**Henderson County**

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 16, 2022**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on March 16, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room and online via Microsoft Teams.

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| **Voting Member** | **Present** | **Not in Attendance** |
| Beau Waddell, Chair at-large  |  | √ |
| Joe Sanders, Vice-Chair at-large | √ |  |
| Jay Egolf, at-large | √ |  |
| Sam Henderson, at-large | √ |  |
| Rebecca McCall, Henderson County  | √ |  |
| Bill Lapsley, Henderson County  | **√** |  |
| Jennifer Hensley, City of Hendersonville  | **√** |  |
| Anne Coletta, Village of Flat Rock  | √ |  |
| Shanon Gonce, Town of Mills River  | √ |  |
| Bob Davy, Town of Fletcher | √ |  |
| George Banta, Town of Laurel Park |  | **√** |

Also present: Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner; Chris Todd, Director of Business and Community Development; Lonnie Watkins, NCDOT; and Chuck McGrady, N.C. Board of Transportation member at-large; Mayor Carey O’Cain of the Town of Laurel Park

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

**Public Comment:**

No comment.

**Approval of Agenda & Minutes:**

Mr. Bob Davey, Mayor Pro-tem, moved that the minutes be approved, and Mayor Shanon Gonce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Henderson County 2045 Comprehensive Plan**

Mrs. Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner, discussed with the TAC potential goals, recommendations, and action steps that could be in the transportation aspects of the county’s new comprehensive plan. Great emphasis was placed on connectivity between jurisdictions through multi-modal infrastructure. It was also mentioned to have various levels of infrastructure that serve diverse types of users. Transit service and the need for “park and ride” facilities on major roadways and interstates were mentioned as well. The TAC will vet the formal draft plan sometime in late summer/early fall.

[NCDOT Update](https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/032022_Div14_FBRMPO-Const_Update-combined.pdf)

Mr. Lonnie Watkins gave an update on NCDOT projects in construction and in development:

* N. Highland Lake Rd. – Contractor is beginning work
* Green River Bridge – Began pouring concrete median
* I-26 – Rest area on eastbound side should be open by Easter and westbound should be open May 24th; traffic shifts continue
* I-26 Saluda Grade – replacing pipes may cause disruption

Development

* US 64 – ROW June 2022; Let May 2024
* White St – ROW December 2023; Let October 2025
* Hwy 191 – currently in ROW; let 10/25/22
* 5 Points Area – Schedule modified due to funding; 9 month waiting period for poles, plan to let in October and construct in summer of ‘23
* King St. – resurface in this paving season or the next

Mr. Watkins also commented that a temporary signal at the apple orchards can be requested during the peal season if the business owner requests it.

City of Hendersonville

Council Member Hensley said that the City of Hendersonville is in the process of updating its pedestrian plan. The City is forming a steering committee that will be meeting regularly over the course of the next year.

Village of Flat Rock

Vice-Mayor Coletta said that Flat Rock intends on adopting the final version of its Comprehensive Plan this spring.

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Commissioner McCall announced the Ecusta Trail project received $7.5 million in additional funding from the state legislature.

Town of Mills River

Mayor Gonce said that Mills River is considering action to preserve farmland from development. He asked the other committee members to consider ways their jurisdictions can assist with preserving farmland throughout the county.

Town of Laurel Park

Mayor O’Cain stated the road leading to Jump Off Rock services too great a level of traffic for what it was built for. He requests NCDOT take control of that road and upgrade it to meet its level of usage.

**Next Meeting:**

The next TAC meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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Beau Waddell, Chair

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