

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2021

Members Present: Autumn Radcliff, Emily Scott-Cruz, Hope Prather, Jacki Hawkins, Janna Bianculli, Jimmie Brissie, Kat Nevel, Noah Henderson, Shannon Perry, and Trina Stokes

Members Absent: Bernard Clark, Terri D'Avanzo, Tim Jones, Tim McFalls, Victoria Cruz

WCCA Staff Present: David White, Felicia Sanchez, Jeff Roper, and Kim Hall

Welcome and Introductions:

Jeff Roper opened the meeting at 10:03 am by welcoming everyone. The meeting was then turned over to Chairperson, Noah Rose.

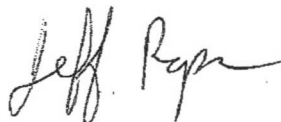
Noah introduced the following new members: Shannon Perry (WCCA Board Member), Kristen Martin (Thrive), and Peggy Allen (Hope Center of Hendersonville).

Minutes of Transportation Advisory Board Meeting:

Noah called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting of the Transportation Advisory Board. The minutes were approved with the addition of Paratransit pick up information. Hope Prather moved to approve the minutes. Shannon Perry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A New TAB Direction, Jeff Roper & David White:

- Jeff and David reported that while working through the current Safety Plan Review we discovered "Transit Advisor Board Orientation and Training Materials" release by NCDOT. (A copy was emailed to this body.) Jeff called a few other transportation directors and discussed the materials and the ins and outs of how they conduct their meetings and how they use their boards. We want to become a higher functioning board. To that end using this "manual" and the services of a consultant, we will be developing both a mission and vision statement along with setting some TAB goals. Part of the materials discuss funding decision-making. An example would be when ROAP funding was removed from the NCDOT budget, transit providers used CARES Act funding to provide the medical transportation for the elderly and disabled. Fortunately, now both the State House & Senate have bills in process to reinstate this funding. This is great news for us we work on budgets. This type of information that we want to equip our TAB members with. David reported that Land of Sky has done regional transportation studies along with local studies conducted by the County. We want to get this information into the boards hands as well. Emily Scot-Cruz supplied links to the Final Report and the Executive Summary for the Regional study. We will provide a power point presentation during the next meeting. The floor was opened for questions.



TAB Member News:

Update from French Broad River MPO, Emily Scott-Cruz reported:

- 5310 Call for Projects will be released at the end of September.

Update from ACT/WCCA, David White reported:

- We have started providing Medicaid transportation thru our ModivCare contract. ModivCare qualifies clients.

Update from Henderson County Emergency Services, Jimmie Brissie reported:

- The CDC is starting to expand and authorize booster shots for elderly and high-risk individuals. This might cause and increase in transportation needs for vaccination sites.

Update from Apple Country, Jeff Roper reported:

- The automatic passenger count system is in place. We will continue manual counts for one year to "vet" the system for accuracy to satisfy funding providers.
- Noah reported talking to two transit drivers. They really like the new scheduling software. It is easier and has more details.

Noah called for any further business. None was proffered.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM. We will meet virtually until further notice.

Adjourn: Noah call for a motion to adjourn. Hope Prather so motioned. Kat Nevel seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Land of Sky - Regional Study Links

<http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FBRMPO-Regional-Transit-Plan-Final-Report-August-2021.pdf>

http://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/FBRMPO-Regional-Transit-Plan_Executive-Summary_080521.pdf



Transit Advisory Board Members

Board Leadership

Noah Rose	Retired	Board Chair
Jeff Roper	WCCA	Transportation Director

General Board

Autumn Radcliff	Henderson County Planning	Planning Director
Bernard Clark	NCDOT	Transportation Planner
David White	WCCA	CEO
Emily Scott-Cruz	Land of Sky Regional Council	Regional Transportation Planner
Felicia Sanchez	WCCA	Transportation Program Assistant Manager
Hope Prather	Vocational Solutions	Production Coordinator
Jackie Hawkins	Blue Ridge Community Health Services	Director of Practice Operations
Janna Bianculli	Henderson County Planning	Planner III
Jimmie Brissie	Henderson County Emergency Services	Director
Kat Nevel	Council on Aging Henderson County	Director, Sammy Williams Senior Center
Kim Hall	WCCA	Executive Assistant
Kristen Martin	Thrive	Executive Director
Peggy Allen	The Hope Center of Hendersonville	Executive Director
Shannon Perry	WCCA Board Member	Content/Copy writer
Terri D'Avanzo	NCDHHS – Vocational Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation Counselor
Tim Jones	Hendersonville Rescue Mission	Vice President, COO
Tim McFalls	Henderson County Emergency Services	Logistics Officer
Trina Stokes	Advent Health	Major Gifts Officer / Foundation
Victoria Cortez	Henderson County Emergency Services	Emergency Management Planner

