

RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

June 14th, 2018 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

Agenda

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome and Introductions
Agenda Approval/Modifications

Mark Burrows
Mark Burrows

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes from the RPO TCC March 08, 2018 Meeting

4. RPO BUSINESS

A. LOSRPO Prioritization 5.0 Public Outreach/Survey Results
B. LOSRPO SPOT5.0 Local Input Points Regional Impact Tier
C. Resolution to Remove or Reduce Bike/Ped Local Match
D. City of Brevard BUILD Letter of Support

Vicki Eastland
Vicki Eastland
Vicki Eastland
Vicki Eastland

5. REGULAR UPDATES

A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates
B. Transportation Planning Branch Updates
C. Legislative Updates
D. Staff Updates and Housekeeping

Division Staff
Daniel Sellers
Vicki Eastland
Vicki Eastland

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

Land of Sky RPO TAC – Thursday June 24th 2018 - 11:30 PM French Broad (Large)
Conference Room

Land of Sky RPO TCC- September 13th, 2018-10:00 AM LOSRC French Broad (Large)
Conference Room

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome and Introductions

Mark Burrows

Agenda Approval/Modifications

Mark Burrows

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes from the RPO TCC March 08, 2018 TCC Meeting

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
March 8, 2018 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

Minutes

Attendance:

Daniel Cobb	Ritchie Rozzelle	Daniel Sellers	Steve Cannon
Vicki Eastland	Brendan Merithew	Steve Williams	Matt Cable
Nick Kroncke	Nancy Allen	Zia Rifkin	Joy Fields

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Vice Chairman Cobb called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00am; he welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions followed. He communicated that the agenda was presented with no modifications.

Sara Nichols moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Matt Cable seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS TCC MINUTES

Matt Cable moved to approve the February 8, 2018 TCC minutes as presented. Steve Williams seconded and as all were in favor, the motion carried.

RPO BUSINESS

Draft LOSRPO FY 2018-2019 Planning Work Program (PWP): Vicki Eastland shared that the PWP for FY 18-19 shows planned tasks and projects for the 2018-19 fiscal year. She reviewed the PWP with TCC members and noted that many of the ongoing projects would continue in FY 18-19.

Steve Williams moved to approve the draft FY 18-19 PWP and to recommend it for consideration by the LOSRPO TAC. Matt Cable seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Draft LOSRPO SPOT 5.0 Local Input Methodology: Vicki Eastland shared that the draft SPOT5 methodology has been reviewed by the SPOT Office in Raleigh and the TAC

reviewed the draft in February. It is currently out for public comment and will come back before the TAC at the end of the month for final approval.

LOSRPO/FBRMPO Prioritization 5.0 Public Outreach/Survey: Vicki Eastland shared information about the survey to collect public input on the projects for SPOT 5.0 prioritization. Currently on the RPO website is the five-county AGOL map that provides details of the projects including SPOT ID, a description of each project and other relevant information. A separate survey will be released for each county requesting input for projects. Respondents can complete one survey or all. Results will be used in the prioritization process for SPOT 5.

Ritchie Rozzelle communicated that the surveys will provide some up-front information including descriptions of projects including cross sections. Vicki Eastland shared that in the past, feedback was received that project descriptions were unclear. This year's surveys have attempted to provide easy-to-understand descriptions of the projects. Vicki Eastland shared that the surveys will be on the RPO website and the link will be shared when active. The surveys will be open through the end of April.

Ritchie Rozzelle shared that the RPO plans to work with community and interfaith groups as well as using targeted advertising on Facebook. Member jurisdictions were requested to spread the word about the surveys to their community. Being cognizant of peoples' time, the surveys are designed for folks to be able to comment only on those projects that are of interest to them.

Discussion occurred regarding electronic feedback that the surveys will provide and member jurisdictions commented that they could post the surveys on their social media pages.

No action required- informational item.

