

Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 21, 2021

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on April 21, 2021, 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	√	
Jay Egolf, at-large	√	
Vacant, at-large		√
Rebecca McCall, Henderson County	√	
Daniel Andreotta, 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; 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:

Louie Zambroski commented about NCDOT roads and resurfacing projects including Church St. and King St.

Approval of Minutes:

Anne Coletta moved that the minutes be approved, and Jennifer Hensley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion:

NCDOT

Lonnie Watkins updated the TAC on current construction and development projects. Old Airport Rd project is scheduled to be completed this week. The Erkwood/Shepherd St project is still not finished; the contractor needs to finish the pavement markers. I-26 is 26% complete and still behind schedule; there are a number of road closings related to this including Clear Creek Rd. which will reopen April 26 and Brookside Camp which will be closed from May 3 to 17. I-26 will be closed at night from April 27- 29 and then on May 2nd to demolish the bridges. Butler Bridge Rd. is set to reopen September 11. Kanuga Lake Rd. will open at the end of next week.

White St/US 25 ROW scheduled for December of 2022 and let October 2025. Hwy 191 is currently in ROW phase and will let in July 2023; US 64 ROW acquisition begins in June of this year and will let in May of 2024; Highland Lake Rd will let May 21 at the state level because previous bids in February were too high; the Green River bridge project was let and work will begin on August 15th; drainage rehabilitation project on I-26 in Polk County at the Saluda bridge will be let on June 15th and will take one year to complete.

Lonnie also addressed the previous public comment and clarified that Church St. and King St. are state roads, not City of Hendersonville. They are both slated to be resurfaced in coordination with City utility work next summer. He also explained how the resurfacing program works.

Updates & Other Business:

Town of Laurel Park

Councilman Banta noted the Town held a litter sweep last Saturday.

Town of Fletcher

Councilman Davy shared that the Cane Creek Greenway was damaged in recent flooding events. The damage repair will cost thousands of dollars.

Village of Flat Rock

Councilwoman Coletta stated Highland Lake project bids came in too high in February and that NCDOT will do a re-bid. She also said the Village held a litter sweep today.

City of Hendersonville

Councilwoman Hensley announced that a Four Seasons Blvd. clean-up is scheduled for tomorrow.

Henderson County

Commissioner McCall shared that the Henderson County beautification program is going well. She also updated the group that Conserving Carolina plans to close on the Ecusta Trail in May.

Town of Mills River

Councilman Brian Caskey stated the Town received a bike/ped grant from NCDOT as well as funding from the VW settlement which will procure two new electric vehicle charging stations.

At-Large Members

Joe Sanders stated that he is working with the City and Berkley Mills to address the cigarette butt litter issue on the Oklawaha Greenway. Joe Sanders also commended citizen Ward Seguin for his voluntary litter cleanup while riding his bike through town.

Next Meeting:

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Beau Waddell, Chair
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