

**Henderson County
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
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