

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 17, 2018**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on October 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville. Meeting attendance was as follows:

Voting Member	Present	Not in Attendance
Renee Kumor, Chair at-large	√	
Beau Waddell, Vice-Chair at-large	√	
John Bryant, at-large	√	
Joe Sanders, at-large	√	
Mike Edney, Henderson County		√
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County	√	
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville		√
John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock		√
Brian Caskey, Town of Mills River	√	
Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher	√	
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director (Henderson County's Alternate)	√	
John Connet, City Manager (City of Hendersonville's Alternate)	√	

Also present were: Steve Williams, NCDOT; Troy Wilson, NCDOT; John Mitchell, Henderson County; Janna Peterson, Henderson County; Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO; and Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO.

Ms. Kumor, Chair at-large, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Discussion/Adjustment of Agenda: There was none.

Public Comment: Ten (10) members of the public gave comment. Anne Coletta from the Village of Flat Rock and representing the Cultural Landscape Group read a letter sent to State Senator Chuck Edwards regarding the Highland Lake Road project and the SPOT funding process in general. Mrs. Coletta gave suggestions for how local governments can better inform their constituents of projects they are considering assigning points to. Seven members of the public gave comment in opposition to the previously funded Hwy 191 road widening project. Many of their concerns are due to the taking of their property for right-of-way purpose as well as not agreeing with the reasoning behind the road-widening. Two members of the public gave comment in support of greenways, due to the benefits they have personally experienced, and specifically the Draft Greenway Master Plan.

Approval of Draft Minutes: Mr. Eddie Henderson moved that the minutes be approved and Mr. Beau Waddell seconded the motion.

P5.0 Divisional Impact Point Assignments: Mr. Tristan Winkler presented a review of the projects chosen by the Henderson County TAC to receive points in this round of funding. He also reminded the group that these projects will compete with all other projects in Division 14. The Grove Street Sidewalks project ranked the highest of any road or non-road projects within the FBRMPO. The following are all the projects selected by the TAC on behalf of the County:

- Grove Street Sidewalks - from Barnwell St. to Spartanburg Hwy
 - “Construct a new sidewalk in the City of Hendersonville from Barnwell Street to US 176.”

- SR 1525 Duncan Hill Rd/SR 1508 Signal Hill Rd/SR 1503 N Main St – from Four Seasons Blvd. to Asheville Hwy
 - “Modernize roadway. Add turn lanes, widen shoulders, and improve geometrics and intersection operations as appropriate.”
- SR 2162 Blythe St. – from Haywood Rd. to W 6th Ave.
 - “Modernize roadway. Add turn lanes, widen shoulders, and improve geometrics and intersection operations as appropriate. Includes complete-streets improvements.”

Henderson County Draft Greenway Master Plan Presentation: Mrs. Autumn Radcliff and Ms. Janna Peterson presented the County’s Draft Greenway Master Plan. The Plan establishes and communicates a broad vision for a countywide Greenway Network, and provides direction to Henderson County and its partners, so that all involved can collaboratively work towards and benefit from that vision. Implementation of the Greenway Master Plan will be a long-term process and is expected to guide the County for the next thirty years. The plan in its entirety can be read online at www.HCgreenways.org. In response to the presentation, Mr. Bill Lapsley asked the TAC to take 30 days to consider the Draft plan and presentation and be prepared to make a recommendation at their next meeting.

Routine Updates:

NCDOT: Mr. Steve Williams gave project updates. Projects under construction: Broadpoint Drive, bridge replacement and paving, is about 30% complete; Hwy 191, safety improvements, is about 50% complete; and Howard Gap Road, hydraulic project, is about 50% complete. Erkwood/Shepherd St., realignment via traffic circle, was just let and construction will start in the spring of 2019. Mr. Williams responded to the earlier public comment concerning the Hwy 191 road-widening project. He explained that the right-of-way being acquired at the Triple Creek subdivision is due to the two historic properties across the street that the DOT is not able to encroach upon according to state law. He also stated that the ongoing safety project would not solve the congestion issues that the later project is going to address. Mr. Brian Caskey stated that the Town has worked with NCDOT concerning Hwy 191 and are content with the current proposed design. Mr. John Connet stated that the City has no intention of widening Hwy 191 in their jurisdiction at this time. Kanuga Road design plans have been revised following a conversation with County and municipal elected officials.

Town of Fletcher: Mr. Joe Sanders requested that the TAC submit a letter of support for the Town of Fletcher’s application for funding of a bike and pedestrian plan. The committee approved this request.

Town of Mills River: Mr. Brian Caskey stated that there has been relatively little opposition in Mills River concerning the Hwy 191 widening project due to the large number of residents who use the road and stated there is concern about traffic at Mountain Road that will not be addressed with the upcoming project, but as a daily driver of the road, he has not experienced that.

City of Hendersonville: Mr. John Connet reported that the City is starting a sidewalk project on North Main St. and is working on a pedestrian bridge project across Mud Creek, which is about 60% complete.

Town of Laurel Park: Mr. George Banta clarified comments made at the previous TAC meeting that included an article about a town in Ireland that were unhappy with proposed roundabouts. Mr. Banta reached out to that community and received feedback that the town is happy now that the roundabouts are in place. Mr. Banta stated how that town is a great case study for people’s perceptions of a road project before and after construction.

Henderson County: Mr. Lapsley did not have updates to share.

Staff Updates: Mrs. Autumn Radcliff asked the committee if they are comfortable meeting at the next dedicated date because it is scheduled for the day before thanksgiving holiday. The committee agreed to still meet at that time.

Next Meeting: The next TAC meeting was scheduled for November 21, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Renee Kumor, Chair
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee