

**Henderson County  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE: June 3, 2024**

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a special called meeting on June 3rd 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	√	
Sam Henderson, Vice-Chair at-large		√
Dawn Barr, at-large	√	
Warren Ladbrook, at-large	√	
Rebecca McCall, Henderson County	√	
Bill Lapsley, Henderson County	√	
Jennifer Hensley, City of Hendersonville (alternate, John Connet)	√	
Anne Coletta, Village of Flat Rock	√	
Shanon Gonce, Town of Mills River	√	
Jim Player, Town of Fletcher	√	
George Banta, Town of Laurel Park	√	

Also present at the table: Autumn Radcliff, Planning Director; Janna Bianculli, Senior Planner; Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO; and Rusty Darnell, NCDOT.

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

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

Vice Mayor Anne Coletta moved to approve, and Councilman Jim Player seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Discussion:**

**SPOT 7.0 Discussion**

Mr. Tristan Winkler presented on prioritization:

Prioritization helps determine which projects should be funded next. Regional impact projects (projects on US and NC highways) compete across regions. Ours is Region G, Divisions 13 and 14. Projects in this area compete for the same regional impact funds, distributed based on population. It should be noted that local input does play a role in what’s funded. Seventy percent comes from the quantitative score, and 30% comes from local input. The funding time period is between 2026 and 2035. Region G is expected to have -\$191 million during that time. The chances of something being funded in this round are very unlikely.

After a thoughtful discussion on improving safety and prioritizing areas with poor access management over widenings, Mr. John Connet made a motion. The motion included keeping project numbers 1 and 5-8 in the same order but rearranging projects 2-4 so that number 2 becomes US176, number 3 NC 280, and number 4 US 25 Business at N Main St. Mayor Gonce seconded the motion. The motion carried. The revised order is attached.

**Updates:**

### NCDOT Update

Please see the attached document for construction and development updates. Mr. Rusty Darnell elaborated on some projects of note, including the 26-25 interchange, which was scheduled to be completed in July '24 but is 46% complete—it should be substantially complete by the end of the summer. Green River is 70% complete and scheduled to be complete by February '26, but it is now likely late summer '26. I-26 is tracked to be substantially complete by the end of the summer. The North Main /US 25 Business is showing 83% completion. Erosion inspections and permits have been granted, and the project is expected to be closed out in the next couple of months. Ecusta Trail is on its way. I-26 drainage at Saluda Grade is 70% complete and should be done by late summer. There has been no change in delivery dates for projects under development since March. S. Mills Gap Bridge is still under design, but they hope it will be open by April '25. Vice Mayor Anne Coletta commented that Steve Williams gave an update on N. Highland Lake Rd. at the last MPO meeting, which included a new completion date of July 2025. Rusty couldn't confirm, but Steve was online and confirmed that the date did change. Commissioner Bill Lapsley pointed out a typo on the spreadsheet: it states that the Ecusta Trail cost \$1.19 million when it should be \$11.19 million.

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Commissioner McCall shared that the Ecusta Trail is well on its way to completion.

### Village of Flat Rock

Vice Mayor Anne Coletta stated that North Highland Lake Rd. is closed to through traffic at the Greenville Hwy section. She hopes it will only last a few more months.

### Town of Mills River

Mayor Gonce shared that he traveled on Cane Creek to Fairview and noticed that the preschool play area is dangerous near the road. Some sort of barrier is needed to ensure that no cars travel into the play area. He also said he requested NCDOT to place signage on Hooper Lane to improve safety. He stated that a guardrail was requested at Pleasant Grove/Etowah School. Rusty responded that the guardrail was already put in.

### Members At Large

Mr. Warren Ladbrook asked for an update on Ecusta Trail Partners. Mrs. Janna Bianculli responded that a meeting is coming up soon, and the group is active. Dawn Barr shared that she recently attended a traffic safety conference and learned a lot about the intricacies of transportation planning, data collection, and analysis. Mr. Tristan Winkler shared about the Safe Streets for All leadership summit the next day and starting that work.

### Next Meeting:

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

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Beau Waddell, Chair  
Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee

\*Anyone can request a copy of the meeting recording by contacting County staff.

