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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MEETING NOTICE and AGENDA

May 5, 2010

3:00 PM- 4:30 PM

1. **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER.....Jim Crafton**
2. **APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES.....January 28, March 25, and April 9, 2010**
3. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORTJim Crafton**
4. **STAFF REPORT
ACCESS MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION.....Hope Bleecker**
5. **NCDOT UPDATENCDOT Representative**
6. **MUNICIPAL ISSUES.....Committee Members**
7. **OLD BUSINESS (Approve 2010 meeting schedule)**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
9. **ADJOURN**

Next Meeting

Wednesday July 7, 2010 (pending approval of schedule)

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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

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March 25, 2010

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on March 25, 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 Bill Moyer, David Jones, at-large; Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville; and Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher. Staff members included; Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner; Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Also present was Bo Ferguson, City Manager, City of Hendersonville and William Moyer, Commissioner. Don Farr, Robert Vickery and Renee Kumor were absent.

Chairman's Report

The minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting were tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting because there was not a quorum of voting members present to approve them.

Chairman Crafton discussed a new modified schedule for the meetings because there is now a conflict with the Henderson County TAC, since the MPO has scheduled additional monthly meetings this year. In their discussion, members tentatively decided to move the future meetings on the 1st Wednesday of May, July, September and October at 3 p.m. for the remainder of 2010. For example, the next meeting would be May 5, 2010. Staff will contact the other members to check their schedules and approve these dates at the next meeting.

Mr. Crafton mentioned the vacant at-large seat that Terry Hicks had and asked Commissioner Moyer if it has been addressed by the Commissioners. Mr. Moyer said it hasn't as of yet.

Mr. Crafton said he attended a Congestion Management Meeting sponsored by the French Broad MPO and facilitated by Don Kostalec. The Traffic Congestion workshop met and discussed priorities and input where congested roadways are located in order to lend input to the Long Range Plan and provide feedback to NCDOT.

Long Range Plan Survey

Ms. Bleecker presented a summary list of transportation priority projects. TAC and TCC members are going to get a homework assignment to prioritize transportation projects and she encouraged the Henderson County TAC members to discuss their priorities in advance of the survey deadline. Ms. Bleecker explained the draft work lists of various transportation projects. Mr. Crafton suggested that the Committee review these priorities and give their input regarding what items they feel should be considered and rank them according to importance. After considerable discussion, the following items were considered to be unranked priorities:

<u>US 64 West</u>	<u>Blythe Street to Daniel /White Pine Drive</u>
<u>1-26 Widening</u>	<u>TIP I-4400 US 25 to NC 280 (Airport)</u>
<u>Howard Gap Road (A)</u>	<u>Jackson Road to Brookside Camp Road</u>
<u>Howard Gap Road (B)</u>	<u>Brookside Camp Road to US 64</u>
<u>Howard Gap Road (C)</u>	<u>US 64 to Upward Road</u>
<u>NC 191 Widening</u>	<u>NC 280 to Mountain Road 4 lane</u>

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<u>NC 191 Widening</u>	<u>Mountain Road to US 25 3 lane</u>
<u>Balfour Parkway</u>	<u>NC 191 to US 64 New Corridor</u>
<u>Old Airport Road</u>	<u>Upgrade</u>
<u>Brickyard Road</u>	<u>US 64 to NC 280</u>
<u>US 25 Business</u>	<u>US 176 to Shepherd Street</u>
<u>Shepherd Street</u>	<u>NC 255 to Old Spartanburg Road</u>
<u>White Street</u>	<u>US 176 to Kanuga Road</u>
<u>Blythe Street</u>	<u>NC 191 to US 64</u>
<u>State Street</u>	<u>Kanuga Road to US 25 Business</u>
<u>Kanuga Road</u>	<u>US 25 Business to Little River Road</u>
<u>Erkwood Drive</u>	<u>NC 225 to Kanuga Road</u>
<u>Rutledge Road</u>	<u>NC 225 to NC 225</u>
<u>Rutledge Road</u>	<u>Fanning Bridge to Buncombe</u>
<u>Butler Bridge Road</u>	<u>US 25 to NC 280</u>

The Committee agreed that they would meet for a special-called meeting to finalize this matter on Friday, April 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Crafton stated at the next regularly scheduled meeting, Ms. Bleecker will have a calendar of things that occur during the year so that everyone will know when certain projects are due so that the Committee members will know what will need to be addressed.

Municipal Issues:

Fletcher

Mr. Henderson stated that Fletcher's Cane Creek Greenway extension project and the St. John's Road projects are moving forward.

Hendersonville

Mr. Ferguson mentioned that NCDOT has been invited to come to the next Council meeting to report on the signalization project on April 1, 2010.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Jim Crafton, Chairman

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Special Called Meeting of
April 9, 2010

The Transportation Advisory Committee met for a special called meeting on April 9, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 N. King Street, Hendersonville. Members present were Chairman Jim Crafton; Commissioner William Moyer; Commissioner Chuck McGrady; David Jones, at-large; Bo Ferguson, City of Hendersonville (sitting in for Steve Caraker); Roger Snyder, Town of Mills River; Don Farr, Village of Flat Rock; Keith Maddox, at-large; and Renee Kumor, at-large. Staff members included; Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner; and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Robert Vickery and Eddie Henderson were absent.

Chairman Crafton called the meeting to order and explained that this special called meeting is for the purpose of ranking the preliminary list of projects in Henderson County for inclusion in the 2010 Long Range Transportation Plan before the TAC and TCC MPO members take the French Broad River LRTP survey on-line prior to April 11.

