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TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2019, 7:00 PM

I. Welcome & Introductions:

Chairman David Carter welcomed all members. Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Members attending were Chair David Carter, Vice-Chair John Folger, Daniel Cobb, Richard Houck, Raymond Norris, Jimmy Whitmire, Mark Tooley and Keith Wilmot. Scott McCall was absent (excused). Others attending included Joy Fields, Transylvania County Planner; Steve Bzomowski, Senior Planner for Alta Planning and Design, Stephen Williams, NC DOT Division 14 Planning Engineer and Troy Wilson, Division 14 Corridor Development Engineer.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

Raymond Norris moved to approve the modified agenda and Keith Wilmot seconded the motion, which carried. Raymond Norris asked why the September meeting minutes had been modified, and staff shared that Mark Tooley had requested that there be clarification over how the total available budget can impact the projects that are funded through the STIP process regardless of the prioritization of the projects. Raymond Norris moved to approve the modified meeting minutes from September and the October meeting minutes and Keith Wilmot seconded the motion, which carried

III. Old Business:

A. Comprehensive Bicycle Plan for Transylvania County:

- Steve Bzomowski provided a presentation on the draft bicycle plan (attached). TAC members discussed the plan including:
    - Raymond Norris commented that the article in the Transylvania Times was great and asked if there was a way to highlight the operational aspect for cyclists including guidance on the different types of cyclists and how they require different infrastructure such as expert cyclists using paved shoulders, while greenways and separated facilities are needed for average and younger riders. Steve Bzomowski shared that the stakeholder group had discussed different types of cyclists and that the draft plan tries to facilitate all users by offering a comprehensive network of bicycle infrastructure.
    - John Folger asked if motorized scooters were included in the draft bicycle plan. Steve Bzomowski shared that there is no statewide guidance on policies to address the motorized scooters, although they are becoming more common. David Carter shared that there is already a Transylvania County business renting motorcycles that may start renting scooters if it becomes profitable.
    - Rich Houck asked if there were considerations for e-bikes? Steve Bzomowski shared that e-bikes or electric assist bikes have to follow the same regulations as normal bicycles.

- US 276 safety improvement project has been let.
- Several bridge replacement projects are in process
- Daniel Cobb asked about the Kings Creek Bridge and Steve Williams responded that it was on the schedule to begin construction in 2019 but right-of-way would need to be obtained before construction begins.
- Pisgah Intersection is still on schedule to have right-of-way purchased in 2019 with construction scheduled to begin in 2022.
- R 5800/Asheville Highway is scheduled to have right-of-way purchased in 2020 with construction scheduled to begin in 2022.
- The Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) project along US 276 from NC 280 to Avery Creek Road is federally funded and funding has not been released. No design work has been done.
- N. Country Club intersection with US 64 was funded in the Regional Project Tier and is in the developmental STIP.
- Davidson River Bike/Ped Bridge hit archeological resources during environmental review and a mitigation plan is currently being reviewed.

V. Committee Member and Public Comment

- John Folger asked if there was a possibility of having a joint meeting with the City of Brevard Planning Board, Transylvania County Planning Board and the Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee. Daniel Cobb and Joy Fields said they would look into that possibility.
- Rick Houck asked how the snow removal process compared to previous snows. David Carter said it was one of the best snow removal efforts in recent history. Keith Wilmot said it was one of the best in the upper part of the county. Mark Tooley said that Rich Mountain Road still did not have the gravel portion plowed when the paved portions were initially plowed.

VI. The next regularly scheduled is April 9, 2019.

Adjourn: With no further business, Daniel Cobb moved to adjourn and Raymond Norris seconded the motion, which carried. The meeting adjourned around 8:30 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED

David Carter, Chairman

Staff

4-10-19
Date