

**House Select Committee on
Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions**

**September 26, 2016
8:50 a.m.**

**High Pastures Christian Retreat and Conference Center
290 Kings Highway
(GPS Use: 1480 Georges Fork Road)
Burnsville, North Carolina**

AGENDA

Chairs: Representative John Torbett and Michele Presnell

1. Site Visits

- 8:50 a.m.: Board Vans at the High Pastures Christian Retreat and Convention Center for Tour of Yancey and Madison Counties to Better Understand Transportation Needs in Mountain Communities.
- Tour will travel through a key transportation project on NC-19E to I-26 and stop on I-26 to learn about a rockslide containment area. Randy McKinney, P.E., Resident Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, will overview the challenges to build a road through a mountain and the technologies employed to mitigate and prevent rockslides.
- Next, the committee will travel to the DOT Welcome Center in Madison County. Don Lee, P.E., State Roadside Environmental Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, will discuss how DOT incorporates landscape design in transportation projects, for DOT buildings (rest areas/welcome centers/visitor centers), and on roadsides.
- Lunch: Vans will arrive at the Mars Hill University cafeteria at approximately 11:15 a.m.
- Following lunch, the committee will travel back to Yancey County via NC 197, a State-maintained primary road with an eight mile section of unpaved road. The committee will stop on SR 1102 (Winter Star Road). Chris Deyton, P.E., County Maintenance Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation, will discuss the challenges in paying for and paving State-maintained gravel roads in mountain communities.

Committee Convenes at 2:00 p.m.

2. Call to Order and Introductions
3. The Challenges of Secondary Road Construction in Mountainous Terrain
 - Chris Deyton, P.E., Yancey/Madison County Maintenance Engineer
North Carolina Department of Transportation
4. Rockslide Containment Strategies
 - Randy McKinney, P.E., Resident Engineer
North Carolina Department of Transportation
5. The Blue Ridge Parkway: Funding and Maintenance Challenges
 - Mike Molling, Chief of Maintenance and Engineering for the Blue Ridge Parkway
US Parkway Service
6. Transportation Infrastructure Development as an Economic Development Tool in Western North Carolina
 - John Skvarla, III, Secretary
North Carolina Department of Commerce
7. Snow and Ice Prevention, Treatment, and Removal
 - Mark T. Gibbs, P.E. Division Maintenance Engineer
North Carolina Department of Transportation
8. Committee Discussion

Vans will begin loading at 8:50 a.m. and depart promptly at 9:00 a.m., with van services provided by Yancey County. Accommodation of public attendees in Committee transportation vehicles is subject to availability and prior request. Public attendees must notify the [Committee Clerk](#) no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 14th if transportation is desired.

Next Meeting: October 24, 2016 in Raleigh