



Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes – September 28, 2017

Attendees:

Brownie Newman
Vicki Eastland
Brendan Merithew

Steve Williams
Joel Setzer
Mike Sorrells

Kyle Guie
Ritchie Rozzelle
Matt Wechtel

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Brownie Newman called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. He read the Ethics Statement, asked if there were any conflicts, and members responded that there were none. He then reviewed the Agenda that was presented with a modification to remove business item C.

APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2017 LOSRPO TAC meeting. Mike Sorrells seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Newman called for any public comments. No public comments were made.

BUSINESS

LOSRPO Draft Project List for Submission to SPOT 5.0: Vicki Eastland shared that the window to submit projects for NCDOT prioritization SPOT5.0 closes Friday September 29th. Land of Sky RPO staff has worked with each county and the municipalities and NCDOT Divisions 13/14 to develop the list of projects. At the meeting in August, the Draft list was presented, which included only Highway projects and the outline of Carryover Projects to be deleted or modified. Because one of the new projects that the RPO will be submitting for Haywood County (US 276/Raccoon Trail/Crymes Cove Road for realignment of offset intersection) is located within the MPO planning boundary the RPO cannot enter it into the SPOT Online tool. For this reason, LOSRPO is requesting that the NCDOT SPOT office transfer one on the RPO's Highway project submittals to French Broad River MPO (FBRMPO). This will reduce LOSRPO Highway submittals to 14 and increase FBRMPO Highway submittals to 26. Also, because one of the deleted Carryover projects in Madison County will be constructed using Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds, the deletion of this project does not result in an additional project. For this reason, LOSRPO has asked NCDOT Division 13 to submit the US 25/70 project to convert existing roadway to a Superstreet. Vicki Eastland shared that the project submittal change to allow the MPO to submit the project was approved at the August meeting.

Link to Project List:

http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/LOSRPO_SPOT5.0_ProjectList.pdf

Vicki Eastland communicated that the next step in the process is to open the Public Hearing for the Draft Project List for submission to SPOT 5.0,

Chairman Newman opened the Public Hearing for the project list for submission to SPOT 5.0. No one made any comments during the Public Hearing and the Public Hearing was closed.

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the Project list for submission to SPOT 5.0. Mike Sorrells seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

LOSRPO FY 2018 Meeting Schedule – Vicki Eastland shared that this is the last meeting of the LOSRPO TAC for this calendar year. The 2018 calendar is set up to meet NCDOT prioritization and TPB deadlines and supports our regions planning needs. She noted the TAC would not meet again until February 2018 due to conflicts with scheduling a meeting in January. She also communicated that the TAC has seemed to work better scheduled prior to the MPO Board meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month (at 11:30am) and that will continue in FY 2018 with the exception of the October meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 2:30pm.

No action required. Informational only.

REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brendan Merithew provided Division 13 updates

Steve Williams provided Division 14 updates.

Vicki Eastland provided Legislative updates.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned, as there was no further business.