

**Henderson County  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: June 21, 2023**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a regularly scheduled meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. in the King Street Meeting Room and online via Microsoft Teams. Voting members present online are denoted with the letter “O”.

Voting Member	Present	Absent
Beau Waddell, Chair at-large	√	
Joe Sanders, Vice-Chair at-large		O
Sam Henderson, at-large	√	
Warren Ladbrook, at-large	√	
Rebecca McCall, Henderson County		O
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		O
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	

Also present at the table: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director; Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO; and Troy Wilson, NCDOT. Steve Williams, NCDOT, and Chris Todd, Business and Community Development Director joined remotely.

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

**Public Comment:**

The TAC heard from one member of the public concerning the presentation at the last meeting on autonomous vehicles and the importance to plan for the future of this technology.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

Vice Mayor Anne Coletta moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Shanon Gonce seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Discussion:**

**Discussion on Prioritization (P 7.0)**

After a multi-year pause due to a multitude of factors, the NCDOT is pushing forward with another round of SPOT. Mr. Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO Director provided a presentation and overview to the TAC on the next round of prioritization (P 7.0). Mr. Winkler asked the TAC to provide a list of projects to submit for preliminary scoring. Specifically, Henderson County needs to submit seven highway projects and seven bike/ped projects. The MPO will do a round of amendments to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) if needed since any project scored must be in an adopted plan, either the CTP or MTP. There are existing projects that are considered carryovers that did not make the cut in P6, and they will be rescored automatically and not count towards the County’s total projects. Different from previous rounds, the state’s new Complete Streets Policy is in place so any bike/ped project submitted that is in a locally adopted plan (e.g., Henderson County’s Greenway Master Plan) will be 100% covered by NCDOT just like a regular road project. A 20% match will be required for any project not in a locally adopted plan. This is the very beginning of the process, and the TAC will continue to be involved for months to come, just like in the past rounds of SPOT. Based on meeting discussion, it was requested that Mr. Winkler return in July and the group discuss these projects further.

**Updates:**

## NCDOT Update

*See attached PDF of Division 14 Project Updates.*

## Village of Flat Rock

Vice Mayor Coletta updated members on N Highland Lake Rd construction and current detours that send folks on less busy roads, but it still seems many people are using W Blue Ridge Rd. They are receiving many calls about the road closures. She also mentioned that 180 days was added to the proposed end date.

## Henderson County

Commissioner Lapsley did not have any transportation updates.

## Town of Laurel Park

Councilman George Banta reported that the Council let a bid for their road pavings. Work will begin soon and hopefully finish by early fall.

## Town of Mills River

Mayor Gonce did not have any transportation updates.

## City of Hendersonville

No updates.

## Town of Fletcher

Councilman Davy thanked NCDOT for meeting with residents who were concerned about I-26 road noise and a possible sound wall.

## At-large/Staff Updates

Mr. Joe Sanders shared that he was approached by folks who are concerned about the visibility on Ransier Rd. off of Hebron Rd in Laurel Park and the County's jurisdiction. NCDOT will follow up.

Mr. Sam Henderson asked for clarification on the cascading of the US64/I-26 interchange; Tristan let him know there is no overlap.

Mrs. Autumn Radcliff stated that the comment period is still open until July 15<sup>th</sup> for the bridge replacement on US 64. She also gave an update about fellow staff member, Janna Bianculli who is recovering from injuries related to a car accident. Mrs. Radcliff stated that she would make any meeting materials available upon request.

## **Next Meeting:**









The next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.

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Beau Waddell, Chair  
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee

# NCDOT Henderson County Projects

Project	Status	Projected Costs	% Complete	Projected Completion	Comments
U-5887 N. Highland Lake Rd.		\$6.7 M	9%	Mar 2024	Work has started – revised Completion TBD
I-26 Green River Bridge Rehab		\$25 M	55.5%	Jun 2024	Currently tracking behind schedule
I-4400BB, I-4400C I-26		\$271 M	66.5%	Feb 2025	On schedule – Expect Substantially Complete by 5/2024
Commercial Blvd Ext		\$842 K	99%	Oct 2023	Substantially Complete
I-26 / US 25 Sinkhole		\$1.4 M	99%	Apr 2023	Substantially Complete
Contract Resurfacing King St. / N. Main		\$2.5 M	0%	Oct 2024	King Street – Summer 2023 Church Street – Summer 2024
SM-6114C US 25 B / N. Main St.		\$875K	0%	Mar 2024	Let – 4/25/2023
<b>Non – Henderson County Projects of interest</b>					
I-26 Drainage Saluda Grade		\$16.5 M	56%	Mar 2024	

# Henderson County Projects in Development

TIP	Route	Project	Estimated Cost	Projected to ROW	Projected LET	Comments
U-5783	US 64	SR 1180 (Blythe St) to SR 1173 White Pine Dr/SR 1186 Daniel Dr) Widen Roadway	\$31.75 M	Jul 2021	May 2024	Estimate updated here to reflect total cost including ROW and Utilities
U-5886/ U-6049	SR 1170 NC 225 S. Main	Realign and Extend Roadway	\$46.1 M	Dec 2022	Oct 2025	ROW plans complete - Estimate updated here to reflect total cost including ROW and Utilities
R-2588B	NC 191	NC 280 to SR 1381 (Mountain Rd) Widen Roadway	\$124.9 M	Apr 2021	Jul 2024	Expect Utility relocation to begin when Federal permits are issued
EB-5963	SR 1764	S. Grove St – Construct Sidewalk	\$2.7 M	Jul 2025	Jul 2026	
EB-5860	SR 2162	Blythe St – Construct Sidewalk	\$2.1 M	Sep 2025	Sep 2026	
EB-5946	NC 280	Mills River – Construct MUP	\$11.6 M			Under Review