REGULAR UPDATES

NCDOT Division 13 and Division 14 updates
TPB Updates
Legislative Updates
Staff Updates and Housekeeping

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ritchie Rozzelle commented that Strive Not to Drive is coming up in May and will be a multi-county initiative this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt cable seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Staff recommended action:

Review meeting minutes and approve

4. RPO Business

Item 4A LOSRPO Prioritization 5.0 Public Outreach/Survey Results

The Land of Sky RPO and French Broad River MPO opened a public survey on all highway, bike/ped, and transit projects in the RPO and MPO planning area being considered for funding in the North Carolina prioritization process (P5.0). The survey attempted to be simple and user-friendly while also generating information that could be useful for decision makers considering applying local input points as part of the P 5.0 process.

The survey was developed through Survey Monkey and was accessed through the organizations websites. The survey was developed for each county. Users were then asked if they wanted to evaluate roadway or non-highway projects.

As of the survey closing on April 30, 2018, the survey collected **2,492** responses. This presentation will provide a general overview of the results. The aim of the survey was to be indicative of the public's perceived need for the projects being considered.

Staff Recommendations:

No action required informational only

Item 4C: LOSRPO SPOT5.0 Local Input Points Regional Impact Tier

LOSRPO staff has held staff level meetings in all counties with representatives from all LOSRPO member governments, NCDOT staff and FBRMPO staff. RPO staff completed scoring of all REGIONAL IMPACT PROJECTS and applied LOCAL INPUT POINTS based on Local Priority Rank and the LOSRPO Adopted Scoring Methodology. RPO staff shared DRAFT Local Input Points assignment list with LOSRPO TAC/TCC members via email and advertised the LOSRPO DRAFT Regional Impact Assignment of Local Input Points for public comment and public hearing in the June 13th issue of the Mountain Express. The list was also placed on the LOSRPO web site.

