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**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**October 18, 2022, 6:00PM**

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM. Mr. David Carter, Mr. Scott McCall, Mr. Mark Tooley and Mr. Jimmy Whitmire were present. Mr. Howie Granat (excused), Mr. Rick Lasater (excused), and Mr. Keith Wilmont were not present. Mr. Troy Wilson, Mr. Steve Williams and from North Carolina DOT were also in attendance. Ms. Vicki Eastland from Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization (RPO) was in attendance as well. There was one member of the public present.
- II. **Public Comment:** There was no public comments.
- III. **Agenda Modifications:** There were no proposed agenda modifications.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:**
  - A. Minutes (July 12, 2022)  
There was no discussion of the consent agenda. Mr. Scott moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Tooley seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the motion carried.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. NCDOT State STIP Program Update  
Ms. Vicki Eastland and Mr. Steve Williams gave updates on the STIP Program. She discussed the new funding that will be included that will come from the sales tax, starting this upcoming year at 2%, this percentage will be increased each year. This has allowed projects to be slated closer to their original date to start construction.
  - B. NCDOT Current Project Update:  
Mr. Steve Williams discussed the table that was provided to the committee (See Attachment A). Mr. Williams answered clarifying questions from the committee members about the projects listed and other projects coming up. He updated the committee on projects that are currently ongoing. He updated the committee on the Wilson Road project stating it will be finished at the end of the year, the Green Road bridge project is 80% complete, Middle Fork Road bridge is 70% complete. Committee members asked about the upcoming roundabout project on US 64, Mr. Williams and Mr. Troy Wilson answered it would be a two-lane roundabout that would allow the right lane to exit.

**C. Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Update:**

Ms. Vicki Eastland presented what was discussed at the last CTP workshop meeting. She informed the committee of the reason for delay for the survey and discussed the updated maps that were created. There will be a survey opened for public comment and input sent out after the CTP's next meeting in November. This will be opened in the middle of November till the middle of January. Ms. Eastland will be working with county staff to help promote the survey as well as find ways for the county to provide citizens access to the survey since it will be only online. She answered the committees' clarifying questions about the CTP update and the survey that will be sent out.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. Director's Report:**

Ms. Terrell gave an update on the increase of ridership with the Fixed Route, under the Transportation Program of the department. The Planning and Community Development Director position is vacant, the County has finished collecting the applications for the position as of September 30th. The next TAC meeting will take place on Tuesday January 12, 2022 at 6:00PM in the Cooperative Extension Conference Room, and the Comprehensive Transportation Plan will be available for the public to view and comment on during the meeting.

**VII. Public Comment:**

Mr. Harold Paxton discussed his concern for the increased traffic on Hannah Ford Road and the need of a bike lane. He gave the committee information on the traffic counters of Hannah Ford Road. He explained that he had signs created to help slow down traffic, though it didn't seem to help at all. He also shared the email response he received from a representative at DOT about the issues he discussed. Mr. Paxton stated he wanted to see the speed limit reduced as well as a weight limit on Hannah Ford Road to reduce larger tractor trailers to use the road. (See Attachment B)

**VIII. Committee Members' Comments:**

Chair David Carter discussed concerns with the increase of traffic on US 64 going into Rosman, and it will only increase once the water and sewer project is completed going to Gaia Herb. He also discussed the about the culvers collapsing from a bus driver, as well as asking about an update on how DOT could help cut down trees on NC 215, which could be hazards going forward. Mr. Williams informed that DOT needed to receive a letter from either this committee or the County Commissioners informing them of the hazards of the trees and to have them cut down, due to it being a US Forest Service property. The committee discussed, and the Chair informed them he would resend the letter to staff.

Mr. Jimmy Whitmire discussed issues he had seen with increase traffic on 64, his concern with the Green Road Bridge as well as what he perceived to be an upcoming issue in the future. He also asked the present NCDOT members about the project near Brevard Academy. Ms. Eastland and Mr. Williams informed him that project should be near completion, but it is being done at the same time as another project with the same contractor.

Mr. McCall moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tooley seconded the motion. All present members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14PM.

 11/10/23  
Darby Terrell, Planner Date

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Chair Date