



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Notice & Agenda

Wednesday, January 21, 2015
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

King Street Meeting Room
100 North King Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Call to Order/Welcome

Public Comment

Discussion/Adjustment of Agenda

Discussion

- 1. Draft Minutes: April 16, 2014..... Renee Kumor
- 2. Draft Minutes: August 19, 2014..... Renee Kumor
- 3. Review of Draft STIP Projects..... Matthew Cable

Routine Updates

- 4. NCDOT Projects Steve Cannon, NCDOT
- 5. Municipal Representatives Representatives
- 6. FBRMPO TCC Meeting Review/Board Meeting Preview Matthew Cable

Adjournment

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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
April 16, 2014**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met April 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville. Meeting attendance was as follows:

Voting Member	Present	Not in Attendance
Renee Kumor, Chair at-large	√	
Jim Crafton, Vice-Chair at-large	√	
David Jones, at-large		√
Keith Maddox, at-large	√	
Mike Edney, Henderson County Commissioner		√
Tommy Thompson, Henderson County Board of Commissioner Vice-Chairman		√
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville		√
Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock		√
Larry Freeman, Town of Mills River		√
Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher		√
Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Matthew Cable, Transportation Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	
John Connet (City of Hendersonville Representative alternate)	√	

Also present was Aaron Powell, PE from NCDOT representing Steve Cannon, NCDOT District Engineer. Ms. Kumor called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor to public comment. The public did not provide any comment.

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 and March 19, 2014 meetings and all members voted in favor.

Discussion

Ranking of SPOT Projects for Regional Prioritization. Mr. Cable reviewed the staff memorandum which explained that the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) submitted to NCDOT SPOT (Office of Strategic Prioritization) a list of all projects in the FBRMPO region to be considered for SPOT 3.0. He noted that SPOT 3.0 refers to the NCDOT analysis of projects submitted for potential inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

According to Mr. Cable, the FBRMPO project list includes 25 Henderson County projects which have been included in prior SPOT analysis (SPOT 2.0) as well as four new projects for consideration in this round of SPOT.

Mr. Cable indicated that the FBRMPO will be allotted “local” points to assign to projects to increase their ranking in the state’s scoring system. This year the FBRMPO will use a different methodology to assign its points and, as such, will impact how Henderson County projects perform. This new methodology:

1. is required by NCDOT;
2. has been developed by the FBRMPO Prioritization Subcommittee;
3. must be approved by the FBRMPO Board;
4. must be approved by NCDOT; and

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5. currently allots 40 percent of its score based on local (County TAC) project ranking.

The FBRMPO is requesting the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee rank order the projects that are now in the SPOT 3.0 list. Scores have already been assigned to 25 of the 29 projects. The 4 newest projects do not yet have a score.

Mr. Cable indicated that staff recommends the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee rank the projects in order of highest to lowest SPOT score (placing the yet-to-be-scored projects at the bottom of the list based on their new addition to the program). Staff's recommendation to rank the projects in line with NCDOT SPOT 3.0 scoring is intended to position these projects such that the County stands the greatest chance at advancing the greatest number of its projects into the STIP. This recommendation is based upon staff participation in the FBRMPO Prioritization Subcommittee, its understanding of the scoring system to be used by the FBRMPO, and the necessity to compete with other jurisdiction's projects within the FBRMPO region and across the state.

Mr. Crafton moved the Committee send forward the rank ordered list as provided by staff (see attached), for purposes of providing local project ranking to the FBRMPO with the addition of the Shepherd Street/Erkwood Drive intersection projected being ranking in the list based on its SPOT scoring. Mr. Maddox seconded the motion and all the committee members voted in favor.

Routine Updates

NCDOT Projects Update. Mr. Powell then provided the committee with the following updates regarding NCDOT projects in Henderson County.

- Upward Road: Completion July 2014
- Howard Gap Part A (US Highway 64 to Brookside Camp Road): 50% completed
- Howard Gap Part B (Brookside Camp Road to Jackson Road): 30% completed

Ms. Kumor thanked Mr. Powell for the update on the existing projects.

Municipal Updates. Mr. Connet provided an update on the City of Hendersonville's bike boulevard along 4th Avenue, 5th Avenue resurfacing and sidewalk work, and the anticipated temporary closures of the greenway due to sewer installation. Mr. Vickery discussed the proposed affordable housing project behind Ingles in Laurel Park and its potential impact on traffic at Pisgah Drive.

There being no further business, Mr. Maddox made a motion to adjourn and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Renee Kumor, Chair
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee

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August 19, 2014**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met August 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville. Meeting attendance was as follows:

Voting Member	Present	Not in Attendance
Renee Kumor, Chair at-large	√	
Jim Crafton, Vice-Chair at-large	√	
David Jones, at-large	√	
Keith Maddox, at-large		√
Mike Edney, Henderson County Commissioner	√	
Tommy Thompson, Henderson County Board of Commissioner Vice-Chairman	√	
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville		√
Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock		√
Larry Freeman, Town of Mills River		√
Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher		√
Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Matthew Cable, Transportation Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	
John Connet (City of Hendersonville Representative alternate)	√	

John Mitchell, Henderson County Business and Community Development Director; Sue Anderson, City of Hendersonville Planning Director; and Paul Black, FBRMPO Director were in attendance. Also present were NCDOT Division 14 representatives including: Ed Green, PE, Division Engineer; Joel Setzer, PE, Operations Engineer; Wanda Austin, PE, Program Manager; Ralph Canady, PE, Maintenance Engineer; and Steve Cannon, PE, District 1 Engineer.