SPOT ID	Funding Tier	MODE	ROUTE PROJECT NAME	FROM	TO	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUNDING REGION	DIVISION (S)	MPO/RPO(S)	COUNTY(S)	TOTAL PROJECT COST	COST TO NCDOT	LOS RPO Local Priority Regional Impact	TOTAL LOS RPO SCORE Regional Impact	Public Input Suvey Score/Rank	PRELIMINARY LOCAL INPUT POINT ASSIGNMENT Regional Impact	DEVIATION NOTES	FINAL LOCAL INPUT POINT ASSIGNMENT Regional Impact
H090857-A	Regional Impact	HWY	NC 209	SR 1501 (Silvers Cove Road)	SR 1334 (Max Patch Road)	Modernize Roadway, update to NCDOT standards	G	14	Land-of-Sky RPO	Haywood	454,000,000	454,000,000	4	37.90	0.29/9	100	No Deviation	
H141279	Regional Impact	HWY	US 276 (Jonathan Creek)	US 19	I-40	Upgrade roadway to current NCDOT standards. Construct or upgrade turn lanes at various crossovers. Install paved shoulders on the median side with rumble strips and install wide outside shoulders.	G	14	Land-of-Sky RPO, French Broad River MPO	Haywood	45,400,000	45,400,000	1	61.60	0.992/8	79	No Deviation	
H171587	Regional Impact	HWY	US 25, US 70	Approximately 1760' North of SR 1584 (Tillery Branch Road)	SR 1727 (Monticello Road)	Convert existing four-lane divided roadway to superstreet	G	13	French Broad River MPO, Land-of-Sky RPO	Buncombe, Madison	35,000,000	35,000,000	2	55.79	(0.08)/6	36	No Deviation	
H090092-A	Regional Impact	HWY	NC 208	US 25-70	NC 212	Upgrade Two Lane Roadway to NCDOT standards.	G	13	Land-of-Sky RPO	Madison	46,000,000	46,000,000	4	32.92	1.485/3	100	No Deviation	
H090092-B	Regional Impact	HWY	NC 208	NC 212	Tennessee State Line	Upgrade Two Lane Roadway to NCDOT standards.	G	13	Land-of-Sky RPO	Madison	76,000,000	76,000,000	3	37.02	1.428/4	100	No Deviation	
H111159-B	Regional Impact	HWY	US 70, US 25	Ingles gas station driveway approximately 325 feet SE of SR 1392 (Skyway Drive)	US 25/70 Business (North Main Street)	Modernize Roadway, to include curb and gutter, bike and ped accommodations	G	13	Land-of-Sky RPO	Madison	13,800,000	13,800,000	1	52.11	2.205/1	100	No Deviation	
H090162	Regional Impact	HWY	NC 215 (Balsam Grove Sunburst)	US 64 at Cherryfield	SR 1326 (Macedonia Church Road) South of Balsam Grove	Construct Two Lanes on New Location	G	14	Land-of-Sky RPO	Transylvania	87,979,400	87,979,400	6	29.00	0.689/11	85	No Deviation	
H090858	Regional Impact	HWY	US 178	SR 1156 (Main Street) in Rosman	SR 1133 (Middlefork Road)	Modernize roadway, Widen, Realign, and add Climbing Lanes	G	14	Land-of-Sky RPO	Transylvania	14,083,000	14,083,000	3	51.11	1.608/7	100	No Deviation	
H129079-D	Regional Impact	HWY	US 64	Indian Creek (East end of R-2409C)	East of the east intersection with Flat Creek Valley Road (SR 1147)	Widen, Realign, and Climbing Lanes	G	14	Land-of-Sky RPO	Transylvania	21,000,000	21,000,000	4	49.12	1.338/10	100	No Deviation	
H170251	Regional Impact	HWY	NC 280 (Asheville Highway)	Northern termini of R-5799	North Transylvania Fire Department	Convert existing 4 lane undivided roadway to 4 lane divided with a 17.5 ' median	G	14	Land-of-Sky RPO	Transylvania	30,800,000	30,800,000	1	56.12	2.201/4	100	No Deviation	
H170394	Regional Impact	HWY	US 64 (South Broad Street)	US 64 Business (South Caldwell Street), SR 1116 (North Country Club Road)		Improve Intersect alignment	G	14	Land-of-Sky RPO	Transylvania	5,000,000	5,000,000	2	62.18	1.614/6	100	No Deviation	
H170396	Regional Impact	HWY	US 64 (Rosman Highway)	SR 1337 (Clement Road)	Park n Ride Lot approx. 800 feet past US 178	Widen existing roadway to 4 lane divided. Consider addition of shared use path within right of way	G	14	Land-of-Sky RPO	Transylvania	36,000,000	36,000,000	5	34.51	1.432/9	100	No Deviation	

Land of Sky RPO allocated 1100 Local Input Points in both Regional Impact and Division needs 1100

LAND OF SKY

RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

To: French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) TCC/Board

From: Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization (LOSRPO) TCC/TAC

Date: June 14th, 2018

Subject: Request for FBRMPO to apply Regional Impact Points to SPOT ID# H171587

Project Description: US 25, US 70 From: Approximately 1760' North of SR 1584 (Tillery Branch Road) in Madison County To: SR 1727 (Monticello Road) Convert existing four-lane divided roadway to superstreet.

This project was submitted by NCDOT Division 13 as a safety project to address high crash rates along the corridor specifically at full access intersections.

The project span's both FBRMPO and LOSRPO planning areas. FBRMPO 64% LOSRPO 36%.

The Project score in Regional Impact tier is 30.79 out of 70 with a cost to NCDOT of \$35 million.


The project is not receiving Regional Impact points from FBRMPO based on the MPO P5.0 scoring methodology.

The project is receiving Regional Impact points from LOSRPO based on the RPO P5.0 scoring methodology. At the local officials meeting LOSRPO, FBRMPO, Div 13 and Madison County, H171587 was the Madison Counties #2 priority.

