

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 18, 2020**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on November 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. online using the Microsoft Teams platform.

Voting Member	Present	Not in Attendance
Beau Waddell, Chair at-large	√	
Joe Sanders, Vice-Chair at-large	√	
John Bryant, at-large		√
John Dockendorf, at-large	√	
Rebecca McCall, Henderson County	√	
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County	√	
Jennifer Hensley, City of Hendersonville	√	
Anne Coletta, 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, BCD Director; Janna Peterson, Planner III; Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO Director; and Lonnie Watkins, NCDOT.

Mr. Beau Waddell, Chair at-large, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

Councilman Brian Caskey moved that the minutes be approved, and Councilwoman Anne Coletta seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Mud Creek Greenway Feasibility Study

Autumn Radcliff and Janna Peterson presented information to the TAC regarding the County's ongoing feasibility study for the potential Mud Creek greenway. The County was awarded a grant via the FBRMPO in fall of 2018 to conduct this study with the assistance of AECOM consulting services. The study specifically targeted the property owners within the study area, a 0.7 mile section along Mud Creek between White St. and Erkwood Dr. The consultants identified three possible routes for a greenway and conducted public meetings to gauge the public's preference. The study will likely wrap up in January 2021. No action was needed.

Updates & Other Business:

NCDOT

Lonnie Watkins updated the TAC on current construction and development projects. Erkwood/Shepherd project is still not finished and NCDOT issued a letter to the contractor stating the project would need to be completed by the end of the year. Old Airport Rd. is on schedule to be complete by the end of the month. I-26 is behind schedule and the contractor is beginning the necessary bridge work. Butler Bridge Rd. will have a maximum of 180 day closure and is likely to be closed in February. All other development projects are on hold, except for Hwy 191 which is still in design phase and will let in June '23, but the ROW acquisition is on hold. Construction for Highland Lake Rd. will let in February 2021. The Green River bridge project will let in March of 2021.

Village of Flat Rock

Councilwoman Coletta shared that there has been flooding on Blue Ridge Rd. but NCDOT maintenance staff acted quickly to help resolve the issues.

City of Hendersonville

Councilwoman Hensley shared that the City applied for a PARTF grant to fund an extension of the Oklawaha Greenway.

Town of Mills River

Councilman Brian Caskey did not have an update.

Town of Laurel Park

Councilman Banta shared that the Town is looking into including biking in their various transportation plans.

Town of Fletcher

Councilman Davy shared that NCDOT is receiving bad PR for the Old Airport Rd. project and hopes that it will finish soon.

Henderson County

Commissioner Lapsley reported that the County approved a bridge loan for Conserving Carolina to purchase the Ecusta rail, which will be reimbursed by a federal grant. He also shared that Representative Chuck McGrady is now serving on the State's Board of Transportation.

Next Meeting:

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for January 20, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Beau Waddell, Chair
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee