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Transylvania County Commissioners
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Re: Transylvania County Road Project Prioritization for NC DOT Funding

Dear Commissioners:

On August 1st the Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee held a meeting to consider road improvement projects for Transylvania County. During the meeting, Vicki Eastland, Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Coordinator, provided the committee members with current data on safety concerns, potential cost, and congestion. Using this information, the Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Committee discussed, and prioritized the road projects for NC DOT, funding through the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) 5.0 process as follows:

1. **NC 280** (H170251) from Taco Bell to the North Transylvania Fire Department – convert existing 4 lane roadway to a 4 lane divided highway with 17.5' medians containing protected turn lanes to increase safety and reduce congestion;
2. **US 64** (H170396) from Clement Road (SR1337) to US 178 – widen existing road to 4 lane divided highway from Brevard to Rosman to reduce congestion and improve economic opportunities;
3. **Neely Road**, SR 1546 (H111133) including Chestnut Street, Park Avenue and Parkview Drive from US 64 to 276 – upgrade roadway to modern specifications with bike lanes on both sides and sidewalk on one side and improve intersections to increase safety and reduce congestion;
4. **US 64, South Broad Street, S. Caldwell Street and North Country Club Road Intersections** (H170394) – upgrade intersection to increase safety and reduce congestion;
5. **Ecusta Road**, NC 1512 (H150561) from US 64 to Wilson Road – upgrade roadway to modern specification and build to complete streets standards to increase safety and reduce congestion;
6. **US 178** (H090858) from Main Street in Rosman to Middle Fork Road – modernize roadway with wider lanes and paved shoulders to increase safety and reduce congestion;
7. **Old Hendersonville Highway**, SR 1504 (H170395) from Chestnut Street to Everette Farm Road – improve road conditions, modernize roadway and build to complete street standards;
8. **West Loop** (H090855), new route – construct two lane roadway from US 64 at chestnut to US 64 south of Brevard – widen existing roadway and construct part on new location to provide alternative local route;
9. **North Country Club Rd**, SR1116 (H111137) from US 64 to Barclay Road – upgrade roadway with sidewalks and paved shoulders; and
10. **Everette Farm Road**, SR1533, from Old Hendersonville Highway to Crab Creek Road – upgrade roadway with wider lanes and paved shoulders.

In addition to road projects Transylvania County can also submit bicycle and pedestrian projects for funding consideration. With this in mind, constructing a multi-use path along Main Street in Rosman (SR1156) is recommended as a submission for funding as a bicycle and pedestrian project.

The committee discussed pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure for each proposed project and encouraged cross sections of all submitted road projects to include changes that are consistent with the County's and NC DOT's concerns about road safety for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles.

Sincerely,



David Carter, Chair
Transylvania County Transportation Advisory Board

Cc: Jaime Laughter, County Manager
Steve Cannon, NC DOT District 14 Engineer
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