In NCDOT Division 13 preliminary Regional Impact Point assignment H171587 is receiving 100 points.

For these reasons, LOSRPO would like to request the FBRMPO apply 64 Regional Impact points to H171587 to bring the total up to 100 MPO/RPO points and give the project its best opportunity to be funded.

Thank you,



Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO Coordinator

Staff Recommendations:

Discuss list, and any requested edits, vote to approve the Regional Impact Local Input Points assignment and send to the RPO TAC for approval.

Item 4D. Resolution to Remove or Reduce Bike/Ped Local Match

LOSRPO staff at the March TAC meeting proposed a resolution of support from LOSRPO TAC to be sent to Julie White, NCDOT Deputy Secretary for Multi-Modal Transportation in support of removal or reduction of local match for Bike/Pedestrian Projects. This has been a point of discussion at NCARPO association meetings.

Land-of-Sky Rural Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee

**A Resolution in Support of Elimination
Or Reduction of The Bicycle and Pedestrian Match**

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization (LOSRPO) provides transportation planning services for Buncombe, Haywood, Madison and Transylvania Counties, the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, the Town of Marshall and the Town of Hot Springs;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is the duly recognized Transportation planning policy board for the Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization (LOSRPO); and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky RPO membership recognizes the benefits of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure as an integral component of the overall transportation system. These benefits include:

- meeting the transportation needs of persons without access to personal automobiles;
- providing opportunities for increased physical activity and improved health;
- promoting safe access to work, school, and other destinations;
- enhancing the vibrancy of our communities to attract economic development and help to retain our youth; and
- improving the quality of life for all our citizens.

WHEREAS, the 2013 Strategic Transportation Investments Law (House Bill 817) stipulates that state funds shall not be spent to construct federally-funded independent bicycle and pedestrian projects, requiring local governments to supply matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the LOSRPO TAC has many communities that don't apply for bicycle and pedestrian projects because they are unable to make the required 20% match; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed Senate Bill 257 Session Law 2017-57, Page 371, which distinguishes between counties based on their Tier ranking and provides reduction on matching funds for planning grants; and

WHEREAS, the LOSRPO encourages members of our North Carolina General Assembly delegation to apply a similar economic ranking to construction funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects, reducing or eliminating the local match percentage for lower-tier counties, thereby making bicycle and pedestrian projects more attainable for economically distressed rural counties:

Land-of-Sky Rural Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LOSRPO TAC hereby adopt the **ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MATCH**. A motion was made by _____ and seconded by _____ for the endorsement of the resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly endorsed, on this, the 28th day of June 2018.

Charlie Landreth, TAC Chair
Land-of-Sky RPO

Vicki Eastland, Secretary
Land-of-Sky RPO

Staff Recommendations:

Consider sending Resolution to TAC for adoption at their next meeting.

Item 4D. City of Brevard BUILD Letter of Support

The **B**etter **U**tilizing Investments to **L**everage **D**evelopment, or BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the US DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$5.6 billion for nine rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.

The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs. BUILD can provide capital funding directly to any public entity, including municipalities, counties, port authorities, tribal governments.

BUILD funds can be fund as much as 100% of a projects cost for rural areas. Minimum of \$1 million for construction funds maximum of \$25 million per project and \$150 million per state.

Applications due July 19th, 2018.

Staff Recommendations:

Recommend TAC approve letter of support.

5. REGULAR UPDATES

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| E. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates | Division Staff |
| F. Transportation Planning Branch Updates | Daniel Sellers |
| G. Legislative Updates | Vicki Eastland |
| H. Staff Updates and Housekeeping | Vicki Eastland |

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

Land of Sky RPO TAC – Thursday, June 28th- 11:30 AM (Prior to the FBRMPO Board Meeting) – LOSRC French Broad (Large) Conference Room