

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on January 21, 2026, 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	√	
Sam Henderson, Vice-Chair at-large	O	
Dawn Barr, at-large	√	
Warren Ladbrook, at-large	√	
Sheila Franklin, Henderson County	√	
Jay Egolf, Henderson County	√	
Jennifer Hensley, City of Hendersonville	√	
Emily Whitmire, Village of Flat Rock	O	
Shanon Gonce, Town of Mills River	√	
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Jim Player, Town of Fletcher	√	

Also present at the table: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director; Janna Bianculli, Assistant Planning Director; Troy Wilson, NCDOT; Steve Williams, NCDOT (online); Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO (online), and Pat Christie, Village of Flat Rock (online).

Mr. Beau Waddell, Chair at large, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Public Comment:

Ms. Jordan Beck gave public comment on noise issues related to the commercial uses on Asheville Hwy and Rugby Dr near her home.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

Councilman Jim Player moved to approve the agenda and summary, and Councilwoman Jennifer Hensley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Safe Streets for WNC

Ms. Janna Bianculli, Assistant Planning Director, provided updates on the MPO’s adopted plan to improve roadway safety in Western North Carolina. Ms. Bianculli provided an overview of the plan's goals, findings, and recommendations. The TAC discussed the findings and how the County could use the data to improve safety, including the City of Hendersonville’s plan to create a Safety City. No TAC action was required.

Driver Behavior

Ms. Bianculli gave a presentation on safety and how driver behavior plays a role. She shared findings from studies that have been conducted and shared resources that can provide useful data, promote driver awareness, and provide trainings. Advocacy organizations for safety, including bicycle and pedestrian safety, and resources for elderly drivers were discussed. Trail-crossing safety measures were also discussed for the Ecusta Trail. The TAC discussed Ecusta Trail safety and potential design interventions to influence driver behavior.

Updates:

NCDOT, Laurel Park, Fletcher, Mills River, Hendersonville, and Flat Rock gave updates.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

This is a meeting summary. The official minutes are the recording of the meeting. Anyone can request a copy of the meeting recording by contacting County staff.