

Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 13, 2008

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on November 13, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; Hendersonville Representative Barbara Volk; Mills River Representative Roger Snyder; Eddie Henderson of Fletcher; David Jones, at large; Terry Hicks, at large; Renee Kumor, at large; and Commissioner Chuck McGrady. Staff members included Anthony Starr, Planning Director; Hope Bleecker, Planner; and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Others present included Jamie Wilson, Project Construction Engineer, NCDOT, Mark Gibbs, District Engineer, NCDOT, Councilman Steve Carraker, City of Hendersonville, Kurt Neufang and Danielle Gray with URS and Erin Musiol with Kimley-Horn Associates. Absent members included Don Farr and Keith Maddox.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Chairman Crafton called the meeting to order and asked for the approval of September 11, 2008 minutes. Committee members voted to approve the minutes.

Staff Report

Ms. Bleecker discussed the updated version of the Draft Priority Project Needs List for the 2011-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. She stated that there will be a public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the next TAC meeting. Mr. Crafton stated that this updated Draft is taken from feedback acquired from the municipalities since our last meeting. He mentioned that he and Hope attended the meeting that the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization had on priority needs. He said this is the result of our municipalities and other municipalities input. Mr. Crafton gave an update on the bridge issue in Flat Rock. He also mentioned concerns regarding a new Senate Bill allowing 53-foot trailers are permitted on all interstate routes which begin with NC or US and within three miles of any of these routes.

Highway 64 Widening Presentation.

Mr. Steve Carraker, Chairman of the Highway 64 Widening Committee and City of Hendersonville Councilman presented a status update with the help of Erin Musiol, Consultant with Kimley-Horn Associates, who helped with an alternative traffic pattern for this project. After some general Committee discussion, Mr. Wilson said that NCDOT will work with the City's proposal and discussed the time table, costs and right-of-way issues of the project. This project will go to City Council for presentation and then to this Committee for their support. It was the general consensus of the Committee that they liked the alternative option presented and would like to see it pursued.

Transit Operations Analysis.

Mr. Kurt Neufang and Danielle Gray gave a presentation regarding the Apple Country Transit System. They discussed the history and background of the operation and described the three major routes (Red, White and Blue) and the existing conditions and how the transit service has increased. They mentioned that a rider survey was taken so that they could get information from the riders regarding frequency, purpose and other information. A draft report is being developed and will be due the first part of December and a final report would be ready by the end of December. Mr. Eddie Henderson said that he has noticed a big improvement with the amount of people using the service of the transit system in Fletcher and feels there is an opportunity for it in Fletcher.

2009 Meeting Schedule

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Ms. Bleecker distributed a copy of next year meeting schedule to everyone for their information. The next meeting will be held on January 22, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

DOT Update

Mr. Jamie Wilson updated the Committee members on the following projects:

Upward Road - Next Spring completion, but the sidewalk project is being removed from this Project because of no funding from City or County

US 25 Connector – April, 2009 Completion

Signal Projects in the City – On Schedule

Concrete job on I-26 – On Schedule

Cummings Cove Relocation and Realignment – Moving ahead

From Mark Gibbs:

Tracy Grove Road – Almost complete

Pinnacle Mtn. Road – A and B Section Complete, 7% complete on Section C, will be complete in the Spring of 2009

Small Intersection Realignments are being done on Blue House Road and Sugarloaf Road

Turn Lane Added on Pace Road and US 64 East and one on School House Road in Mills River

Mr. Crafton mentioned that as part of January's meeting agenda, he would like to discuss the Highway 191 project.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Jim Crafton, Chairman