

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
May 5, 2010**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on May 5, 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; Bo Ferguson sitting in for Steve Caracker, City of Hendersonville; and Eric Ruffa, sitting in for Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher, Keith Maddox, at-large; Robert Vickery, Town of Laurel Park; Renee Kumor, at-large; and Jaime Laughter-Adrignola, Town Mgr., Town of Mills River. Staff members included; Hope Bleecker, Transportation Planner; Autumn Radcliff, Senior Planner and Kathleen Scanlan, Secretary. Also present was Mark Gibbs, District Engineer, NCDOT. Don Farr, Eddie Henderson, Roger Snyder and Steve Caraker were absent.

Approval of Minutes.

Due to previous commitments, Chairman Crafton had contacted Ms. Kumor to preside over the meeting until his arrival. Ms. Kumor asked for the approval of the minutes for January 28, 2010, March 25, 2010 and April 9, 2010. Keith Maddox made a motion to approve all three sets of minutes and all members voted in favor.

Approval of the 2010 revised meeting schedule.

Ms. Kumor then asked for the approval of the revised 2010 meeting schedule of the Transportation Advisory Committee. Mr. McGrady approved the revised schedule and all members voted in favor. The remaining meetings for 2010 will be held on Wednesdays, July 7, 2010; September 1, 2010 and October 6, 2010.

Staff Report – Access Management Presentation.

Ms. Beeker gave a PowerPoint presentation on the benefits and impacts of roadway access management. She explained that access management is the process that provides access to land development while simultaneously preserving the flow of traffic on the surrounding road system in terms of safety, capacity, and speed. She stated that the key goal of access management is to maintain the functional integrity of the roadway system in other words, to design the street to safely fulfill the intended purpose, which includes providing a safe and efficient travel venue with good connections to other parts of the network. Her presentation covered street examples – freeways, local or collector streets, moderate divided median roads and undivided 4-lane no access management roadways. She also discussed the benefits of managing access, techniques and treatments for managing access by limiting conflict points at intersections, separating conflict points and removing turning traffic from through traffic lanes and used a number of examples. She described access management and business vitality. She mentioned that ways of implementing access management is that in most states, roadway jurisdictions are legally responsible for managing access and providing access to properties. State legislation usually spells out the regulatory powers of roadway jurisdictions and local governments can usually manage access through land use regulations. In closing, she stated that the motorist, taxpayers, business communities and communities in general are the ones who win when access management is done right. There was some further discussion on access management and also on the 191 project. (Mr. Crafton arrived at the meeting).

Chairman's Report.

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Mr. Crafton reviewed the memorandum from the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization regarding the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommendations. The memo noted two Henderson County Representatives, Erica M. Allison and John Yokley. He reminded the Committee members that the TCC recommended that three additional members be added from Henderson County to provide greater regional equity. Mr. McGrady said this process is a focus of getting more input to the MPO. He added that our effectiveness to the MPO in recent years is the fact that we have been extremely diligent at having our people at the table. He said the municipalities in the County have been present and often are the majority of the group. He said it is useful to have this group sort through things and he feels that this is another way to move our collective agenda together and he feels would be a good plan to have at least one member if not more to be part of this committee. Mr. Crafton asked for three representatives to join this advisory committee. Mr. Keith Maddox, Renee Kumor and Mr. Crafton agreed to be added. All members voted in favor.

NCDOT Update:

US 64 - Construction of drainage pipes, once complete, the paving will begin. The project is 40% complete, completion date is August, 2011.

US 25 Connector - 25% complete, expected to be complete by early Spring, 2012.

Upward Road - Contract let. Signs are up, milling and paving will begin. Three project. Plans for a temporary bridge.

Crail Farm Bridge - Foundation issues with bridge. Approval set of construction designs.

Howard Gap Road - Should be in the STP list of 0 – 5 years. Begin approximately 2013 from Jackson Road to US 64. Improve and widen road, bridge, shoulders with bike lanes on both sides.

Cummings Road - Completed by late Summer to early Fall.

Municipal Issues:

City of Hendersonville Mr. Ferguson stated that they were able to move twelve graves in the in the Forest Lawn Cemetery and were able to transfer the right-of-way over to NCDOT, as part of the project. NCDOT is in receipt of the final design plans of the project and the City has a deadline of July 1, 2010 to give them all the necessary documents.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Jim Crafton, Chairman