

**Henderson County  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
May 18, 2016**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met May 18, 2016 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	√	
Beau Waddell, at-large	√	
Mike Edney, Henderson County Commissioner		√
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County Commissioner		√
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville	√	
John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock	√	
Larry Freeman, Town of Mills River		√
Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher		√
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Matthew Champion, Transportation Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner (Commissioner's alternate)	√	

Also present was Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO Transportation Planner. Mr. Crafton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and opened the floor to public comment. Katie Breckheimer with Friends of the Oklawaha Greenway provided public comment in favor of a greenway connection between Jackson Park and Blue Ridge Community College. She wanted to inform the HCTAC of this group working towards gathering support for this proposed new greenway connection. Mr. Crafton asked Mr. Winkler if the MPO handles bike and pedestrian projects, in which Mr. Winkler informed the HCTAC that the MPO has funds available for all phases of bike and pedestrian projects. Mr. Dockendorf would like to see the HCTAC incorporate more discussion at future meetings on bike and pedestrian projects.

**Discussion**

Approval of Agenda. Mr. Caraker made a motion to approve the agenda for the May 18, 2016 meeting. Mr. Dockendorf seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Caraker made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting. Mr. Dockendorf seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

SPOT 4.0 Discussion. Mr. Crafton provided a brief update of how the HCTAC arrived at the SPOT 4.0 process and the discussion needed during this meeting to assign local priority points towards Statewide and Regional Tier projects. He informed the HCTAC members that Henderson County has three (3) Statewide Tier projects that can only be given local priority points if cascaded down into the Regional Tier. Henderson County has five (5) projects in the Regional Tier. The HCTAC has 123 local priority points to assign to these projects with 25 points being the most local priority points any one project can receive. Mr. Crafton identified Statewide project H090019-BA (I-26 and US 64 Interchange) as a project to possibly cascade into the Regional Tier. He informed the HCTAC that cascading this project would use most of the funding available in the MPO for Regional Tier projects. Mr. Winkler added that cascading a Statewide Tier project into the Regional Tier, the MPO Board would have to approve the cascading of any project. If

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the MPO Board chose to approve cascading a project, the Board would essential be giving the project a 15 point increase towards the overall score. The top 18 projects for all of the areas in the MPO region will be sent back to NCDOT in Raleigh for reprioritization.

Mr. Crafton gave a brief overview of the five (5) projects in the Regional Tier. He opened up the discussion to the HCTAC and proposed whether or not to cascade a Statewide Tier project into the Regional Tier. Mr. Cannon gave a brief explanation of the Statewide Tier project in question, H090019-BA, which was pulled out from another Statewide Tier project on I-26. He explained that an interchange project typically scores better than a roadway project and would allow for this interchange to be modified before the proposed I-26 improvements. The benefit of cascading this project would move the project into a design phase, but would limit the amount of funding for other Regional Tier projects. Mr. Waddell pointed out that the I-26 interchange project (H090019-BA) scored well and suggested to cascade and assign local priority points, regardless of the funding limitation, since other Regional Tier projects might not be selected based off of a lower overall score. After the HCTAC members agreed with Mr. Waddell's comment, Statewide Tier project H090019-BA (I-26 US 64 Interchange) was cascaded and assigned 25 local priority points. In the Regional Tier the HCTAC decided to give 25 local priority points to each of the following projects: H090155-A (191 from US25 to Mountain Road), H090155-B (191 from Mountain Road to NC280), and H111085 (Bridge widening on S. Main Street). The HCTAC chose to give the remaining 23 local priority points to project H090394-A (191 from NC280 to NC146).

Future HCTAC Objectives and Projects. Mr. Champion informed the HCTAC that a draft work plan is being created to guide and assist the direction of this committee for the next several years. The HCTAC will also work on understanding the life of a transportation project and how new projects can be entered for future SPOT prioritization processes.

**Routine Updates**

NCDOT Projects. Mr. Cannon provided a few updates on projects in the area. NC280 bridge improvements over I-26 is almost complete. A few pavement projects and bridge replacements will begin later in the summer. I-26 will also see several repairs to damaged sections in Henderson County during the evening not to impede daytime traffic. Mr. Crafton asked Mr. Cannon if the HCTAC can have a copy of the 5 year let list. Mr. Cannon said he would email a copy to Mr. Champion to distribute to the HCTAC members. Mr. Dockendorf also asked to see how a road can be restriped with regards to safety. Mr. Cannon said for any striping issue to contact him directly.

Mr. Caraker gave a brief overview of what the City of Hendersonville is doing to mitigate some of the flooding issues near the US225 and US176 intersection. Mr. Dockendorf indicated the Village of Flat Rock would like to work with Henderson County Officials on possibly addressing a second access into Flat Rock's Park from Ingles on US176. Mr. Banta provided a brief update on a grant the Town of Laurel Park received and a large number of paving projects the Town will be completing this summer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.

  
Jim Crafton, Vice Chair  
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