

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 21, 2019**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on August 21, 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	√	
John Connet, City of Hendersonville Manager	√	

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

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

Public Comment:

Mr. John DeGelleke of the Triple Creek subdivision informed the TAC that he spoke with John Connet regarding the proposed Hwy 191 widening project within the City's jurisdiction. Mr. DeGelleke also recommended a book about driverless vehicles titled, *No One at the Wheel* by Samuel Schwartz and Karen Kelly.

Adjustment of Agenda:

Mr. Bob Davy made a motion to approve the agenda as was presented and Mr. Brian Caskey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion:

SPOT 6.0 Project Submittal Survey and Update to Schedule

Ms. Janna Peterson presented the results of the SPOT 6.0 Project Submittal Survey. The survey yielded 444 responses which represents 0.38% of the County's population. The top seven projects (C11, C24, C22, C13, C29, C34, and C27) were presented to the TAC. Ms. Peterson also updated the TAC on NCDOT's new schedule for SPOT 6.0. The MPO Board has until May 1, 2020 to submit projects for scoring. After scoring is completed, the MPO Board will put points on Regional Impact projects by May 28, 2021 and will then put points on Division Needs projects by October 29, 2021.

SPOT 6.0 Project Submittal

Mrs. Renee Kumor facilitated discussion of potential project submittals. The TAC received handouts that were compiled from each jurisdictions' list of priority projects which stemmed from a list of 24 projects that have been identified in the regional Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). Seven highway projects were unanimously agreed upon for submittal to the MPO Board. The projects are as follows in no particular order:

- C22 (Duncan Hill Rd/Signal Hill Rd from US 64 to N Main St) with the addition of the Thompson St/Signal Hill Rd intersection. Scope: Modernization and intersection improvements
- C23 (Berkeley Rd from N Main St to US 25). Scope: Modernization
- C24 (Blythe St from NC 191 to US 64). Scope: Intersection improvements and modernization
- C36 (Fanning Bridge Rd from US 25 to NC 280). Scope: Intersection improvements and modernization
- No CTP ID (White Pine Dr from US 64 to Hebron Rd – along Hebron to Willow Rd). Scope: Modernization
- C12 (Butler Bridge Rd from US 25 to NC280). Scope: Widening, modernization, and access management
- No CTP ID (N Main St/US 25). Scope: Intersection improvements of the Five Points area

Two of the projects chosen were also identified as priority projects by the survey respondents. The TAC discussed to expand the scope some of the potential projects in order to achieve greater goals. In addition, new projects were presented and agreed upon by the TAC. One such project is the White Pine Dr. project, which is not currently outlined in any local, regional, or state adopted plan, therefore the project requires an amendment to the CTP. A more detailed description will be created between the municipal stakeholders and MPO staff before MPO project submittal in spring of 2020.

The TAC also unanimously agreed upon six bike/ped projects to submit to the MPO for scoring. In no particular order, the projects are as follows:

- US 64 Sidewalks (from Orrs Camp Rd to Howard Gap Rd)
- Oklawaha Greenway Extension (from I-26 to US 64 as part of the Allen Branch extension)
- Mills River Valley Trail (on NC 280 from the French Broad River to Hwy 191 (near Bojangles))
- Mills River Valley Trail (on NC 280 from Hwy 191 to Hwy 191 (the split))
- Oklawaha Greenway Extension (from Jackson Park to Blue Ridge Community College)
- Fanning Bridge Rd sidewalks on northern side (from US 25 to Wildwood Cir.)

All bike/ped projects that are funded through SPOT require a local match of 20% of the overall project cost. This cost is the responsibility of the jurisdiction that the project is located within. Submitting bike/ped projects (and highway projects) does not guarantee SPOT funding. No jurisdiction made a commitment to local match funding by submitting projects. The SPOT 6.0 projects identified by the Henderson TAC are subject to adjustment or clarification at the MPO and NCDOT levels.

Routine Updates:

NCDOT

Mr. Lonnie Watkins updated the TAC on projects in the County that are in the project development phase. For current projects; I-26/US-64 interchange - ROW in July 2023 and let October 2026; I-26 in Henderson County - let September 17, 2019; Hwy 191 - ROW in October 2019 and let June 2023; Kanuga Rd. - ROW October 2020 and let October 2022; US 64 - ROW January 2020 and let May 2024; White St. - ROW September 2020 and let October 2022; Highland Lake Rd. - currently in ROW phase, let December 2020; NC 280 - ROW November 2023 and let Nov 2025; Right turn lane project on Main St. - let May 2020. Mr. Watkins also updated the TAC on projects currently under construction: Old Airport Rd - 22% complete, February 2021 completion date; Broadpointe Dr. - 58% complete, August 2020 completion date; Erkwood/Shepherd St. - 31 % complete, June 2020 completion date.

Town of Fletcher

Mr. Bob Davy reported that the many road projects occurring in Fletcher are continuing but are doing so slowly.

City of Hendersonville

Mr. John Connet spoke about the upcoming annual Apple Festival and the need for redirection measures due to the closing of Erkwood and Shepherd. Mr. Watkins responded that NCDOT would work with the City to ensure adequate signage for tourists attending the festival. Mr. Connet also informed the TAC of the City's impending

resurfacing of roadways at and near Bruce Drysdale Elementary. He also stated that the City has a formal process for scheduling road resurfacing and that the information can be found on City's website.

Town of Laurel Park

Mr. George Banta stated that the Ecusta Trail will likely have tremendous impact on Laurel Park. He also thanked County staff for their work on securing the grant and thanked NCDOT for providing the grant. Mr. Banta impressed upon the importance of educating the public about railbanking and about greenways in general.

Henderson County

Mr. Lapsley reminded the TAC about the closure of Butler Bridge Rd. during I-26 construction. He recently met with Division Engineer Brian Burch on how Rugby Road and Rugby Drive could be improved ahead of the bridge closure detour.

Village of Flat Rock

Mr. John Dockendorf reported that the Village is happy to support the surrounding communities' plans for road improvements. He also updated the TAC that the Village is still working on their plans for a trail between the park and the Carl Sandburg home.

Next Meeting:

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for September 18, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Renee Kumor, Chair
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee