

**MINUTES**  
**Henderson County**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 26, 2009**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on March 26, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; Eddie Henderson of Fletcher; Keith Maddox, Town of Laurel Park; David Jones, at-large; Renee Kumor, at-large; Terry Hicks, at-large, Roger Snyder, Town of Mills River; Barbara Volk, City of Hendersonville; and Commissioner Chuck McGrady. Staff members included Anthony Starr, Planning Director; Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner; and Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner. Also present were Aaron Powell, NCDOT Project Construction Engineer and Jamie Adrignola, Manager, Town of Mills River.

**Approval of Draft Minutes**

Chairman Crafton called the meeting to order. A few corrections were noted for the January 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes and the Committee members voted to approve the minutes with noted corrections.

Jim Crafton called for a motion to appoint Hope Bleecker as the acting secretary to take the meeting minutes in Kathleen Scanlan's absence. The motion passed.

**Chairman's Report**

Jim Crafton gave an update of recent correspondence between the County and NCDOT on the Flat Rock Bridge. He opened the floor to Mr. Brock Arms, who appeared before the Transportation Committee to voice concerns regarding the Flat Rock Bridge. After some discussion, it was noted that Henderson County staff would receive plans for the final design drawings for the bridge. The remaining details, including dimensions and the rock finish specification would be forwarded to the Town of Flat Rock and to Mr. Arms for comment.

Jim Crafton announced that Renee Kumor and David Jones had been appointed for additional at-large membership terms.

**STPDA Grant Applications**

Jamie Adrignola gave an update on the solicitation for STP-DA (Surface Transportation Program-Directly Attributable) grant funds which are being awarded directly to the Land-of-Sky MPO. There are two types of funding, including a six million dollar short term fund out of the ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act -Stimulus) and a longer term fund which is nine million dollars total (three million per year) for projects that are not yet ready to go but fit the eligibility category and can be built during 2014-2016 fiscal years. Jamie gave the details of the Surface Transportation Act and explained eligibility for transit capital, intersection and safety improvements, and sidewalks. Local governments are eligible to apply and projects are due on April 30, 2009. The list will be considered possibly at the May 21 meeting of the TAC and possibly by the TCC at their meeting on June 18.

**Stimulus Update**

Hope Bleecker gave an update on stimulus projects in Henderson County. Stimulus funding will be used to complete the Hwy 176 project. Other projects ongoing in Henderson County currently include the 25 connector which is being completed with Appalachian corridor funds and paving of I-26 (Garvey Funds). Whereas Upward Road is currently on a let list it will not be paid with stimulus funds.

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**Etowah Horse-Shoe Small Area Plan**

Autumn Radcliff gave an update on the Etowah Horse Shoe Small Area Plan, which staff and the local project committee have been preparing over the last year. The purpose of the presentation was to make the TAC aware of the local resident steering committee requests. Transportation projects cited in the plan are conceptual. After the plan's adoption, the projects will be treated like any other request during the implementation phase, which means that the projects will be included in the long and short range planning documents and will have to be prioritized. No action was taken.

**Senate Bill 758**

Anthony Starr called the group's attention to Senate Bill 758 which is currently in draft form (latest copy dated March 24, 2009) and is being sponsored by Senators Rucho and Clodfelter. The proposed bill recommends language to remove the secondary roads from the State Highway system and transfers the responsibility for construction and maintenance of secondary roads to counties. Hope will send an e-mail link to each of the members so they can access the language.

**DOT Update**

Mr. Powell updated the Committee members on the following projects:

Hendersonville Signal –	Should be completed by end of May
US 64 West –	Should be relocating water and sewer lines soon; job has not started
Concrete project on I-26 -	Continuous-will be completed this year
Upward Road US 225 -	Still on the Let List

**Municipal Issues**

Municipal representatives provided updates of recent and City business.

**Other Business**

Jim Crafton notified the group of an NCDOT Local Programs Workshop which will be held on April 14 at Asheville-Buncombe Community Technical College from 1pm to 3pm.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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Jim Crafton, Chairman