

MINUTES

Henderson County TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE February 23, 2006

The Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee met for its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Office Building.

An attendance roster is on file in the County Manager's office.

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Jack Lynch called the meeting to order and welcomed the newly appointed TAC members. A motion was made and carried to approve the minutes of 01-26-06 minutes as presented.

UPDATE ON CTP

Dan Holt gave an update on the CTP. Dan reminded the TAC that Phase I of the highway element was endorsed in 2000. Since then the whole county was included in the MPO and therefore according to NC General Statute 136-66.2 the MPO is the official and recognized long range planning representative for this area. NCDOT Raleigh will await adoption of the regional CTP by the MPO before it considers adoption. He further informed the TAC that all multi-modals must be completed before Phase II could be submitted to the MPO for adoption. He suggested that public involvement be withheld until all multi-modals of Phase II were completed. It was the consensus of the TAC for Mr. Holt to proceed with the design of the Phase II model and await public involvement until draft maps were ready for Phase II. The TAC requested that Don Bryson of MAB give an update at a future meeting to the TAC on the Phase II model.

UPDATES

Autumn Radcliff gave an update on the last MPO meeting.

Mark Gibbs gave an update on NCDOT projects. The plans on Cummings Cove Road have been completed, drainage studies have been completed, and the staking of how the project is going to affect each individual property should be in process within the next couple of weeks. The plans have been submitted to the right-of-way department and they're in the process now of having each individual property appraised and determining what the amount will be that will be offered to each property owner. Hopefully the project can start sometime next summer.

On Howard Gap Road, the preliminary plans have been approved as far as alignment is concerned. The drainage studies have begun. The public hearing was held in December and overall there was no major opposition to the project. Within the next three to four months, the plans will be submitted to the right-of-way department, and hopefully property owners on Howard Gap Road will be contacted sometime later this year.

Jack Lynch shared information on the US 64 West project. The US 25 project is on schedule for completion in August 2006. There's nothing new on the Upward Road project. NCDOT is currently considering alternative designs to address the safety hazards at the intersection of Tabor Road and US 225.

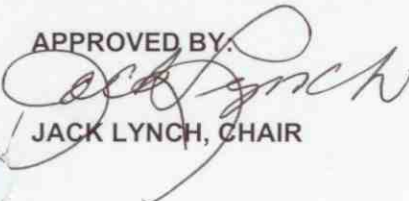
SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chair Lynch reminded the TAC of the four subcommittees and encouraged TAC members to volunteer to serve on one of those committees. The subcommittee roles will be discussed at a future TAC meeting and TAC members appointed to those subcommittees.


ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lynch adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm. The next TAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners meeting room.

APPROVED BY:


JACK LYNCH, CHAIR

ATTEST:


AVALINA B. MERRILL