Ms. Kumor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and opened the floor to public comment. The public did not provide any comment.

Discussion

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Kumor, in light of the other items on the agenda and time constraints, suggested the meeting minutes for the April 16, 2014 meeting be considered at the next meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Chairman Comments. Ms. Kumor recognized that Mr. Cannon had provided staff with information regarding the conditions of Lancaster Road, the site of a school bus accident in the prior week. Mr. Cannon explained that Lancaster Road is among a list of unpaved state maintained roads. These unpaved roads will only be paved with the approval and right-of-way donation of impacted property owners. Mr. Cannon said NCDOT had again sent letters to the property owners requesting right-of-way in order to pave the unpaved portion of Lancaster Road. Ms. Kumor thanked Mr. Cannon for updating the committee on this issue.

NCDOT Local Stakeholders Meeting. Ms. Kumor recognized the NCDOT staff and thanked them for meeting with the Transportation Advisory Committee to discuss priorities. She then turned over the meeting to Mr. Ed Green and Mr. Joel Setzer with NCDOT. Mr. Green provided an overview of the STI process and the NCDOT Division 14 ranking process. He then provided an overview of the draft local input

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points. Mr. Green asked Mr. Black, with the FBRMPO, to discuss the current status of the points assignment. Mr. Black explained the current points assignment by the MPO. Mr. Cable indicated that the TAC's priorities were largely reflected in the points assignment by the MPO, and further, that the TAC had been provided in their packets, a series of tables showing all Henderson County projects with MPO points.

Mr. Green then provided a review of the draft budget for the region comprised of Division 14 (which includes Henderson County and nine (9) other counties) and Division 13 (immediately to the east).

Continuing with the presentation from NCDOT, Mr. Setzer explained the modal splits (highways, bicycle/pedestrian, air, rail) and programming considerations. This included a review of the NCDOT bike and pedestrian requirements that include a match commitment from a local government.

Mr. Setzer indicated that no public comments were received during Division 14's public comment period on its draft ranking methodology and points distribution. He then provided the committee with a list of projects showing how Division 14 had assigned its points to projects in the Division, including those in Henderson County.

Mr. Setzer indicated the importance of points assignment by the MPO and Division 14 in terms of advancing a project to funding. To this end, Mr. Setzer provided the committee with a document showing projects that are most likely to receive funding (based on the current local points assignment from the MPO and Division 14). Mr. Cable reiterated to the committee that the projects with the highest points from the initial SPOT score, and that receive MPO and Division points will be most likely to receive funding. Mr. Crafton inquired about the methods used by the NCDOT at the SPOT and Division level to assign points. Mr. Setzer explained the criteria that are used for scoring and points assignment by both offices.

Mr. Setzer explained that the purposes of NCDOT presence at the TAC meeting were to present its initial points assignment and discuss with the local stakeholders where the local points assignment through the MPO and the points assignment through the Division might be better aligned.

Mr. Cable pointed out that, for example, the Division had assigned 100 points to US-64 Brevard Road (SPOT ID H140274) which may be more useful in advancing a project to funding if these points were assigned to a project with a high SPOT score that also received MPO points. Mr. Cable suggested a segment of NC-191 might be an appropriate choice in order to advance another important multi-segment project. Mr. Crafton asked for clarification on the impacts of assigning points to only one section of a multi-section project. Mr. Setzer indicated that, as with the I-26 project, assigning points to only one section will advance all sections in terms of planning and programming.

Ms. Kumor identified NC-191 (project H090155-B) as the highest scoring of the two NC-191 sections and requested NCDOT Division 14 move its points from the US-64 project to the NC-191 project. Mr. Setzer agreed that this would be possible but that justifying points reassignment was necessary. Mr. Thompson indicated that new job growth and economic development along the northern end of NC-191 should provide justification for points reassignment. Mr. Setzer agreed and suggested NCDOT Division 14 would reassign these points.

The discussion then focused on bicycle and pedestrian projects. According to Mr. Setzer, NCDOT Division 14 had assigned 25 points to a Jackson Park Greenway Project (B142121). Mr. Cable indicated that he understood the City of Hendersonville had entered the project into consideration but that the City of

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Hendersonville did not have the local match required at this time. Mr. Connet confirmed the City of Hendersonville had not identified local match for this project at this time. Mr. Setzer inquired if the County had any local match they wished to commit. Commissioners Thompson and Edney indicated the County did not have local match identified for the project since the City of Hendersonville was the originator. Mr. Connet indicated the City could provide a letter pledging matching funds for the listed Kanuga Road sidewalk project (B142103) if that would allow NCDOT Division 14 to reassign its points to that project. Mr. Setzer confirmed this would be possible and indicated NCDOT Division 14 would seek to reassign the points to the Kanuga Road sidewalk project.

Routine Updates

No routine updates were provided at this meeting.

Ms. Kumor thanked NCDOT for seeking input from the local elected officials and citizens regarding specific project priorities and, with there being no further business, made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Renee Kumor, Chair
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee