

**Henderson County  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
March 20, 2019**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on March 20, 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	√	
Bob Davy, Town of Fletcher	√	
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director (Henderson County's Alternate)	√	

Also present were: Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO; Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO; John Mitchell, Community and Development Director; Janna Peterson, Planner III; and Lonnie Watkins, NCDOT.

Mrs. Kumor, Chair at-large, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Discussion/Adjustment of Agenda:**

There were none.

**Public Comment:**

Six members of the public gave comment. Five of the commentators, Howard Bakken, Bill Hogan, Mark Stickney, Ilse Yanis, and Liz Agnello spoke in opposition to the Hwy 191 widening project and suggested an alternative design that would address their concerns. Dick Miley spoke about the need for bicycle lanes in road improvement projects to not only protect the cyclist, but also vehicles.

**Approval of Draft Minutes:**

Mr. Brian Caskey moved that the minutes be approved, and Mr. Joe Sanders seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Travel Time Presentation:**

Mr. Tristan Winkler presented on the various methods road projects are analyzed in terms of traffic, congestion, capacity, and travel times. He taught the TAC about the pros and cons to each data type and the lack of perfection in quantitative data. Mr. Bill Lapsley thanked Mr. Winkler for his presentation and commented how the same issues presented are the cause for some controversy in Asheville concerning a section of I-26 north of Broadway Rd. Mr. John Dockendorf expressed his curiosity about the seasonality of traffic flow in Henderson County. Mr. Winkler replied that is exactly what the FBRMPO wants to better understand and get the "full picture".

**Farewell to Lyuba Zuyeva:**

Mrs. Lyuba Zuyeva announced her departure from FBRMPO for a position in the private sector in Charlotte, North Carolina. She also announced that Mr. Tristan Winkler would be promoted to her past position as the Director of the FBRMPO. Mr. John Mitchell asked the TAC to applaud Mrs. Zuyeva for her hard work and industriousness in working with the County over the years.

**Routine Updates:**

**NCDOT:**

Mr. Lonnie Watkins updated the TAC on current road projects in the County. Broadpointe Drive is 27% complete and Hwy 191 safety improvements are 55% complete. Both have a finish date of June of this year. Howard Gap Rd is 75% complete and is slated to be finish in July. The Erkwood/Shepherd roundabout is 11% complete and will be finished in May 2020. Old Airport Rd has just started and is expected to be complete in February of 2021. Mr. Watkins reported that there are currently 17 bridge projects in the division and he can be contacted for any specific questions. Mr. Watkins also reported on the planned projects for the County; Kanuga Rd is slated for ROW acquisition in October of 2020, I-26 will begin construction this coming May, US 64 will go to ROW in June of this year, Hwy 191 widening project will go to ROW in October, the White St/Main St project will go to ROW in September, and lastly, the Highland Lake Rd project will go to ROW in June.

**Town of Laurel Park:**

Mr. George Banta did not have updates to share.

**Town of Mills River:**

Mr. Brian Caskey did not have updates to share.

**Village of Flat Rock:**

Mr. John Dockendorf did not have updates to share.

**Town of Fletcher:**

Mr. Bob Davy update the TAC of the Town's ongoing sidewalk and streetlighting project.

**Henderson County:**

Mr. Lapsley updated the TAC of the public comment that occurred earlier in the day at the BOC meeting. Many people spoke in opposition to the Hwy 191 widening project. Mr. Lapsley stated that the commissioners would like to meet with NCDOT to further discuss the project and public concerns. He also stated that the TAC should resubmit the Berkeley Rd/Signal Hill Rd project in the SPOT prioritization process. Mr. Lapsley referred to the previous month's discussion of the project and the possibility of restricting tractor trailer access. He wishes to further discuss this idea and its implications at the next TAC meeting.

**Next Meeting:**

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for April 17, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Renee Kumor, Chair  
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee