

**Henderson County**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**October 22, 2009**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on October 22, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; Eddie Henderson of Fletcher; Renee Kumor, at-large; Keith Maddox of Laurel Park; Don Farr of Flat Rock; David Jones, at-large; and Barbara Volk, City of Hendersonville. Staff members included Anthony Starr, Planning Director; Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner; and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Also present was Commissioner Chuck McGrady, Bo Ferguson, City Manager, City of Hendersonville and Will Buie of William G. Lapsley and Associates. Roger Snyder and Terry Hicks were absent.

**Approval of Draft Minutes**

Mr. Crafton called the meeting to order and asked for the approval of July 23, 2009 minutes. Committee member Renee Kumor made a motion to approve the minutes and Keith Maddox seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

**Chairman's Report**

Mr. Crafton mentioned the 2010 schedule for the Committee's meeting dates. Ms. Hope stated that she had been in contact with the Town of Mills River and they have a conflict with having the transportation meetings on a Thursday. Ms. Bleecker suggested that Staff would be in touch with the members to find out the best day for the meeting as well as checking the availability of the meeting room. All members were in favor.

Mr. Crafton also noted that the updated contact information was distributed, showing mainly the changes of e-mail addresses. He encouraged all Committee members to check and make any other changes needed. Ms. Scanlan will send out the updated contact list by e-mail.

Mr. Crafton noted that on October 5, the Commissioners passed a resolution regarding requesting the North Carolina General Assembly to exclude the Appalachian Development Highway System from funding from the equity formula used to determine how highway funds come to different parts of the State. He asked Mr. Starr to explain the nature of the request and how we would benefit if the request is honored.

Mr. Starr stated that the Appalachian Regional Commission is given money through that program for road and highway construction in the Appalachian region, which involves more than in North Carolina. It is above and beyond what the State does and the other federal allocations. He stated that the funds we receive are subtracted from the normal State funds received, because they run through the formula. Those funds were intended to be above and beyond any other State or federal allocations. He stated that the resolution is asking NCDOT to give local governments our share of regular State funds and then that would be on top of everything else.

Mr. Crafton asked Ms. Bleecker on any updates to the Transit Regionalization Study. Ms. Bleecker mentioned that there were none as of yet, but should be some updates before the end of the year and will share them with Committee members.

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**Staff Report – 191 Presentation.**

Ms. Bleecker gave a presentation on the 191 project. Discussion ensued regarding how to approach the local governments with ideas on how to move the project forward. Commissioner McGrady cited the need to for the municipalities to get behind the project and to educate people who live along the corridor. He suggested possibly getting with each of the local governments with the presentation and if those meetings could be accomplished, then staff might be able to come back to DOT with a measure of support by the spring.

**Municipal Issues:**

- Flat Rock - Mr. Farr mentioned that the Village of Flat Rock is waiting funding for their sidewalks.
- Laurel Park - Mr. Maddox stated that White Pine Drive has recently been repaved.
- Hendersonville -Mr. Barbara Volk stated that the project near the cemetery on 64 West is progressing. Mr. Bo Ferguson also mentioned that there will be a ribbon cutting concerning a greenway trail connection from Patton Park to Jackson Park.
- Fletcher - Mr. Henderson said that they received the two stimulus packages – one, concerning the sidewalk construction on St. John’s Road down to US 25 and the 1800 feet of greenway extension.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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Jim Crafton, Chairman