

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on April 15, 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		√
Dawn Barr, at-large		√
Warren Ladbrook, at-large	O	
Sheila Franklin, Henderson County	√	
Jay Egolf, Henderson County	√	
Jennifer Hensley, City of Hendersonville	√	
Emily Whitmire, Village of Flat Rock	O	
Town of Mills River Representative	√	
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); Elias Hord, NCDOT; Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO, Michael Meleck as the representative for the Town of Mills River, and Pat Christie, Village of Flat Rock (online).

Mr. Beau Waddell, Chair at large, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

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

Discussion:

Express Designs

Mr. Tristan Winkler, Director of the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, gave an overview of upcoming changes to the process for budgeting NCDOT projects, which will soon require conducting Express Designs prior to budget inclusion. Express Design is a tool that allows NCDOT to better estimate a project’s feasibility, scope, and cost. Mr. Winkler provided details on the Express Designs slated for Henderson County: US 25, NC 191, and Fanning Bridge Road.

NC 191 Updates

Mr. Winkler provided an update on the redesign for NC 191 from US 25 to Mountain Rd. The consultant has developed two different design alternatives to either widen or modernize the corridor. The TAC discussed the merits of the two ideas, including the need for safety improvements and concerns over widening the corridor and the adjacent properties.

Updates:

NCDOT, Laurel Park, Hendersonville, Mills River, Fletcher, and Henderson County Staff gave updates.

Next Meeting:

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 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.