Each municipal member present submitted their top five priority items. The Committee did not rank the projects. However they agreed to the following priorities and requested that members consider those projects when taking the online survey.

I-26 Widening I-4400 US 25 (Exit 54) -NC 280 (Exit 40) (Widen to 6 lanes with median)

Howard Gap Rd From US 25 -Upward Road (Improve 2-lane section)

Balfour Parkway NC 191- US 64 (Construct 4-lane expressway)

NC 191 NC 280-US 25 (Widen to 4/3 lanes w/median and TWLTL)

Erkwood Dr. Kanuga Road-NC 225 (Align with Shepherd, add turn lanes
widen shoulder and improve geometrics as appropriate)

Hope Bleecker prepared the attached list of individual municipal priorities and e-mailed the list to the group for their information.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Jim Crafton, Chairman

Draft List of Henderson County Projects for Long-Range Transportation Plan
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee
Last updated April 9, 2010

line #	Facility	From	To	Description	Cross Section	Comments	Estimated Cost	Henderson County	City of Hendersonville	Town of Feltcher	Town of Flat Rock	Town of Laurel Park	Town of Mills River
1	US 64 (West)	Blythe Street	Daniel Dr. and White Pine Dr.	Widen to 3 Lanes	3	L RTP	\$ 7,000,000	6	V			V	
2	I-26 Widening	US 25	NC 280	Widen to 6 Lanes with Median from Exit 54 at 25 South to Exit 40 to Airport; Approximately 14 miles	6	I-4400; L RTP; (C2)	\$ 84,700,000	1		1	1		4
3	Howard Gap Rd	US 25	Upward	Improve 2-Lane Section (ROW secured, Construct Improvements)	2	L RTP; (C9)	TBD	2	4	2			
4	Balfour Parkway	NC 191	US 64	Construct 4-Lane Expressway	4	L RTP; (C3)	\$ 90,000,000	4	1	4			3
5	NC 191	NC 280	US 25	Widen to 4 Lanes with Median; SPOT Intersection improvements and 3 lane from Mountain Rd. to US 25	(4)(3)	R-2588 A & B; L RTP; (C5)(C14)	\$ 68,000,000	3	5	3			1
6	Brickyard Road	US 64	NC 280	Improve Geometrics (straightening) and Widen with spot safety improvements	3	L RTP	TBD						
7	US 176/US25 Bus	NC 225	Shepherd Street (SR 1779)	Access Management, Spot Safety Improvements at Intersections	5	(C16)	TBD						
8	White Street	US 176	Kanuga Road (SR-1127)	Construct 3-Lane Connector; Intersection realignment, and Improvements at US 25B/US 176	3	(C19)	TBD		3				
9	Blythe Street (SR-1180)	NC 191	US 64	Add turn lanes, widen shoulder and improve geometrics as appropriate	2	(C24)	TBD		6				
10	State Street	Hebron (SR-1172)	Kanuga Road (SR-1127)	Add turn lanes, widen shoulder and improve geometrics as appropriate	2	(C27)	TBD						
11	Kanuga Road (SR-1127)	US-25 Business	Little River Road (SR-1123)	Add turn lanes, widen shoulder and improve geometrics as appropriate	2	(C28)	TBD						
12	Erkwood Drive (SR-1164)	Kanuga Road (SR-1127)	NC 225	Align with Shepherd, Add turn lanes, widen shoulder and improve geometrics as appropriate	2	U-5105; (C29)	TBD	5	2		3		
13	*Rutledge Drive (segment in Flat Rock)	NC 225	Erkwood Drive (SR-1164)	Improve Geometrics and Widen as appropriate	2	Requested for CTP	TBD				2		
14	**Rutledge Road (SR-1559)	Fanning Bridge	Buncombe	Widen to 10' Improve Geometrics and Add Lanes to Accommodate Bikes	2	Appears on other NCDOT Lists	TBD			6			
15	Butler Bridge Road	US 25	NC 280	Straightening and Improvement of Geometrics	2	(C12)	TBD			5			2

Proposed Additional Projects

Project Name	Description	Comments	Estimated Cost
Henderson Transit Center	New Transit Center- Secured Bus Parking, Offices for WCCA and Passenger Waiting Area	FTA and STP-DA funded	\$1,800,000

Notes

1 Projects in the 2005 L RTP proposed for deletion:

- a Cane Creek Extension (NCDOT staff unfamiliar with this project); Old Cane Creek Rd (SR 1541) from Fanning Bridge Ext. to Cane Creek Road (SR1545) appears in CTP for an upgrade and possible widening
- b Cummings Road (completed)
- c Old Airport Road (NCDOT staff unfamiliar with this project); Old Airport Rd./Mills Gap Road (SR 1547/1551) from US 25 to Hoopers Creek Rd (SR 1553) appears in CTP for widen to 3 lanes and improve geometrics
- d West Blue Ridge Road (completed)

2 L RTP= Long Range Transportation Plan (last updated in 2005)

3 C = Comprehensive Transportation Plan (updated 2008); Reference from Table 2-1 Recommended Highway Projects

* Rutledge Road project in Flat Rock was requested during the HTAC CTP process and was never added to the final CTP by NCDOT

** Identified as a potential project on NCDOT SPOT Priority List for Safety and Mobility Improvement

<http://www.fbrmpo.org/> (Members of the public can take the survey and name their priorities)

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=kMoHJRTX9Kq259jSpQx3MmASIS3cgEO52EW%2fwzIK%2lg%3d#q2>

TAC/TCC users only

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

FOR 2010

January 28, 2010

March 25, 2010

May 5, 2010

July 7, 2010

September 1, 2010

October 6, 2010