

**Henderson County  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
November 20, 2019**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a Regularly Called Meeting on November 20, 2019 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
Beau Waddell, Chair at-large	√	
Joe Sander, Vice-Chair at-large	√	
John Bryant, at-large	√	
Renee Kumor, at-large	√	
Mike Edney, Henderson County		√
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County	√	
Steve Caraker, City of Hendersonville	√	
John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock	√	
Brian Caskey, Town of Mills River		√
Bob Davy, Town of Fletcher	√	
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	

Also present were: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director; Janna Peterson, Planner III; Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO; Troy Wilson, NCDOT; and Lonnie Watkins, NCDOT.

Mr. Waddell, Chair at-large, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjustment of Agenda:**

No adjustments of the agenda were made.

**Public Comment:**

Four members of the public gave comment. Mr. John Harrison gave comment about traffic safety and the need for safe roadways. Mrs. Deb Highsmith gave comment regarding the benefits of greenways. Dr. Ken Shelton requested the TAC endorse the Highland Lake Road project. Mrs. Maya Richardson recommended the inclusion of multi-modal infrastructure in road designs.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Lapsley moved that the minutes be approved, and Mrs. Renee Kumor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Discussion:**

**Greenways in Henderson County**

Mrs. Rebekah Robinson, Assistant Director of Conserving Carolina, gave a presentation on her organization's ability to help facilitate the creation of greenways as a nonprofit land trust. She also highlighted the numerous economic, environmental, health, and safety benefits of greenways and other multi-modal infrastructure. Current greenway efforts undertaken by Conserving Carolina and their local government partners include the Cane Creek Greenway, Ecusta Trail, Mills River Valley Trail, and the Oklawaha Greenway.

Vice Chair Joe Sanders discussed the health benefits of greenways especially considering the older local population. He also stated that transportation projects should be created from the perspective of how to move people and not cars. Councilman Dockendorf asked how much money was needed for the acquisition of the Ecusta Trail. Mrs. Robinson replied that the organization is currently awaiting a finalized appraisal. Mrs. Kumor asked Mrs. Robinson to explain the process of how Conserving Carolina works with the public to allow

greenways on private property. Rebekah explained that her organization works with the private landowners in a variety of ways: Conserving Carolina accepts donations of right-of-way or easements, sometimes they buy pieces of a property or a whole property, and they can create a conservation easement that allows for greenway access.

**Updates & Other Business:**

**NCDOT**

Division 14 Henderson Co. Construction Update - November 2019				
TIP#	Route	Location Description	Completion Date	Completion %
	SR-1819	-L- SR 1819 (MILLS ST) AND -Y2- SR 1821 (W KING ST)	12/8/2019	100%
R-5207C	SR-1006	SR 1006 (HOWARD GAP RD) FROM SR 1539 (JACKSON RD.) TO US 25 IN FLETCHER	Spring 2020	76%
R-5771	SR-1690	SR 1690 (BROADPOINTE DRIVE) INCLUDING BRIDGE #107 MCDOWELL CREEK	12/31/2019	90%
U-5105	NC-225	HENDERSONVILLE - NC 225/ SR 1164 (ERKWOOD DRIVE) / SR 1779 (SHEPHERD STREET)	6/27/2020	56%
U-5840	SR-1547	SR-1547 (OLD AIRPORT RD) FROM US-25 TO MILL GAP RD.	Jul-21	37%

Division 14 Henderson Co. Projects in Development Update - November 2019				
Project ID	Description	R/W Begins	Let Date	Status
47849	ADD RIGHT TURN LANE, RESET CURB & GUTTER, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON US 25N AT THE INTERSECTION OF SR 1503, N MAIN STREET	NA	5/26/2020	Active
R-2588B	NC 191 FROM SR 1381 (MOUNTAIN ROAD) TO NC 280 SOUTH OF MILLS RIVER	10/31/2019	6/20/2023	Active
R-5748	SR 1127 (KANUGA ROAD) FROM US 25 BUSINESS (CHURCH STREET) TO SR 1123 (LITTLE RIVER ROAD). UPGRADE ROADWAY.	10/10/2020	10/18/2022	Hold
U-5783	US 64 FROM SR 1180(BLYTH STREET) TO SR SR 1173 (WHITE PINE DRIVE)/SR 1186 (DANIEL DRIVE). WIDEN ROADWAY.	1/17/2020	5/21/2024	Hold
U-5886	SR 1170 (WHITE STREET) FROM SR 1171 (WILLOW ROAD) TO US 176 (SPARTANBURG HIGHWAY). REALIGN AND EXTEND ROADWAY	9/30/2019	10/18/2022	Active
U-5887	SR 1783 (HIGHLAND LAKE ROAD) FROM NC 225 TO US 176. UPGRADE ROADWAY	7/1/2019	12/8/2020	Active
U-6049	NC 225 (SOUTH MAIN STREET) FROM SOUTH MAIN STREET AT SOUTH KING STREET TO US 176 WIDEN BRIDGE 143 TO 5 LANES	9/30/2019	10/19/2021	Active
U-6124	NC 280 (BOYLSTON HIGHWAY) HENDERSON HIGHWAY AT NC 191 (HAYWOOD ROAD) TO NC 191 (OLD HAYWOOD ROAD). CONSTRUCT ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS.	11/15/2023	11/18/2025	Hold

**Town of Fletcher**

Councilman Davy updated the TAC that Fletcher plans to complete its streetscaping project in the spring. He also let the TAC know that he created an easy to follow guide regarding the process of road projects for public use (the guide can be found on the County’s website here). Mr. Joe Sanders also added that the Town kicked off its Bike/Ped Master Plan in October.

**City of Hendersonville**

Councilman Caraker updated the TAC that the City is almost finished with its repaving and restriping project as well as its streetscaping projects on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. for the new Greystone building. He also stated that this would be his last TAC meeting. Councilman Caraker said the committee makes important decisions and he urges to take Dr. Shelton’s comments seriously because the TAC cannot turn a blind eye to these difficult decisions. The Chair thanked Councilman Caraker for his service.

**Henderson County**

Commissioner Lapsley reminded the TAC that the County Board is interested in the TAC's advice. He also updated the TAC that he serves on a state board to help figure out various transportation investment opportunities for the state considering their recent cash flow issues.

Town of Laurel Park

Councilman George Banta appreciates NCDOT and their work on the US 64 project but expressed his wish for a sooner let date because the project has been in the works for over 15 years and is greatly needed.

Village of Flat Rock

Councilman Dockendorf stated that this was also his last meeting. He stated that new Councilwoman Coletta is very knowledgeable of the transportation planning process. He also stated that he fears the "killing" of the Highland Lake Road project since it will have a big impact and does not negatively affect any homes or businesses. Councilman Dockendorf echoed the statements of Councilman Caraker and Dr. Shelton that change needs to be made. The Chair thanked Councilman Dockendorf for his service.

Other Updates

Chair Waddell thanked Renee Kumor for her many years of leadership on this committee.

**Next Meeting:**

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2020 (was later rescheduled for January 13, 2020).

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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Beau Waddell, Chair  
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee