**Henderson County**

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**November 17, 2021**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on November 17, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room.

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| **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  | √ |  |
| 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: Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner; Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO Director; Lonnie Watkins, NCDOT, Chuck McGrady, NCDOT BOT, Marcus Jones, County Engineer, and Troy Wilson, NCDOT

Mr. Beau Waddell, Chair at-large, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Joe Sanders, Vice-Chair at-large, moved that the minutes be approved, and Vice-Mayor Anne Coletta seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Discussion:**

Ecusta Trail Update

Ms. Janna Bianculli gave an update to the committee on the status of the Ecusta Trail. The project has 5 funding phases, different from he phases the City of Hendersonville. These 5 phases are for funding. Marcus informed the committee that Conserving Carolina had purchased the corridor from WATCO using funds from the DOT and acquired funding for the first three phases of the project via a STBGDA. The grant was approximately 5 million dollars and was matched by 1 million dollars in local funding from private funds. This grant is federal money, so the NCDOT will be reviewing how the County uses the money over the span of its use. The County has received Letters of Interest from prospective engineering firms interested in working on the project. Selecting the most qualified firm will the first order of business for the newly formed Rails to Trail Advisory Committee during their first meeting in December. The selected firm will then negotiate a contract with both the County and DOT. The negation process will last approximately 2 months, the design process will 12 months, and the construction process will last another 12-18 months. During this time, the County will explore funding options for the last 2 phases of the project.

NCDOT

Lonnie Watkins gave an update on NCDOT projects in construction. There were no new project updates in development.

Projects in Development

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| **TIP No.** | **Route** | **Location Description** | **Revised Completion Date** | **% Complete** |
| NA | EB-5946 | MULTI-USE PATH IN MILLS RIVER FEASIBILITY STUDY AND UPDATED COST ESTIMATE  | In Spring  |  |
| NA | U-5886 | WHITE STREET IN HENDERSONVILLE IN CORRINATION WITH ECUSTA TRAIL | ROW- 12/2022LET- 10/2025 |  |
| NA | R-2185B | HWY 191 - ROW | 7/23/2022 |  |
| NA | US-5783 | US 64 – COORDNIATION WITH RAILROAD AND LUERAL PARK ON LANDSCAPE DESIGN | 5/2024 |  |
| U-5887 | 49641 | CONSTRUCT LEFT TURN LANE INTO SCHOOL AND CONSTRUCT A RIGHT TURN LANE INTO MAIN STREET | 3/13/2024 | 0% |
|  | 25 AND 26 | REPAIR DAMAGE CAUSED BY SINKHOLE  |  | 3% |
|  | I-26 | WEST BOUND NOICE WALL AT CAROLINA VILLIAGE AND REST AREA ON EAST SIDE |  | 40% |
| U-5886 |  | I‐26/US‐74 WEST BOUND LANES AND EAST BOUND LANES OVER GREEN RIVER (BRIDGE REPLACEMENT). |  | 10% |
| U-5887 | SR-1783 | SR‐1783 (HIGHLAND LAKE RD) FROM NC‐225 TO US‐176. MODERNIZATION. | 3/13/2024 |  |
| NA | US-25 | RESURACING  | 5/24 |  |
|  | Us 64 | ANALYSIS FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL  | In Spring  |  |

**Updates & Other Business:**

Town of Fletcher

No updates.

Village of Flat Rock

Vice-Mayor Coletta relayed feedback collected during a series of town halls. Residents are concerned by speeders on Greenville Highway. To address this the Town may install traffic radar speeding signs.

City of Hendersonville

Councilwomen Hensley shared that the city has identified the infostructure between the North Main Corridor to Clear Creek as in need of improvement. The City is exploring its options.

Henderson County

Commissioner McCall informed the committee that the Rails to Trail Committee has been selected, with Chuck McGrady being chosen to be the Committee Chair. Their first meeting is scheduled for November 29th.

Town of Mills River

No updates.

Town of Laurel Park

No updates.

At-Large Members

No updates.

**Next Meeting:**

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for January 19, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

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Beau Waddell, Chair

Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee