

**Henderson County**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: February 21, 2024**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on February 21st, at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room and online via Microsoft Teams. Voting members present online are denoted with the letter “O”.

Voting Member	Present	Absent
Beau Waddell, Chair at-large	√	
Joe Sanders, Vice-Chair at-large	√	
Sam Henderson, at-large	√	
Warren Ladbrook, at-large	O	
Rebecca McCall, Henderson County	√	
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County	√	
Jennifer Hensley, City of Hendersonville (alternate present)		√
Anne Coletta, Village of Flat Rock	O	
Shanon Gonce, Town of Mills River	√	
Jim Player, Town of Fletcher	√	
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park		√

Also present at the table: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director; Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner; Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO (online); Chuck McGrady, NCDOT BOT; John Connet, City of Hendersonville Manager; and Troy Wilson, NCDOT.

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

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Ward Seguin gave public comment regarding placing a roundabout at the intersection of US64 and Cummings Rd.

**Welcome New Member:**

The Chair welcomed Dawn Barr; the committee’s newest member-at-large.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

Mr. Joe Sanders moved to approve, and Councilman Jim Player seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Appoint Vice Chair:**

Chair Beau Waddell summarized from the committee bylaws that any voting member can serve as Chair or Vice Chair and then opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Rebecca McCall nominated Sam Henderson, member-at-large, for the position of Vice Chair. Mayor Shanon Gonce seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Discussion:**

**Church St. & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.:**

Mr. Henderson presented to the TAC an idea regarding the flow of traffic on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., especially where it intersects with Church St. The traffic flow change (attached) could be accomplished with just restriping and overhead signs and would eliminate the need for any right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Henderson stated he brought up the topic since Church St. is scheduled to be repaved, which would make restriping easier and conveniently timed. Mr. Sanders brought up the concern that motorists may speed up to try to get in the middle lane if there would be less lanes headed straight. Vice Mayor Anne Coletta mentioned the new condos that are planned for the old Chariot site that may increase traffic in that area in general. Commissioner Bill Lapsley asked if barriers

would be required to force vehicles to turn right so that they won't cross lanes. Mr. Troy Wilson responded that he and his team are happy to get involved and look into the project overall to see what options there are. He stated it may take some time. Commissioner McCall noted that coinciding with the repaving would be ideal.

**Updates:**

**NCDOT Update**

Please see attached document for construction and development updates.

Mr. Chuck McGrady reported that the Board of Transportation will be visiting different areas of the state this spring. They will be in Asheville on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Town of Mills River**

Mayor Gonce provided the committee with data from the Town's EV charging stations. The data shows that the chargers are well used. He stated that they run mostly on solar power and they are free to use. He said they are a valuable resource for the Town.

**City of Hendersonville**

Mr. John Connet stated that 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. will have a three month closure for a streetscaping project, but will reopen this summer. He also reported that the Council is considering restriping S Main St. to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic anticipated after the opening of the Ecusta Trail.

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Commissioner McCall reported that the DMV Commissioner attended their board meeting earlier that day to discuss the delays at offices across the state. She is hopeful for improvements. She also stated that the Ecusta Trail Phase I is 12% complete and asked the public to stay off the trail while under construction for their safety.

**Members At Large**

Chair Waddell thanked Joe Sanders for his years of service to the committee and commended him for his work.

**Next Meeting:**

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

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Beau Waddell, Chair  
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee

\*Anyone can request a copy of the meeting recording by contacting County staff.



# NCDOT Henderson County Projects

Project	Projected Costs	% Complete	Projected Completion	Comments
U-5887 N. Highland Lake Rd.	\$6.7 M	44%	Jun 2024	Revised Completion TBD
I-26 Green River Bridge Rehab	\$25 M	60.9%	Jun 2024	Currently tracking behind schedule
I-4400BB, I-4400C I-26	\$271 M	81.0%	Feb 2025	On schedule – Expect Substantially Complete by 5/2024
Contract Resurfacing King St. / N. Main	\$2.5 M	85.8% (King St.)	Oct 2024	King Street – Striping delayed due to weather Church Street – Summer 2024
SM-6114C US 25 B / N. Main St.	\$875K	83.2%	Feb 2024	On schedule
BL-0007 Ecusta Trail	\$1.19 M	10%	Oct 2024	Construction underway
<b>Non – Henderson County Projects of interest</b>				
I-26 Drainage Repairs Saluda Grade	\$16.5 M	70.3%	Mar 2024	

# Henderson County Projects in Development

TIP	Route	Project	Estimated Cost	Projected to ROW	Projected LET	Comments
BL-0008	N/A	Clear Creek Greenway – Berkely Mills Park to Lakewood Rd	\$ 1.8 M		Jun 2024	Non-NCDOT LET (LAP)
BL-0078	N/A	Ecusta Trail – US 64 to Transylvania County line	\$ 13.1 M		Sep 2027	Non-NCDOT LET (LAP)
BR-0083	US 64	Bridge Replacement (Structures 440057 and 440155)	\$22.1 M	Dec 2024	Apr 2027	
TBD	SR 1586	Replace/Repair Bridge	TBD	TBD	TBD	S. Mills Gap Rd. – Jan 9 storm event
EB-5860	SR 2162	Blythe St – Construct Sidewalk	\$2.1 M	Sep 2025	Sep 2026	Non-NCDOT LET (LAP)
EB-5963	SR 1764	S. Grove St – Construct Sidewalk	\$2.7 M	Jul 2025	Jul 2026	Non-NCDOT LET (LAP)
I-4400BA	I-26 / US 64	Exit 49 Interchange	\$29.5 M*	Nov 2028	Jan 2029	* Estimate date June 2021 – does not have any R/W costs - expect increases due to market and final scope
R-2588B	NC 191	NC 280 to SR 1381 (Mountain Rd) Widen Roadway	\$145.8 M	Apr 2021	Jan 2025	Estimate updated Utility relocation has commenced
U-5783	US 64	SR 1180 (Blythe St) to SR 1173 White Pine Dr/SR 1186 (Daniel Dr) Widen Roadway	\$31.75 M	Jul 2021	Jul 2024	Estimate updated here to reflect total cost including ROW and Utilities
U-5886/ U-6049	SR 1170 NC 225 S. Main	Realign and Extend Roadway	\$46.1 M	Dec 2022	Oct 2026	ROW plans complete

\* Note: Dates are subject to change as funding is balanced.