

# TAC – TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

---

## French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization

*Regional Partnership for Transportation Planning*

*Long-Range Transportation Plan ? Transportation Improvement Program*

*Highway Planning ? Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning ? Transit Planning ? Air Quality Issues*

*Public Involvement*

### AGENDA

**August 16, 2007 – 12:10 p.m.**

---

**Changes or Additions to Agenda** Chairman McGrady

**Welcome and Introductions** Chairman McGrady

**Approval of Minutes from June Meeting\*** Chairman McGrady

[http://fbrmpo.org/uploads/TAC\\_June\\_21\\_2007\\_Draft.pdf](http://fbrmpo.org/uploads/TAC_June_21_2007_Draft.pdf)

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Discussion of I-26 Connector Project** Dan Baechtold  
**(Removal of Alternative 5 from Section B of Project I-2513)** Peter Trecansky, URS

The NCDOT Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch has recommended removal of one of the alternatives for the I-26 Connector Project because of concerns about how traffic would function. The merger team met in Raleigh to discuss the recommendation. All other members of the merger team concurred with the removal. MPO staff is ready to concur with the State's recommendation pending any further direction by the TAC. A memo from MPO staff is available for download here:

[http://fbrmpo.org/uploads/I-26\\_Merger\\_Team\\_Update\\_to\\_TAC\\_removal\\_of\\_Alt\\_5.pdf](http://fbrmpo.org/uploads/I-26_Merger_Team_Update_to_TAC_removal_of_Alt_5.pdf).

**Release of Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan** Dan Baechtold  
Sarah Smith

The NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch with assistance from the firm of Martin Alexiou Bryson has released the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Buncombe, Haywood, and Henderson Counties. This marks the beginning of a 30-day public comment period that will end on September 17, 2007. Today at the TCC meeting, hard copies of the draft will be distributed to each local government. The maps will also be posted on the MPO web site. Following review by the public, the TCC and TAC will have an opportunity to make additional suggestions for changes to the draft. Adoption of the plan by the TAC will be scheduled for November 15, 2007.

#### REGULAR UPDATES

- ✍ NCDOT Division 13 update
- ✍ NCDOT Division 14 update
- ✍ TDM Program Update (as needed)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS** Chairman McGrady

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Chairman McGrady

\*Documents pertaining to these items were included as links via e-mail. A limited number of hard copies will be available at the meeting.

### 2007 Meeting Schedule

#### TCC

January 18  
February 15  
March 15  
May 17  
August 16  
October 18

#### TAC

February 15  
April 19  
June 21  
September 20  
November 15

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are on Thursdays. Unless otherwise noted, all TAC meetings are at 12:10 p.m. and all TCC meetings are at 10:30 a.m., at the Harvey L. Haynes Corporate Technology Training and Conference Center, AB Tech Enka Campus, 1459 Sand Hill Road, Candler, NC. Directions are available at <http://www.abtech.edu/maps/enka.asp> or by contacting the French Broad River MPO Office, (828) 259-5457.