

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 6, 2010**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on October 6, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; County Commissioner Chuck McGrady; David Jones, at-large; 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 Renee Kumor, at-large. Staff members included Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner, Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner, and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Also present were Steve Cannon and Aaron Powell from NCDOT and Bo Ferguson, Hendersonville City Manager. Jaime Laughter, and Roger Snyder from the Town of Mills River were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Crafton requested approval of the minutes for September 1, 2010, with a noted a correction. Renee Kumor made a motion to approve the minutes as noted. Don Farr seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Chairman's Report:

191. Mr. Crafton met with the County Planning Staff to discuss how to move forward with Highway 191. The presentations to the City of Hendersonville and the Town of Mills River fostered good input and both local governments are supportive of the project. The staff members of the local governments will be working together throughout next year to further define the project with NCDOT.

MPO Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Crafton mentioned that the MPO wanted to gather citizens from different parts of the area to present various transportation interests, such as pedestrian, bicycle, and transit, as well as roadways and get input from those various interests. In summary, Mr. Crafton encouraged at least one of our members to continue participation in these meetings. Ms. Bleecker contacted the other two members of the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee, Erica Allison and John Hockley to advise them of Henderson County's local meetings.

Staff Report:

A. 2011 Meeting Schedule. All Committee members voted in favor.

B. Apple Country Transit System Update. Ms. Bleecker gave a transit ridership report

C. French Broad River MPO Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Priority List was reviewed.

Municipal Issues:

The Saint John's Road sidewalk project was delayed due to a utility line. The project has been restarted as of October 4, 2010 and should be completed soon. The greenway project is completed.

Hendersonville will begin their first phase of Main Street infrastructure renovations in January 2011.

Chuck McGrady mentioned that a resolution was approved and passed on the Rails to Trails project, supporting efforts of the City of Hendersonville.

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 6, 2010**

NCDOT Update:

Landfill Access Road – Two phase project - Construction begins late fall 2010 on access road to the scale house. Turn lane(s) to begin late spring or early summer of 2011.

US 64 West - Widening is on schedule. NCDOT is in the process of reviewing prices for the loop road. Earth work is due to start in the winter and will be completed next spring.

Upward Road - Bridge at South Allen Road will begin construction in mid-November 2010 and intersection will begin next spring.

US 25 – Ahead of schedule. Major earthwork operations are completed and the access road is open. Paving has begun and shift work will begin during the winter. Completion by summer 2011.

Crail Farm Bridge – Completion date is Feb 2011.

Public Input:

David White, of WCCA expressed that the Healthy Aging Committee would like to have a representative on the TAC to share their interests regarding transportation issues affecting the senior citizens. Since the TAC committee by-laws specify elected representatives and appointed at large members only, Mr. Crafton invited Mr. White to make a presentation at a regular meeting on any transportation related issues that need attention. He invited Mr. White to become a regular attendee and to represent the group in a similar fashion to that of other community representatives.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Jim Crafton, Chairman
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee