

**Transylvania County
Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Work Group
Meeting #3 Summary**

June 11, 2019

Attendees:

- Daniel Sellers, NCDOT TPD
- Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO
- Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14 Planning Engineer
- Troy Wilson, NCDOT Division 14 CDE
- David Carter, Transylvania Co. TAC
- Aaron Bland, City of Brevard
- Mack McNeely, Planning Board
- Amy Freeman Marques, Blue Ridge Community Health
- Mack McNeely, Planning Board
- Rick Houck Transylvania County TAC
- Kate Hayes, Transylvania Count Emergency Services
- Mark Tooley, Transylvania County TAC
- Daniel Cobb, City of Brevard
- John Ditillo,
- Lee McMinn, Military/Veterans/TNRC
- Don Surrette, Pisgah Forest Community
- John Ditillo
- Clark Lovelace, TDA
- Mark Burrows, Pedestrian

Introduction, group discussion and desired outcomes

Vicki Eastland welcomed the workgroup members to the Transylvania County CTP working group meeting No.3. She invited the group to ask questions from the previous meeting, and presented the desired outcomes:

- Work Group has a working understanding of **Safety** and **Modernizations** maps and **Bridge Deficiency** maps
- Work Group **provides direction** on **deficiencies** and **advises** project team on **additional highway needs**
- Work Group has a better understanding of Transylvania Co existing Public Transit Services
- Work Group **provides input** on **potential fixed route** and **pedestrian activity generators**
- Future meeting tentatively August 13, 3 – 4:30 at the Transylvania County Board of Elections building

NCDOT Division 14 Staff Recap Projects underway

Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14 Planning Engineer reviewed the projects currently under construction as well as the projects in design and their timelines.

Safety and Modernization Deficiencies

Daniel Sellers, NCDOT TPD provided the group with a series of maps including existing projects, proposed projects, roadways recommended for modernization (based on the NCDOT modernization recommendations table), Daniel also shared the definitions for Structurally Deficient and Structurally Obsolete bridges and shared a map of deficient Transylvania County bridges. Daniel then shared a map of all the existing, proposed projects and the roadways recommended for modernization. At this the group discussed additional roadway deficiencies including facility's with chronic flooding issues.

This list reflects roadways with flooding concerns:

- Hanna Ford
- Island Ford (Green Road)
- Hart Road, Barclay
- Wilson Road

Other roadways were identified for maintenance concerns,

- Silverstein Road, from Macedonia
- NC 281 to the Jackson County line

Other identified roadway issues including intersections:

- Realignment of Gallimore Rd, park view intersection.
- Improvements to Gallimore back to 64
- McClain/railroad intersection
- The Brevard Bypass was discussed, there were members of the group both for and against the bypass. City of Brevard representatives were opposed to the bypass stating concerns for the vibrancy of downtown. Other members were in support of the bypass stating that it would solve many of Transylvania County's traffic concerns.

Daniel then revisited the safety/Crash maps from the previous meeting and presented new maps identifying fatal and severe injury crash locations. The group reviewed and discussed these maps, the general consensus was that they identified the areas of safety concerns.

Existing Transit service in Transylvania County April Alm

April shared a presentation of current transit service with the group. See the PowerPoint Presentation.

Here is a list of future Public Transit Goals:

- Expand van service in underserved areas of County
 - Going further into rural areas where van transportation is currently unavailable
 - Creating grocery store and shopping trips on designated days during the week
- Connect Van Service with Henderson County and Buncombe County – designated transfer locations

- Extend hours of service to cover nights and weekends; Initial steps may begin with Saturday service
- Work with local medical providers and local funding opportunities to help support rural transportation for medical appointments

April and Vicki Eastland, LOSRPO reviewed a list of identified potential transit stops/destinations, shared a DRAFT proposed fixed transit route that would begin in Rosman bringing riders up to Brevard to many shopping/services, employment and medical destinations. Then function as a Brevard circulator then return to Rosman just before noon to drop off any riders returning and potentially pickup new riders going to Brevard. Run the circulator then return to Rosman at the end of the shift. The group discussed the proposed route and proposed destinations/stops, banking or financial services were mentioned as a transit generator. The group recommended looking at destinations instead of stops, Vicki explained that the goal would be to locate stops that could serve several destinations and ultimately be a more efficient route. Daniel also showed the group a map illustrating Transit Dependency Index across the county. The group was asked if there were any glaring omissions or areas of concern. It was mentioned that the Hispanic population needs to be considered. Vicki requested that the group share via email specific areas to be surveyed so this could be addressed. Vicki also requested that folks think about and consider potential locations for Park n Rides throughout the county. These need to be in the CTP so they can be addressed with potential future projects or as funding sources present themselves.

Daniel Asked the group if they would be interested in seeing model outputs of tourist or seasonal visitation changes, the consensus was that they would like to see the influence of tourists on the system. Daniel stated he would bring that back for the next meeting.

Future meeting date/time

The next meeting will be ~~Tuesday August 13th Canceled~~, **Tuesday October 8th, 3 – 4:30 PM** at the **Transylvania Co. Board of Elections building.**

https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/CTP-Details.aspx?study_id=Transylvania%20County