

**Henderson County**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 2, 2011**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on March 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; David Jones, at-large; Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville; Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher; Keith Maddox, at-large; Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock; Steve Cannon, NCDOT; and Commissioner Bill O'Connor. Henderson County Staff members included Anthony Starr, Planning Director; Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner; and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Crafton requested approval of the minutes for January 14, 2011. Eddie Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes as noted. Don Farr seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

**Chairman's Report:**

Appointments. Renee Kumor has been reappointed as an at-large member of the Transportation Committee.

Meeting Schedule. Due to a scheduling conflict, the time for all future Transportation Committee meetings will be 4 p.m. All Committee members were in favor of the change.

**Howard Gap Road Widening:**

Anthony Starr addressed bike lanes on Howard Gap Road. The project design for Howard Gap Road improvements includes four foot paved shoulders from US 64 to Jackson Road in Fletcher. The County requested that they be marked as bike lanes because of significant truck traffic and because the road is listed as an "unsigned bicycle route" on NCDOT bicycle maps. The bike lanes require a minimum width of four feet as per national engineering standards. An additional one foot of paved shoulder for each side of the road is necessary in order to accommodate a rumble strip. The improvements are estimated to cost \$220,490, which is less than 1% of the entire project cost. Mr. Starr said NCDOT is willing to make that modification to the project provided that they get support from the Board of Commissioners. The item is being presented to the Board of Commissioners on March 7. Mr. Crafton requested the support of the TAC for the project. Eddie Henderson made a motion that the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee endorse the concept of bike lanes and support adding the one foot of width on each side of Howard Gap Road from Jackson Road near Fletcher to US 64 (approximately seven miles). Don Farr seconded the motion and all members were in favor.

**Hwy. 191 Spot Safety Improvements.**

Steve Cannon stated that NCDOT recently reviewed the congestion issues around West Henderson High School and Rugby Middle School and developed a spot safety project to extend the right turn lane into both of the schools. In reviewing this, NCDOT noticed a greater need beyond the right-turn lane and developed a project which would be on the TIP schedule for high hazard improvements. The proposal is to construct a continuous three lane section between 191/Mountain Road to the intersection of North and South Rugby Road. Also included would be construction of two foot paved shoulders throughout the entire length of the project; removal and replacement of some existing guardrail, and installation of 1000 feet of new guardrail.

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The approximate cost would be around \$2 million dollars. Mr. Cannon reported accident data for the segment. Steve Caraker made a motion to endorse this high hazard elimination project regarding the widening from 191/Mountain Road to the intersection of North/South Rugby Roads, as presented by NCDOT. All members voted in favor.

**NCDOT Update:**

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

Crail Farm Bridge. Waiting for the stain to be completed on the bridge.

Landfill Access Road project (Stoney Mountain Road to the Transfer Station). Once the recorded plats have been received, planning will begin this month. Two phases of the project include paving Stoney Mountain Road to the scale house and installing a left turn lane on Stoney Mountain Road.

**Municipal Issues:**

City of Hendersonville. Mr. Caraker talked about the infrastructure improvements on Main Street which are on schedule and will be completed by April, 2011. Construction and improvements are starting at the south side entry (on Greenville Highway). Southside Park is in planning process.

Mr. Crafton mentioned a repaving project along Justus and Fleming Street from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Pardee Hospital to accommodate the construction of new waterlines the hospital.

Mr. Starr mentioned that the new census figures came out today and will e-mail Committee members the websites.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Jim Crafton, Chairman  
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee