
**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 13, 2021, 7:01PM**

I. Welcome and Introductions:

Vice Chairman Dr. John Folger welcomed all Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) members and called the meeting to order. TAC members present were Vice Chair Dr. John Folger, Kenneth “Scott” McCall, Mark Tooley, and Jimmy Whitmire physically, while TAC members Howie Granat, RADM Richard Houck were present virtually. Aaron Bland (excused), David Carter (excused), and Keith Wilmont (unexcused) were absent from the meeting. From NCDOT, Troy Wilson, Lonnie Watkins, and Steve Williams were virtually present. From the Land of Sky Regional Planning Organization, Vicki Eastland was present virtually. 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. Agenda Modifications:

There were no Agenda modifications.

III. Consent Agenda:

Mr. Tooley motioned **to approve the minutes from the October meeting**. Mr. Whitmire seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

IV. New Business

A. CTP and STIP – Update

Mr. McNeill explained that the acronyms: **CTP** stands for the **County Transportation Plan** and **STIP** stands for the **State Transportation Improvement Plan**.

Ms. Vicki Eastland, the representative from Land of Sky RPO (Rural Planning Organization), the regional planning agency helped give the committee an update on the status of the CTP survey by showing an example of Yancy County who has their survey live. Ms. Eastland explained how the survey dynamics work, where citizens could find documents explaining the road projects that will be listed for Transylvania County and answered any questions that were asked by the Committee members. Ms. Eastland also updated the Committee on the recent status of the STIP projects for the County. She informed the Committee there were no current STIP updates. Dr. Folger discussed with the Committee and staff of a 2001 NCDOT Highway project report and discussed some concerns on roads that flood and the need of their improvement.

B. NCDOT Project Update

Mr. Lonnie Watkins, NCDOT representative, updated the Committee on current changes to projects under way currently and active projects that are currently on hold. Mr. Watkins answered questions from Committee members. Table below shows the projects.

TIP/WBS	NAME	ROUTE	DESCRIPTION	DIVISION Contact	ROW Begins	LET
R-5763	Wilson Road	SR 1540	Upgrade. 20' paved roadway with 6' grass shoulders. (Current - 18' with 4' grass shoulders)	Garrett Higdon	6/30/2019, 8/10/2020, 2/14/2022	1/17/2023, 06/15/2021, 9/20/22, 9/19/2023
R-5800	US 276 Access Mgmt	US 64	US 64, US 276, Fortune Cove Rd to US 64 Bus (N Caldwell St.). Access	Barry Mosteller	7/31/2019; 6/19/2020, 12/18/2020, 12/16/2022	9/21/2021; 9/17/2024
R-5799	Pisgah Forest Intersection	US 276/US 64	Planning and Enviro Only (10/2016), US 64, 276, 280	Barry Mosteller	3/27/2020, 9/25/2020,7/16/2021	3/16/2021, 8/17/2021; 8/15/2023
R-5865	US 276	US 276	Construct 3 lane section from US 276 to Avery Creek Trail	Barry Mosteller	6/30/2020; 5/15/22	FY 2020; 8/10/2021, 8/25/2020, 9/13/2022; 9/12/2023
47850	North Country Club	SR 1116	From US 64 to Woodland Terrace	Stacy Oberhausen		3/12/2019, 4/23/2019, 05/12/2020; 5/11/2021, 5/2022
SS-4914CV (44967.1.1)	US 276 Sight Distance	US 276	US 276 approximately 1.0 miles south of the Haywood County Line, near Brevard. Remove embankment to improve sight distance around switchback curve on US 276	Garrett Higdon		FY 2020, 06/09/2020, 10/12/2021, 10/11/2022
EB-5858	Davidson River Bridge	US 276	Bike Ped, Bridge across Davidson River	Barry Mosteller	8/13/2023	FY2023??? SPR 2019, 9/30/2022, 9/26/2024
EB-6037B	Ecusta Trail		Convert Rail to Trail	Stacy Oberhausen	7/1/2021; 9/30/2021	
44883	Brevard Academy	US 64	Construct left turn lane on US 64 at Brevard Academy in the City of Brevard	Lonnie Watkins		

C. Directors Report

Mr. Allen McNeill updated the Committee on the next meeting which is on Tuesday, July 13th, 2021 at 7:00pm, and two members will be coming off the Committee. Those two members are Mr. David Carter the Chair and Dr. John Folger the Vice Chair.

V. Committee Member and Public Comment

There were no comments from the Public or from Committee members.

VI. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on July 13th, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the County Commissioners Chambers.

VII. Adjourn:

There being no further business at 8:22PM, Mr. McCall **moved to adjourn the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting**, and Mr. Tooley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Darby Terrell Date

Chair Date