MINUTES
ECUSTA TRAIL ADVISORY BOARD 2.0

Thursday, August 22, 2024 – 3:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present:	Aaron Baker, Chair, Council Member Mac Morrow, Vice Chair, Council Member Larry Chapman, Transylvania County Commissioner Rebekah Robinson, Conserving Carolina John Ditillo, Friends of Ecusta Trail Doug Miller, Heart of Brevard
Absent:	Dee Dee Perkins, Tourism Development Authority Sheila Carland, Transylvania Economic Alliance Meredith Carli, At-Large Appointment Madeline Hanley, At-Large Appointment Chris Burns, Henderson County RTAC
Staff Present:	Maureen Copelof, Mayor, Ex-Officio Wilson Hooper, City Manager Paul Ray, Planning Director Aaron Bland, Assistant Planning Director
Guests:	Teresa Buckwalter, Josh Schober, Lonnie Watkins, Mark Tooley, Christine Stout, Tad Fogel, Jon Rich.

A. Welcome and Call to Order

Committee Chair Aaron Baker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

B. Certification of Quorum

Quorum was certified by City Planner Katherine Buzby.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Chapman to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of May 29, 2024 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Chapman, seconded by Mr. Morrow to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Presentation on Ecusta Trail

Mr. Hooper presented a brief history of the trail, including financial review/funding sources, current project schedules, the new board responsibilities, and possible future meeting dates. (Presentation Attached).

F. Presentation by Traffic Planning & Design

TPD presented updates as 30% design has been completed. Discussion on Cost Estimate items including widening the railbed, bridges to be replaced/repaired, drainage for stormwater, road crossings, and private property items/encroachments. Amenities for the trail have been placed into 3 categories. Future decisions will need to be made on mile marker numbers, amenity prisonizations, signage, and crossing Asheville Hwy safely.(Presentation Attached)

G. Action Items

Adjoining property owner list to be sent to City by TPD prior to Public Engagement Event on September 10, 2024. TPD to publish Public Engagement Event information that includes Public Officials Meeting in the morning and a Community Meeting in the afternoon.

H. Ecusta Trail Announcements

A presentation will be made by the Mayor at the Great Trail State Conference about the Ecusta Trail on September 11-13th, 2024 in Winston-Salem.

The NC Bike/Walk Alliance requested a presentation on the Ecusta Trail due the grants Henderson County has received and they will be presenting next week in Chapel Hill.

Mr. Hooper will be presenting the Ecusta Trail to the NC's Managers at the Tar Heel Bus Tour in Cullowhee in October.

I. Public Comment

No public comments received at this time.

J. Set Date for Next Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Ecusta Trail Advisory Board 2.0 was scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 3:30 PM.

The Regular Meeting of the Ecusta Trail Advisory Board 2.0 was scheduled for September 25, 2024 at 3:30 PM.

K. Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM

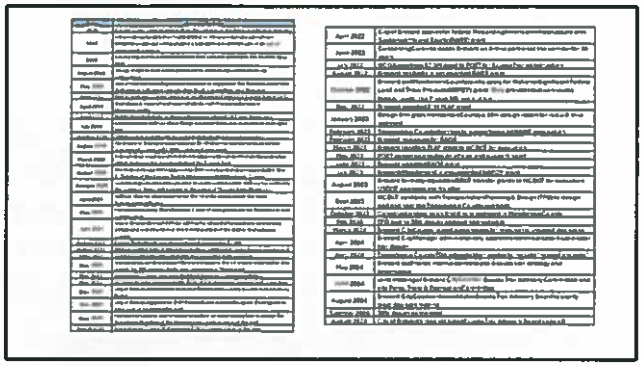
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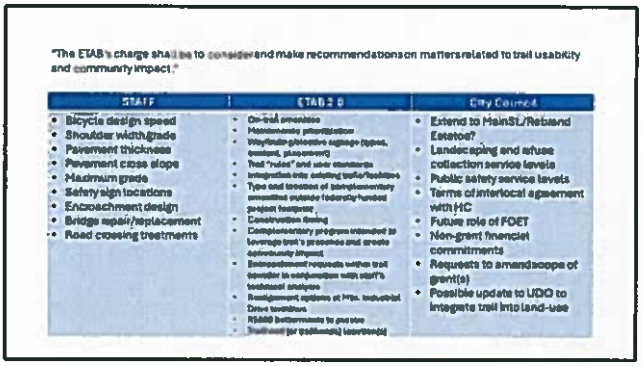
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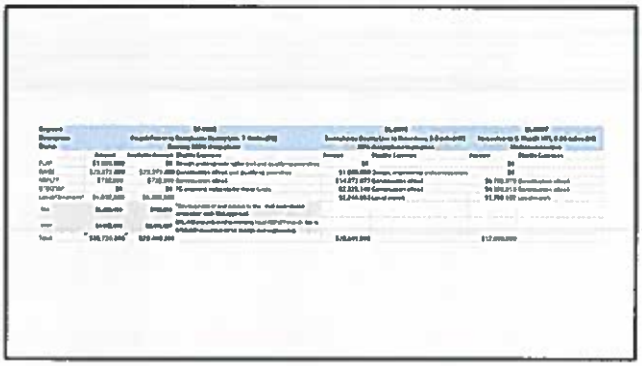
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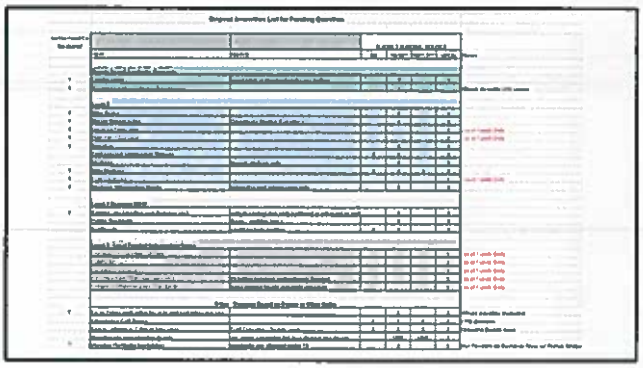
Attachments: Kickoff Presentation by Mr. Hooper
TPD Presentation

