

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2024

Members Present: Adam Olenik, Alicia Evans, Jackie Hawkins, Janna Bianculli, Noah Rose, Lee Stevens, Peggy Allen, Richard Reagen, Shannon Perry, Tristan Winkler, and Victoria Cortes. (11)

Members Absent: Brandi Claybrooks, Cheri Matthews, Emily Edmunds, Hope Prather, Scott Adams, Tom Stark, and Tim Jones. (7) Hope Prather resigned 08/02/24.

WCCA Staff Present: David White, Tim Camp, Bonnie Wilson and Kim Hall (4)

Welcome and Introductions:

Noah Rose opened the meeting at 10:00 am by welcoming everyone.

Public Comments: None was proffered.

Minutes of Transportation Advisory Board Meeting:

Noah called for questions and/or corrections regarding the minutes of the August 15, 2024 meeting of the TAB. Attendance needs to reflect that Alicia Evans attended. Noah called for motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2024 meeting with the correction. Janna Bianculli so moved. Alicia Evans seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes were approved as corrected.

WNCSource Transportation Directors Report, Tim Camp:

- North Carolina Storm Preparedness Drill: After the recent tropical storm, North Carolina decided to have a statewide drill to test and have systems report on how we prepared and how we were impacted. While we had no impact from this storm we did go through the exercise to help flush out our strengths and weaknesses. As part of the drill, we had our vehicles fully fueled and moved to higher ground. We also looked at alternative routes for flood prone areas. It was a good event for us.
- Staffing: We are currently fully staff on our CDL side. We have struggled a bit with Van drivers but have a few going through training as well. Their training should be completed this week.
- March accident update: The CNG bus involved in that accident is currently in Charlotte at the manufacturers facility. They will determine if it can be repaired or if it is a total loss. We hope to have decision of that this week.
- 5310 & 5311 Grants: We are working on our 24/25 and 25/26 grants.
- Fleet Status: We had vehicles reach 100,000-mile mark that have been placed on the replacement list. We are excited about this, as our fleet is getting older. We currently have nine vans that need replaced. We have two on order that should arrive in the fall. We are working to implement a better rotation plan that will keep the mileage spread out more evenly throughout the fleet, helping to hold down maintenance costs.

- Driver Training: We are working toward an annual training program that will reduce the amount of time spent over the course of the year tracking and getting required driver trainings completed.

Bonnie Wilson reported:

- MountainCare Adult Day Care contract is going well. It is a work in progress so we are tweaking as we move forward to provide the best service possible. We have created link routes that help us group services and make better use of our vehicles. Overall, we are seeing a rise in services.

TAB Member News:

Noah Rose reported:

Vocational Rehabilitation is changing their name to Employment and Independence for People with Disabilities or EPID.

Alicia Evans reported:

- We have a presentation from WNCSource Transportation scheduled for the October 18th for the Henderson County Aging Coalition meeting.
- Discussed the WISH Collaborative. They are working regionally to grow access for folks with lived experience and to help reduce barriers in transportation and other areas.

Adam Olenik reported:

- We have seen an uptick in referrals, so we need to talk with Bonnie and Tim to see if we can work something out with them.
- Our annual fundraiser is scheduled for October 12th. I posted a link in the chat window if anyone is interested in attending. <https://thrive4health.org/events/bids-blues/>

Triston Winkler reported:

The French Broad MPO is looking at our 25-year plan. It is called The Metropolitan Transportation Plan. We currently have a survey open for vision and goals. If you would like to complete the survey for this link. <https://frenchbroadrivermpo.org/elevate-2050>.

David White reported:

WNCSource is taking applications for board members if you are interested please contact him or Kim Hall. An application can be completed on our website. [www.wncsource.org/about/staff & board](http://www.wncsource.org/about/staff%20%26amp%20board)

Adjourn: Noah called for any other business. With no further business, Noah called for a motion to adjourn. Victoria Cortes so motioned. Shannon Perry seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM. We will meet virtually until further notice.

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Board Leadership

Noah Rose	Retired	Board Chair
Victoria Cortes	Henderson Co Emergency Mgmt Planner	Vice Chair
Tim Camp	WNCSource	Transportation, Facilities & Safety Director

General Board

Adam Olenik	Thrive	Clubhouse Director
Alicia Evans	Council on Aging Henderson County	Assistant Executive Director
Bonnie Wilson	WNCSource	Transportation Support Specialist
Brendi Claybrooks	NCDOT	Transportation Program Consultant
Cheri Matthews	Transportation Client	
David White	WNCSource	CEO
Jackie Hawkins	Blue Ridge Community Health Services	Director of Practice Operations
Janna Bianculli	Henderson County Planning	Planner III
Kim Hall	WNCSource	Executive Assistant, TAB Secretary
Lee Stevens	Henderson County Planning	Planner III
Peggy Allen	The Hope Center of Hendersonville	Executive Director
Richard Reagen	WNCSource	Board Member
Shannon Perry	WCCA Board Member	Content/Copy writer
Tristan Winkler	Land of Sky Regional Council	Transportation Planner
Tom Stark	Interfaith Assistance Ministry	Food Assistance Dept Manager
Tim Jones	Hendersonville Rescue Mission	Vice President, COO