

**Henderson County
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 20, 2018**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on June 20th, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room at 100 North King Street, Hendersonville. Meeting attendance was as follows:

Voting Member	Present	Not in Attendance
Renee Kumor, Chair at-large		√
Beau Waddell, Vice-Chair at-large		√
John Bryant, at-large		√
Joe Sanders, at-large	√	
Mike Edney, Henderson County Commissioner		√
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County Commissioner	√	
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville	√	
John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock		√
Brian Caskey, Town of Mills River	√	
Eddie Henderson, Town of Fletcher		√
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	
Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director (Commissioner's Alternate)	√	
Jeff Wells, (Town of Mills River Alternate)	√	

Also present were Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO; Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO; Ted Adams, Division Construction Engineer and Acting NCDOT District Engineer; Rusty Darnel, Assistant District Engineer; Matt Champion, City of Hendersonville Planner.

Mr. Lapsley, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion

Discussion/Adjustment of Agenda. No amendments were made to the agenda. Mr. Steve Caraker made a motion to approve the agenda, Brian Caskey seconded the motion. All voted in favor

Public Comment. Mr. Bill Burchill provided a handout to the TAC with three references to consider about the Balfour Parkway project. He again expressed his wish for DOT and TAC to come up with an alternative solution for local traffic concerns. Mr. Ken Fitch attended STIP meeting with NCDOT. He stated that NCDOT representatives said that the widening of NC-191 in Hendersonville would likely never occur due to lack of public support. Mr. Fitch asks TAC to remove this project from the list. Bike lane abruptly ends on 191 and should be addressed if widening project doesn't happen.

Approval of Draft Minutes. Mr. Joe Sander made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. This motion was seconded by Mr. George Banta. All members voted in favor.

P 5.0 Regional Project Update: Mrs. Lyuba Zuyeva stated that the I-26 widening will receive FBR-MPO points as well as Division 14 points. NC-191 will not be submitted for MPO points. NC-280 will likely get a high-level feasibility study by NCDOT. There was a requested change to MPO list to advance US-25/70 and apply local points. Mr. Tristan Winkler also, presented a handout of early draft survey results and went over these results.

NC 191 Multi-Use Path Update: Mrs. Autumn Radcliff stated that NCDOT and county staff met with Commissioner Lapsley and Mr. John Bryant about a multi-use path along the north side of NC191. It was concluded that this path will be considered as part of the widening NC-191. The multi-use path will include

extending the path up to West Henderson High School along the entrance road and to Johnston Farm, and will include a safe crosswalk to Rugby Middle School. Mr. Brian Caskey also mentioned that the Town of Mill River is discussing a multi-use path from the town hall to NC280 to connect with the future NC280 greenway.

Routine Updates:

NCDOT: Mr. Steve Cannon took a position with Division 13 and his position has yet to be filled. Mr. Ted Adams, the Division Construction Engineer will be acting in Mr. Cannon's place until the position is filled. Mr. Adams updated the Board on the following active construction projects in the County: bridge replacement on Hide-A-Way Cove has final inspection next week; school safety project on 191 by the public high school and middle school which is on schedule and improvements to the flagger system will be done; Howard Gap Road from Jackson Road to US 25 – minor widening/resurfacing is 20% complete; Erkwood/Shepherd Street roundabout has late start date in September – bids will be awarded in July; Old Airport Rd. in Fletcher will begin in October; I-26 rehab project finished last year, but joints are being sealed and will finish next week; paving of Hooper Lane will begin after July 4 – bridge project is separate. Maintenance projects in the County include: vegetation clean up on NC-280; storm clean up on Hwy 9 – expected to reopen on July 27; general cleanup of landslides on Middle Fork Road and other roads in the Bat Cave area, which will take a few months to complete. Mr. Lapsley asked if the County needs to do anything to coordinate emergency vehicles with Buncombe County – he asked Ms. Radcliff to follow up on this request.

Town of Mills River: Mr. Caskey stated that the Town had passed a resolution for portion of NC-191 that is in the Town limits for a five-lane footprint with narrow lanes due to the agricultural community that regularly cross the roadway. He also suggested that the TAC provide a routine once or twice a year as needed to the BOC.

City of Hendersonville: Mr. Steve Caraker agreed with Mr. Caskey's comments about a report to the County on the TAC efforts. He also thanked the Board members who stood by the City on its decision to support the continued efforts of the Balfour Parkway at the MPO Board meeting. He also suggested that the Balfour Parkway process should be discussed for future road improvements and the public input purpose.

Town of Laurel Park: Mr. Banta stated that it would be a good idea to go back to the Balfour issue and learn from that process and understand the missteps more in depth. Mr. Lapsley has already spoken with to Mr. Brian Burch about the public input process. Mr. Lapsley asked staff to coordinate for this discussion at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Banta also stated that NCDOT is moving along nicely on the US-64 project.

Other Committee Member Updates: Mr. Joe Sanders stated that work on the greenway master plan continues with a projected end date of sometime in October. It is to be completed "in-house" by Henderson County Planning Department and Parks and Recreation Department with the assistance of the Greenway Committee. He said that the master plan coincides with the community plans of residents wanting more greenways and connections. He also stated that a consultant will do the feasibility study for the Oklawaha Greenway Norther and Southern Extensions.

Staff Updates: None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Renee Kumor, Chair
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