Henderson County TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE January 14, 2011

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on January 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; David Jones, at-large; Bo Ferguson (sitting in for Steve Caraker), City of Hendersonville; Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher; Keith Maddox, at-large; Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock; Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park; and Bill O'Connor, Henderson County. Staff members included Anthony Starr, Planning Director; Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner; Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner; and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary and Josh Lanning of NCDOT.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Crafton requested approval of the minutes for October 6, 2010. Eddie Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes as noted. Robert Vickery seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Chairman's Report:

<u>Highway 191</u> Mr. Crafton stated that after the presentations to the City of Hendersonville and the Town of Mills River on how to move forward, we are proposing now that staff from Hendersonville and Mills River work with the County staff to discuss particular design considerations of the highway within their city limits.

<u>Appointments.</u> Mr. Bill O'Connor, Commissioner, will be the new representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee. David Jones has been reappointed to one of the at-large positions.

<u>Meeting Schedule.</u> Due to a scheduling conflict, the time for the March 2, 2011 meeting was changed from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Staff Report:

<u>Dana Community Plan.</u> Ms. Bleecker gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Draft Dana Community Plan. After BOC approval, staff will follow through with implementing the Plan. Mr. Crafton added that the transportation advisory committee's interests will be on prioritization and addressing some of the transportation needs and requests in this area and how they will fit into the others that are on the list.

NCDOT Update: Mr. Josh Lanning reviewed the following:

Improvements to Howard Gap Road (US 64 to Jackson Road). Widening project – includes two, 12-foot lanes and 4' of paved shoulders on each side of the road. The existing left-turn lane at westbound US 64 will be lengthened. Four existing bridges are proposed to be replaced over Featherstone Creek. The proposed improvements include crossing Byers Creek, Clear Creek and a tributary of Clear Creek. These creek crossings will be replaced with a 36-foot clear width bridges. This is proposed to be let, December, 2011. In the second phase, US 64 to Brookside Camp Road and US 64 East/West - A roundabout is proposed at the intersection with Brookside Camp Road with other widening improvements along the project site. This portion of the project is to be let, December, 2012. Anthony Starr added that bike lanes should be considered since the shoulders are being paved. Therefore, the cost to add a bike lane would not be as high as on other projects.

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<u>Landfill Access Road project (Stoney Mountain Road to the Transfer Station).</u> Begin March, 2011. 64 West Project. Cost evaluation stage.

US 25 South Project. On schedule for completion by or before end of 2011.

<u>Crail Farm Bridge</u>. Near completion. Color is only item left for completion.

Municipal Issues:

<u>Laurel Park.</u> Mr. Vickery discussed his concerns with a 90-acre development (64 West to Davis Mountain Road) across from the original entrance of Hawthorn Hills that has been around for awhile, but has laid dormant.

<u>Fletcher.</u> Mr. Henderson updated the Committee on the transition of the Police Chief for the Town of Fletcher.

<u>City of Hendersonville.</u> Mr. Ferguson talked about the infrastructure improvements on Main Street which should be completed by April, 2011, weather permitting.

Flat Rock. Mr. Farr mentioned that there is a plan to extend the sidewalk system in Flat Rock.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Jim Crafton, Chairman Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee