

Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 16, 2019

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on January 16, 2019 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: Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO and Janna Peterson, Henderson County.

Ms. Kumor, Chair at-large, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion/Adjustment of Agenda: There were none.

Public Comment: No public comment

Approval of Draft Minutes: Mr. Joe Sanders moved that the minutes be approved and Mr. Brian Caskey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MPO Update:

Tristan Winkler gave an update on the status of projects. Due to cost overruns across the state, many NCDOT projects, including some in Henderson County, have been delayed. Steve Caraker mentioned that an uptick in the economy has had some effect on the amount of state contract bids from contractors. Tristan reported that funding for I-26 and future I-26 has gone from 1.4 billion to 1.3 billion dollars. The MPO is getting ready to start the regional 25 year plan in the spring or summer. The Hellbender regional trail was approved. The Prioritization Sub-Committee is requesting the TAC to nominate two advocates to the Hellbender Trail Work Group. Beau Waddell moved that Joe Sanders and Ken Shelton be nominated. Steve Caraker seconded the motion and it was approved. George Banta asked if the MPO has reached out to other groups considering trails and greenways that have access to corporate sponsors and individuals for funding. The committee had some discussion on this topic.

Routine Updates:

NCDOT: Mr. Lonnie Watkins gave an update on NCDOT projects. He confirmed that state contract bids were coming back much higher than anticipated due to economic improvement in private sector construction. Broadpointe Dr. Bridge replacement and paving is approximately 30% complete and will potentially be completed by June 2019; 191 safety improvements are approximately 55% percent complete to be completed by June 2019; the hydraulics project on Howard Gap Rd is approximately 75% percent complete to be completed by July 2019; the Shepherd St./Erkwood Dr project is approximately 8% complete to be completed around May 2020. The Kanuga Rd. widening project is scheduled for right of way acquisition in Fiscal Year 2021 and construction in Fiscal Year 2023. The I-26 project construction will begin in May or July 2019 with slight chance of schedule change depending on Federal Government freeze. US-64 from Blythe St to White Pine Dr. right of way acquisition will begin in June 2019 and construction in May 2021. 191 project from NC 280 to Mountain Rd. right of way acquisition begins 2021 and construction begins 2022. White St. and S Main St projects right of way acquisition to begin June 2020 and construction to begin 2022. The Highland Lake Rd project right of way acquisition in April 2019 and construction to begin 2020. A right turn lane on SR 1503 to US-25 construction will begin May 2019. Joe Sanders asked when the paving project around Osceola Lake would be completed, Lonnie Watkins informed Mr. Sanders that there is still some construction needing to take place on top of the dam in order for resurfacing to take place.

City of Hendersonville: Mr. Steve Caraker updated TAC on the N. Main St. sidewalk project. The City of Hendersonville is very pleased with the Grove St. sidewalk. The public restroom project on 5th Ave W bid came back three times the anticipated amount. The new maintenance building is under construction as well.

Town of Laurel Park: Mr. George Banta reported lots of ice and snow removal along with utility repair with the most recent inclement weather. The Town of Laurel Park is in search of a new Town Manager.

Town of Mills River: Mr. Brian Caskey gave an update on the grading taking place on Hooper Ln. Mr. Caskey thanked Joe Sanders for his involvement with a grant program providing children's bicycle helmets.

Staff Updates:

Janna Peterson announced board member training opportunity on March 15th encouraging TAC at large members to attend. Autumn Radcliff gave an update on the upcoming 2020 Census. The population data will be collected for residents as of April 1, 2019.

Lonnie Watkins noted that there are SPOT Safety funds available from the NCDOT. Bucky Galloway is heading the divisions for this region. Steve Caraker noted that restriping US-25 would be a good project for this type of funding.

Next Meeting: The next TAC meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Renee Kumor, Chair
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