

Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 1, 2010

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on September 1, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; County Commissioner Chuck McGrady, David Jones, at-large; Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville; Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher, Keith Maddox, at-large; Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park; Renee Kumor, at-large; and Jaime Laughter, Town Mgr., Town of Mills River and Roger Snyder, Town of Mills River. Staff members included; Anthony Starr, Planning Director; and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Also present were Mark Gibbs, District Engineer, NCDOT and Bo Ferguson, City Manager, City of Hendersonville. Don Farr was absent.

Approval of Minutes.

Renee Kumor requested approval of the minutes for May 5, 2010. Keith Maddox made a motion to approve the minutes and all members voted in favor.

Municipal Issues:

Hendersonville City Council heard discussion from County staff and gave feedback on Highway 191 improvements at a recent council meeting. The consensus is to move forward with the project.

Fletcher is working on their new town hall and hopefully by early 2011, a groundbreaking will occur. The Saint John's Road sidewalk project was delayed due to a utility line that was found and needed to be corrected. The greenway project is completed.

The MPO has a public meeting scheduled at the Chamber of Commerce building for its Long Range Transportation Plan on September 7, 2010 at 5 p.m.

NCDOT Update:

25 Connector - Completion date is Summer 2011.

US 64 – Completion date is August 2011.

Upward Road - Completion date is August 2013.

US 64 – Orrs Camp Rd. to Howard Gap - (near the front of Wal-Mart Store) Scheduled for night resurfacing within three weeks.

Mergans Lane off of US 64 West - Scheduled for paving Fall 2010.

Landfill Access Road - Begin construction and grading later this Fall 2010. Turn lane(s) to begin late spring or early summer of 2011.

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Discussion on Double Crossover Diamond Interchange Proposal: Anthony Starr stated that the MPO is considering a request by NCDOT for Highway 280 and I-26 interchange (airport area) to construct a double crossover diamond interchange. There was some discussion on the benefits of the project. Most of the committee members agree that the project is a good idea.

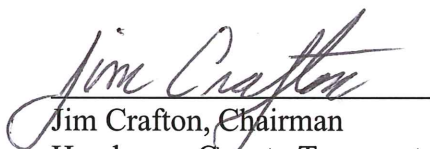
Chairman's Report

Mr. Crafton addressed the 191 project. He stated that there was good feedback from the City of Hendersonville and from Mills River. He will continue to work with staff and the local governments on the project.

Mr. Crafton stated that he attended a meeting at the Chamber regarding the overall transportation issues that affect Henderson County. Some of the projects that are coming up within the next five years include:

- Erkwood and Shepherd Street intersection improvements are currently being evaluated. There is a possibility that a roundabout may be designed for that location.
- Six more bridge replacements
- Howard Gap Road would be let in 2014 (Jackson Road to US 64)
- I-26 Improvement probably will occur no earlier than 2020, holdup is with DOT planning and Buncombe County for the environmental impact study
- Continuation of the Upward Road Project, along with bridge improvements and Double Diamond Interchange over I-26

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:03 pm. _____



Jim Crafton, Chairman

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