleman was in attendance and voting on behalf of Mr. Farr. Henderson County Staff members included Matthew Cable, Transportation Planner; Autumn Radcliff, Interim Planning Director, and John Mitchell, Business and Community Development Director. Steve Cannon, NCDOT District Engineer was present.

Mr. Crafton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.. Mr. Crafton opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was provided.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Kumor made a motion to approve of the minutes of the March 6, 2013 meeting. Mr. Maddox seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

New Business:

Chairman Comments. Mr. Crafton began his comments by discussing the updates to the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Travel Survey, which were discussed by the Committee at its last meeting. Mr. Crafton asked Mr. Cable to clarify the actions taken by the Board of Commissioners, since the Committee's last meeting.

Mr. Cable explained that the Board of Commissioners approved the MOU with the condition that the existing PNL language from the original MOU be included in the MPO Board bylaws. Mr. Cable further explained that the request for funding for the Travel Survey did proceed to the Board of Commissioners but the motion to approve failed 2:2. Commission Vice-Chairman Thompson indicated that the Board of Commissioners requested additional information from the FBRMPO which had not yet been received. Mr. Crafton verified that this item would again come before the Commissioners once this information had been provided.

Mr. Crafton then informed the Committee that North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Board Representative for our region had been appointed, Mr. Larry Kernea. He was a participant at a recent meeting attended by Mr. Crafton. Mr. Crafton informed the committee of a number of important projects discussed during that meeting including:

- Balfour Parkway—Mr. Crafton indicated that NCDOT's Division 14 Engineer, Mr. Joel Setzer and others in attendance indicated that NCDOT views this project as important for Henderson County.
- Appalachian Development Highway Systems Corridors—Mr. Crafton indicated that this important system would provide a vital link between the Asheville Region and the southeastern portion of Tennessee (Chattanooga area) though Corridor K. Corridor K would expand economic development opportunities in the region but a number of environmental concerns surrounding construction of Corridor K that were yet to be overcome. Mr. Cable indicated this was also his understanding.

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Municipal Representative Updates. Mr. Caraker provided an update on the City of Hendersonville's Main Street project, which is nearing completion. He indicated that the Main Street improvements had been expanded onto the last block between the two sections of U.S. Highway 64 (N and S).

Ms. Boleman indicated that the sidewalk on Blue Ridge Road were under construction as were the bridges on Little River Road. Mr. Cable indicated that Carl Sandburg Home staff would be holding a workshop on April 30, 2013 to discuss an Alternative Transportation Feasibility Study. He explained that the Carl Sandburg Home was experiencing parking issues and were seeking options, in addition to adding parking, which might alleviate some of these concerns. Ms. Boleman indicated this was an important issue for the Village of Flat Rock and that they would be actively participating in this process.

NCDOT Projects Update. Mr. Cannon provided an update regarding several ongoing NCDOT projects in the County.

- Nix Road: NCDOT entered into a contract for the installation of guardrail on Nix Road between North Clear Creek Road and Howard Gap Road.
- Dana Road: Bridge project on Dana Road to let in May 2013.
- Howard Gap Road: The second section will be let in May 2013.
- Fruitland Road: The two bridges on Fruitland Road are set to let in October 2013. Local NDCOT staff is requesting construction begin in summer 2014 in light of school traffic from North Henderson High and Apple Valley Middle Schools.

Commission Vice-Chairman Thompson asked for further explanation of the meaning of "let date". Mr. Cannon explained that the let date is the day the project is open for bids. He added that it is typically 3 to 4 weeks before a contract is awarded and construction can begin.

GRTZ Community Plan Transportation Draft Recommendations. Mr. Cable explained that the Green River, Tuxedo, and Zirconia (GRTZ) Community Plan was still in draft form, but that he was providing it to the Committee in advance of its completion for its information. The plan, once the draft is completed, will be presented again to the Committee. He pointed out that the Draft Plan did not identify significant transportation/traffic issues and had identified no particular intersections or road segments for improvement at this time.

Important Dates. Mr. Cable provided the Committee with the meeting dates for the remainder of the year for the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee and FBRMPO TCC and Board meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Jim Crafton, Chairman
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