

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 15, 2019**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on May 15, 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	√	

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

Mrs. Kumor, Chair at-large, called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m.

Discussion/Adjustment of Agenda:

There were none.

Public Comment: Mr. John DeGelleke gave public comment regarding the recently completed safety improvement project on Hwy 191. He stated that he and others noticed that the turn lanes that NCDOT had stated would be lengthened, were not lengthened and seem shorter.

Approval of Draft Minutes:

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

SPOT 6.0 Presentation:

Mr. Tristan Winkler presented on the SPOT Prioritization process and some of the projects that the TAC can have evaluated for this round of SPOT. The TAC is currently on step one of the five-step process, in which a total of seven projects will be submitted in August. Some projects that had been deemed undesirable previously by the TAC are still on the list of options because it is a larger process to eliminate projects that have already been evaluated by NCDOT. It would require the MPO Board to vote to amend the STIP and redact that project. Mr. Tristan Winkler ensured that projects that do not receive points will not come to fruition because they will not be funded. Mr. Bill Lapsley and Mrs. Renee Kumor both spoke about receiving public input prior to putting points on projects. Mr. Bob Davy brought up that the project descriptions are vague and do not give the public much information to make an informed opinion.

Routine Updates:

NCDOT:

Mr. Lonnie Watkins updated the TAC on current road projects in the County. For current projects; construction of Broadpointe bridge is 47% complete with an expected completion date of October of 2020, the modernization and resurfacing on Hwy 191 is complete, Howard Gap Rd. is 75% complete and is expected to finish in late summer. For projects in development; Kanuga Rd. construction is expected for October of 2022, US-64 construction is expected for May 2021, the widening project on Hwy 191 has ROW scheduled for Sept. of this year and construction for June 2021, White St./ Main intersection improvements has ROW scheduled for September of this year and construction for October 2021, Highland Lake Rd ROW is scheduled for December 2020, the right turn lane project on N. Main has completed ROW and will let this month.

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 updated the TAC that the Village took a preliminary look at the potential project submittals and do not wish to submit C18 from the Regional Impact tier, which is the reconfiguration project for Blue Ridge Rd. and Little River Rd. at the Village Hall.

Town of Fletcher:

Mr. Bob Davy updated the TAC of the Town's ongoing sidewalk and streetlighting project. He also let the TAC know of the Town's plans to fix the park after the flooding event.

Henderson County:

Mr. Lapsley updated the TAC that Brian Burch with NCDOT gave a presentation to the BOC and the commissioners concluded that they would not act to impact the project and will support the project in its current state. He also informed the TAC that he received a call from the Secretary of Transportation inviting him to be a part of the NC FIRST Commission, which deals with funding of DOT projects. One of the issues they are to address is the state gas tax and its dwindling revenue.

Other Updates:

Mr. Joe Sanders updated the TAC that the Town of Fletcher received the NCDOT's bike/ped planning grant. Mr. Tristan Winkler informed the TAC that NCDOT is working on a tractor trailer parking study for the state.

Next Meeting:

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for June 19, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Renee Kumor, Chair
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee