
**Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes for July 13, 2021, 7:00 pm
County Commissioners Chambers**

I. WELCOME

Mr. Allen McNeill, Director of Planning and Community Development, started the meeting at 7:01PM. TAC members David Carter, Kenneth “Scott” McCall, Mark Tooley, Jimmy Whitmire, and Keith Wilmont were present. Aaron Bland (excused), Howard Granat (excused), Richard Houk RADM (unexcused), and Rick Lasater (excused) were absent from the meeting. Troy Wilson, Lonnie Watkins, and Steve Williams were present from NCDOT. Vicki Eastland was present from the Land of Sky Regional Planning Organization. Transylvania County staff present were Allen McNeill, Director, Darby Terrell, Planner, and April Alm, Transportation Planner. There were no members of the public or media present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided

III. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mr. McNeill called for nominations for the Chair position. Mark Tooley motioned to nominate David Carter as Chair; Keith Wilmont seconded the motion. Mr. McNeill opened the floor for discussion, no discussion took place. From a rollcall vote, the Committee voted 5-0 to approve the nomination. The new Chair opened the floor for nominations of the Vice Chair position. Mr. McCall motioned to nominate Keith Wilmont as Vice Chair; Mr. Tooley seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed in a rollcall vote of 5-0.

IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

There were no proposed agenda modifications.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes (April 13th, 2021)

Mr. Tooley motioned to accept the changes presented in discussion. Mr. McCall seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The changes to be made are the correction of CTP and correcting Mr. McCall’s first name to Kenneth.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Update

Mr. Lonnie Watkins and Steve Williams updated the Committee on current projects and upcoming projects. Mr. Watkins informed the Committee that the

Davidson connector's side, closest to the Dollar General, will open later this year. Mr. Watkins also stated, during that time, DOT will start on the construction of the roundabout near the Credit Union. Mr. Watkins informed the committee of three projects that have been coupled together and started: the first is installing in a drainage box on Caldwell, the next project to be worked on this year is putting turn lanes near the Brevard Academy, and last is repaving work on North Country Club from Caldwell Street to the High School, over the next few years. Mr. Williams informed the Committee there are a few bridge projects that will be started soon. Mr. Watkins informed the Committee there will also be several roads resurfaced this summer. Mr. Williams updated the committee on the progress of Transylvania County, in which he stated the County is doing better than other Counties, by keeping a good portion of the planned projects active. He mentioned a few projects by name to the Committee. Committee members questioned Mr. Watkins on certain projects. Committee members discussed projects as well.

B. Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plant (CTP) Update

Ms. Vicki Eastland updated the board on the status of the CTP survey and the STIP projects for Transylvania County. Ms. Eastland showed the Committee the survey that will be used to get information from the public on the potential road projects. Ms. Eastland stated her goal is to have the survey out in September. Committee members asked Ms. Eastland questions.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Directors Report

Mr. Allen McNeill informed the Committee of the next TAC meeting, on Tuesday, October 12th, 2021, at 7:00PM.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the Public.

IX. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENT

Chair David Carter informed the Committee of a DOT article he found and asked them to investigate it if they have the chance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at 8:14 PM, Mr. Wilmont moved to adjourn the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting, and Mr. Whitmire seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Allen McNeill

Date

David Carter, Chair

Date