

Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 5, 2012

The Transportation Advisory Committee met September 5, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; David Jones, at-large; Renee Kumor, at-large; Keith Maddox, at-large; Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park; and Bo Ferguson (representing Steve Caraker) City of Hendersonville. Members not in attendance were Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville; Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock; Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher; Roger Snyder, Town of Mills River; Commissioner Mike Edney; and Commissioner Bill O'Connor. Henderson County Staff members included Matthew Cable, Transportation Planner. Steve Cannon, NCDOT District Engineer was also present. Mr. Crafton called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

New Business:

Mr. Crafton opened the meeting by asking if any members of the audience wished to provide public comment. Ms. Kumor read a letter from Mr. Stan Kumor regarding the safety of the intersection of Howard Gap Road and North Clear Creek Road. Mr. Cannon explained that the Howard Gap Road improvements scheduled to let in February included realignment with the addition of a left turn lane at North Clear Creek. Mr. Cannon said, given the concerns expressed in the letter, it would be appropriate to provide additional mowing and safety signs in the interim and that NCDOT would explore these measures.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Kumor made a motion to approve of the minutes of the March 7, 2012 meeting. Mr. Maddox seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

New Business Continued:

Ecusta Rail Trail Planning Study. Mr. Cable gave a brief review of the Ecusta Rail Trail Planning Study presented at the previous TAC meeting.

Chairman Comments. Mr. Crafton discussed the importance of improving relations with the Board of Commissioners. To this end, Mr. Crafton informed the committee that it is his goal to begin providing the Board of Commissioners with reports about the activities undertaken by the TAC.

NCDOT Update. Mr. Cannon provided the following project updates:

- Upward Road is 61% complete. The anticipated completion date is August, 2013
- Howard Gap Section B (Fletcher to Brookside Camp Road intersection) has been awarded and construction should begin soon.
- NC Highway 191 will be resurfaced from US Highway 25 to Mountain Road over a six week period this fall. NCDOT is currently replacing the crosspipes in this section of NC Highway 191.
- Little River Road bridge has been delayed for a redesign, at the request of the County, in light of other design concerns related to recent bridge projects in the Village of Flat Rock.
- Erkwood/Shepherd Street intersection with Greenville Highway public meeting should be occurring in the next few months.

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The remainder of the meeting focused on staff reported information and updates to the committee. Mr. Cable provided an update on the NCDOT 2040 Transportation Plan, Blue Ridge Bike Plan, Crab Creek Community Club Meeting, and TEAAS Crash Data Software. He provided a revised copy of the TAC's Draft Work Plan and explained its purposes being to anticipate needed action at the MPO level. Finally, Mr. Cable provided a quick review of the SPOT 2.0 Rankings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Jim Crafton, Chairman
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