# REGIONAL IMPACT PROJECTS - P 7 - HENDERSON COUNTY

\*Revised ranking in pink\*

	Route / Facility / Project Name	From / Cross Street / Location	To / Cross Street	Description	Specific Improvement Type	Cost to NCDOT	Statewide Mobility Quantitative Score (Out of 100)	Regional Impact Quantitative Score (Out of 70)	Division Needs Quantitative Score (Out of 50)
1.	US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	SR 1345 (Butler Bridge Road)	N/A	Upgrade intersection, constructing right turn lanes and a median on US 25 and dedicating an extra lane to left turn movements on US 25 northbound. Construct right turn lanes on Butler Bridge Rd and dedicate a lane to left turn movements. Construct side path on East side of US 25 with pedestrian crossings at the intersection.	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 6,400,000	N/A	47.42	35.07
3.	NC 280 (Boylston Highway)	NC 191 Northern Intersection (Old Haywood Road)	NC 191 Southern Intersection (Old Haywood Road)	Construct access management and intersection improvements.	11 - Access Management	\$ 40,500,000	N/A	39.91	30.36
4.	US 25 Business (Asheville Highway)	North Main St	N/A	Construct roundabout	10 - Improve Intersection	\$ 11,900,000	N/A	38.87	29.72
2.	US 176 (Spartanburg Highway)	NC 225	SR 1783 (Upward Road)	Construct median, sidewalk, and side path along road. Attempt to consolidate driveway cuts.	11 - Access Management	\$ 121,700,000	N/A	33.26	25.68
5.	NC 191	US 25 (Asheville Highway)	SR 1381 (Mountain Road)	Widen to Multi-Lanes.	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 119,400,000	N/A	29.19	22.06
6.	US 64 (Chimney Road)	SR 1574 (Fruitland Road)	SR 1602 (Gilliam Mountain Road)	Bring road up to standards (lane width, paved shoulders). Construct side path.	16 - Modernize Roadway	\$ 99,800,000	N/A	24.96	18.62
7.	NC 280 (Asheville Highway)	Northern Termini of R-5799	SR 1323 (Brickyard Road)	Upgrade roadway, Eliminate 5 lane section to 4 lane divided add multi use path on one side and bike lanes. Widen 4 lane undivided section to four lane divided with a 17.5' median. Continue Multi use path and bike lanes.	11 - Access Management	\$ 93,800,000	N/A	22.28	15.96
8.	NC 191 (Brevard Road / Old Haywood Road)	NC 280 (Boylston Highway)	To SR 3498 (Ledbetter Road)	Widen to Multi-Lanes with Bicycle Lanes	1 - Widen Existing Roadway	\$ 68,700,000	N/A	15.13	11.63

# NCDOT Henderson County Projects

Project	Projected Costs	% Complete	Projected Completion	Comments
U-5887 N. Highland Lake Rd.	\$6.7 M	46.2%	Jul 2024	Revised Completion TBD
I-26 Green River Bridge Rehab	\$25 M	68.8%	Feb 2026	Currently tracking behind schedule
I-4400BB, I-4400C I-26	\$271 M	82.9%	Feb 2025	On schedule – Expect Substantially Complete by 7/2024
Contract Resurfacing King St. / N. Main	\$2.5 M	85.8% (King St.)	Oct 2024	King Street – to complete 2024 Church Street – to start summer 2024
SM-6114C US 25 B / N. Main St.	\$875K	83.4%	Feb 2024	Substantially complete – waiting for permanent vegetation
BL-0007 Ecusta Trail	\$1.19 M	10%	Oct 2024	Construction underway
<b>Non – Henderson County Projects of interest</b>				
I-26 Drainage Repairs Saluda Grade	\$16.5 M	70.3%	Mar 2024	

# Henderson County Projects in Development

TIP	Route	Project	Estimated Cost	Projected to ROW	Projected LET	Comments
BL-0008	N/A	Clear Creek Greenway – Berkely Mills Park to Lakewood Rd	\$ 1.8 M		Jun 2024	Non-NCDOT LET (LAP)
BL-0078	N/A	Ecusta Trail – US 64 to Transylvania County line	\$ 13.1 M		Sep 2027	Non-NCDOT LET (LAP)
BR-0083	US 64	Bridge Replacement (Structures 440057 and 440155)	\$22.1 M	Dec 2024	Apr 2027	
N/A	SR 1586	Replace/Repair Bridge 440036 – To be accomplished by State forces – preliminary work is underway	TBD	TBD	TBD	S. Mills Gap Rd. – Jan 9 storm event
EB-5860	SR 2162	Blythe St – Construct Sidewalk	\$2.1 M	Sep 2025	Sep 2026	Non-NCDOT LET (LAP)
EB-5963	SR 1764	S. Grove St – Construct Sidewalk	\$2.7 M	Jul 2025	Jul 2026	Non-NCDOT LET (LAP)
I-4400BA	I-26 / US 64	Exit 49 Interchange	\$29.5 M*		Jan 2029	* Estimate date June 2021 – does not have any R/W costs - expect increases due to market and final scope
R-2588B	NC 191	NC 280 to SR 1381 (Mountain Rd) Widen Roadway	\$151.8 M	Apr 2021	Aug 2025	Estimate updated Utility relocation has commenced
U-5783	US 64	SR 1180 (Blythe St) to SR 1173 White Pine Dr/SR 1186 (Daniel Dr) Widen Roadway	\$31.8 M	Jul 2021	Jul 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 2026	ROW plans complete

\* Note: Dates are subject to change as funding is balanced.