

Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 15, 2011

The Transportation Advisory Committee met September 15, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville; Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock; Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park; Renee Kumor, at-large; and Keith Maddox, at-large. Members not in attendance were Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher; Roger Snyder, Town of Mills River; Commissioner Bill O'Connor; and David Jones, at-large. Henderson County Staff members included Anthony Starr, Planning Director and Matthew Cable, Transportation Planner. Bo Ferguson, City of Hendersonville Manager, FBRMPO Staff Paul Black and Lyuba Zuyeva, and Josh Lanning, NCDOT were also present. Mr. Crafton called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Kumor made a motion to approve of the minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting, with a modification to reflect "Ms. Bleecker" instead of "Ms. Hope" under the Transit Update section. Mr. Maddox seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

New Business:

NCDOT Update. Mr. Crafton requested Mr. Lanning provide an updated on current projects underway in Henderson County. Mr. Lanning indicated that NC225 connector is near completion as is the new section of US Highway 64 in town (with the exception of an additional newly added 200 feet of sidewalk on one (1) side of the street).

SPOT Highway Projects Top 25 Update. Mr. Cable reviewed the 25 ranked SPOT highway projects and provided an update as to which projects were committed (and thus would be removed from the list) and which projects were split into multiple sections. Mr. Cable explained the following:

- Projects 1 and 7 (NC 209 widening in Haywood County and I-40 Liberty Road Interchange project in Buncombe County) are committed and will be removed from the Top 25 ranked SPOT highway projects.
- Project #I-4400 (I-26 in Henderson County) will be divided into three (3) sections.
- Project #I-4700 (I-26 in Buncombe County) will be divided into two (2) sections.

Mr. Cable explained that, with the removal of two (2) projects and the division of two (2) projects into five (5) projects, one (1) project would fall out of the top 25 ranking (Project #U-3403 Section A: Henderson County portion of the NC Hwy 191 north of NC Hwy 280). Mr. Black confirmed that another project, referred to generally as the Black Mountain interchange project, may also be added into the SPOT list and given priority. Ms. Kumor recommended that the committee strongly encourage voting members of the FBRMPO Transportation Advisory Committee to advocate a Buncombe County project be removed in the event that the Black Mountain Project is added, and that Project #U-3403 Section B (Buncombe County portion of the NC Hwy 191 Project north of NC Hwy 280) be removed instead of Project #U-3403 Section A (Henderson County portion of the NC Hwy 191 north of NC Hwy 280). Mr. Caraker agreed and indicated that he, as a representative of the City of Hendersonville, would be comfortable advocating this position. The committee was in agreement.

Project Intake List Review from May 4, 2011 Meeting. Mr. Crafton then directed the committee to discussion of the unranked projects on the priority needs list. Mr. Cable presented the unranked projects on

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the priority needs list (including those which were added by the TAC in May). Mr. Farr recommended that the priority needs list be modified to provide clarification on the location of Rutledge Road in Fletcher and Rutledge Drive in Flat Rock. Mr. Cable also suggested that the committee recommend Project HEND0010-H and HEND0011-H be combined as they appeared to be the same project. The committee acknowledged that this was the case and intent. Mr. Cable indicated he would communicate these requested modifications for the priority needs list to FBRMPO Staff.

SPOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects Prioritization. Mr. Cable then presented an overview of the SPOT 2 Bike & Pedestrian projects prioritization methodology under consideration by the FBRMPO TCC Complete Streets Subcommittee. Mr. Farr requested that Ped Project #45060 be moved to reflect its location not within the City of Hendersonville and instead within the Village of Flat Rock. Mr. Farr also requested that the section be described as from “Mockingbird Drive” to “Kenmure Drive” instead of from “Shepherd Street” to “Kenmure Drive” such that no portion of the project is outside of the Village jurisdiction. The committee agreed with Mr. Farr’s requested modifications and Mr. Cable indicated he would request these modifications from the FBRMPO Staff.

Title VI Certification. Mr. Cable then presented the committee with a copy of the Henderson County Planning Department Transportation Division adopted Title VI Certification documents. Following a discussion of the purposes of the Title VI documents, Ms. Kumor moved to endorse the Title VI Policy of the Henderson County Planning Department Transportation Division. All members voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Jim Crafton, Chairman
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