

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Advisory Committee Recommendation

**PRESENTER:** Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner

**ATTACHMENT:** None

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) met on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, and discussed the new Safe Routes to Schools program the French Broad River MPO is implementing in the region. During the discussion, the committee members also spoke on the ban implemented at Bruce Drysdale Elementary School concerning walking to and from school. The TAC expressed concern for students and parents who are transportation insecure and rely on walking as their primary mode of transportation. They also discussed the rising shortage of bus drivers and the ability to minimize the need by allowing some children to walk to and from school.

The TAC unanimously voted to make a formal recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to investigate this situation and understand why Henderson County Public Schools decided to ban walking at this school location.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to direct staff to meet with Henderson County Public Schools to discuss the pedestrian ban at Bruce Drysdale Elementary.

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move to direct staff to meet with HCPS to discuss the pedestrian ban and report back to the TAC.*