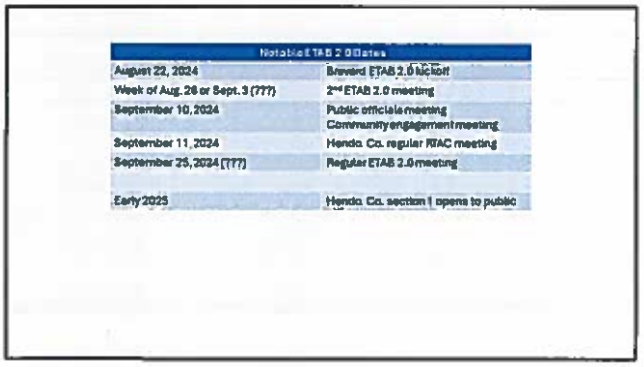
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"The ETAB's charge shall be to consider and make recommendations on matters related to trail usability and community impact."
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Bicycle design speed
Shoulder width/grade
Pavement thickness
Pavement cross slope
Maximum grade
Safety sign locations
Encroachment design
Bridge repair/replacement
Road crossing treatments
ETAB 2.0
On-trail amenities
Maintenance prioritization
Wayfinding/existing signage (speed, quantity, placement)
Trail "rules" and user standards
Integration into existing parks/facilities
Type and location of complementary amenities outside federally-funded project footprint
Construction timing
Complementary program intended to leverage trail's presence and create opportunity impact
Encroachment requests within trail corridor in conjunction with staff's technical analysis
Realignment options at Mtn. Industrial Drive locations
R1688 betterments to review
Trailhead (or trailhead) locations(s)
City Council
Extend to Main St./Rebend Estates?
Landscaping and refuse collection service levels
Public safety service levels
Terms of interlocal agreement with HC
Future role of FDET
Non-grant financial commitments
Requests to amend scope of grant(s)
Possible update to UDO to integrate trail into land-use





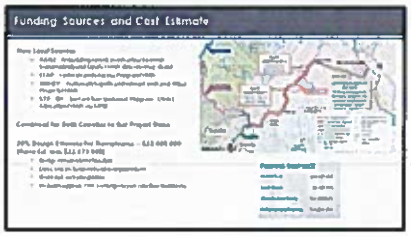

Notable ETAB 2.0 Dates
August 22, 2024
Brevard ETAB 2.0 kickoff
Week of Aug. 26 or Sept. 3 (???)
2nd ETAB 2.0 meeting
September 10, 2024
Public officials meeting
Community engagement meeting
September 11, 2024
Hendo. Co. regular RTAC meeting
September 25, 2024 (???)
Regular ETAB 2.0 meeting
Early 2025
Hendo. Co. section 1 opens to public


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ECUSTA TRAIL TYPICAL SECTIONS

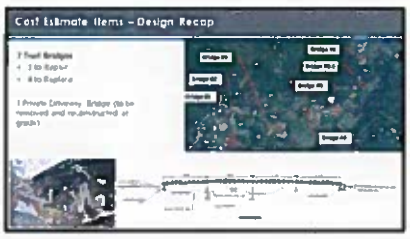

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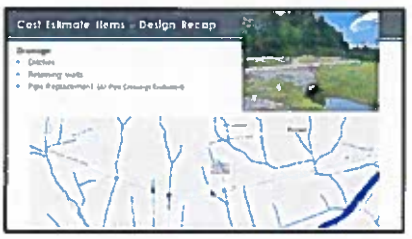

Ecusta Trail


Timeline
Final Design & Construction


Funding Sources and Cost Estimate


Cost Estimate Items – Design Recap


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Funding for Amenities

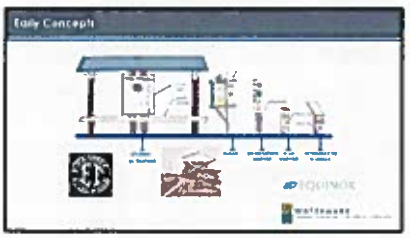

Amenities. What do we mean?


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Design-Based Aesthetic Elements


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Early Concepts


Signs


Station with kiosk


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What's Next?


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Questions?