

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 28, 2010**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on January 28, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; Renee Kumor, at-large; Don Farr of Flat Rock; Mark Biberdorf, Town Manager for Town of Fletcher (filling in for Eddie Henderson); David Jones, at-large; and Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville. Staff members included; Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner; and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Also present was Bo Ferguson, City Manager, City of Hendersonville. Roger Snyder and Terry Hicks were absent.

Chairman's Report

Mr. Crafton welcomed Steve Caraker, who is now the representative from the City of Hendersonville.

In December of last year, a presentation was made to the County Commissioners to express the need for local governments to get behind the Highway 191 project. Mr. Crafton said it was apparent that a majority of the Commissioners were not in favor of moving the project forward at this time. Mr. Farr was under the impression that the project could be broken up into two sections – the first from Mountain Road to Mills River and the other from Mountain Road to Highway 25. He suggested that we might want to wait until the SPOT list comes out and see if NCDOT applies any money for the project in the next TIP cycle.

Mr. Crafton discussed the TAC's meeting schedule and a conflict that the Town of Mills River has with the last Thursday of the month. After some further discussion on this matter, Mr. Crafton asked staff to make note of the dates that the meeting room is available, discuss possibilities with the Town of Mills River, and finalize the schedule in March.

Mr. Crafton said that Commissioner McGrady had mentioned that the MPO will be forming a Citizens Advisory Committee. He wanted the TAC members to be aware of this as some of the at-large members might be asked to be a part of that effort.

Approval of Draft Minutes.

Mr. Crafton asked for approval of the October 22, 2009 minutes. Renee Kumor made a motion to approve the October 22, 2009 minutes subject to a correction and Don Farr seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Mr. Crafton also noted that due to some changes, an updated contact information roster will be distributed to all Committee members by e-mail.

Staff Report

Ms. Bleecker mentioned that the MPO is in the process of putting together the Long Range Transportation Plan. TAC will be looking at the 2005 list of projects for the purpose of noting changes, additions, and priorities at the March meeting. A Congestion Management focus group will be held in Hendersonville in February. She also mentioned that the County will begin work on the CNG station in May. She gave a short presentation on the Etowah and Horse Shoe Community transportation recommendations. She discussed the recommendations and indicated she would get back with the Committee with notes on how these projects might move forward.

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Draft Edneyville Community Plan.

Ms. Radcliff gave a presentation on the Edneyville Community Plan transportation goals and objectives. She highlighted each goal of the draft plan.

Municipal Issues:

Flat Rock Mr. Farr stated that Flat Rock's stimulus sidewalk project is moving forward.

Hendersonville Mr. Caraker stated that there is significant interest among City officials regarding the sidewalk project on NC 191. Mr. Bo Ferguson said that Jamie Wilson of NCDOT, who was recently at a construction meeting for Upward Road, reminded those in attendance that no local government has wanted to fund sidewalks. Mr. Ferguson mentioned what the 20 percent amount would be, and stated that most of the project is outside of City boundaries. He was only mentioning it because there seemed to now be a larger NCDOT share (80%) involved, which is an opportunity to reduce previously stated costs.

Fletcher Mr. Biberdorf said that the Cane Creek Greenway extension project and the St. John's Road projects have been bid.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Jim Crafton, Chairman