

Land of Sky Regional Council
August 26, 2020
Regular Meeting



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AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order (12:30pm)**
- II. **Invocation**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. **Roll Call**
- V. **Swearing-In of New Executive Committee Members and Officers**
 - A. The Honorable Athena Brooks, Special Superior Court Judge & Former Chief District Court Judge for the 29B Judicial District (Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania Counties)
- VI. **Modification and Approval of Agenda**
- VII. **Public Comment**
- VIII. **Chairman's Comments and COVID19 Roundtable**
- IX. **Approval of Minutes from the June Regular Meeting, held Virtually via Zoom**
- X. **Presentations**
 - A. myFutureNC: Increasing Post-Secondary Credential Attainment in Western NC – MC Belk Pilon & Chuck Kaylor with the John M. Belk Endowment
- XI. **Old Business**
- XII. **New Business**
- XIII. **Executive Director's Report**
- XIV. **Important Dates**
 - A. Next Virtual Regional Board Meeting via Zoom is scheduled for September 23, 2020
- XV. **Adjournment**



BOARD OF DELEGATES AGENDA ITEM

- Subject:** June 2020 Board of Delegates Virtual Meeting Minutes
- Item Number:** X. Approval of Minutes from the June 2020 Virtual Regular Meeting
- Responsible Party:** Zia Rifkin, Administrative Services
- Attachment(s):** Minutes from the June 2020 Virtual Regular Meeting
- Background:** A quorum was present to conduct business at the June 2020 virtual meeting and the minutes provide a recap of the of the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Ordinance, the Chair and Delegates Roundtable, and the French Broad River MPO presentation regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2020-2045- Regional Transportation Projections through 2045 ,and Special Recognition of Executive Committee members for their service and recognition of Ann Whisenhunt's service to LOSRC. The meeting recessed until Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 3:00pm, when the vote occurred to approve the FY 20/21 Budget Ordinance.
- Staff Recommendation:** Recommend acceptance of the June 2020 virtual meeting minutes
- Suggested Motion(s):** Move to approve the June 2020 virtual meeting minutes as submitted

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom of
Land of Sky Regional Council Board of Delegates**

June 24, 2020

Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Chair Harris called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30pm.
- II. Invocation – Chair Harris asked everyone to observe a moment of silence to reflect on recent events.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Harris led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Roll Call – Nathan Ramsey called the roll. The following members were present: Brian Caskey, Preston Blakely, Barbara Volk, Albert Gooch, Larry Harris, Daniel Cobbs, George Morosani, Norris Gentry, Mike Hawkins, Jonathan Kanipe, Bob Tomasulo, John Mitchell, and Larry Rogers.

Guests Present – Woody Dykes, Graham Fields, Kathe Harris

A quorum was present to conduct business.

Public Comment – No public comments were made

- V. Modification and Approval of Agenda – The agenda was presented for approval with a modification to move the French Broad River MPO's presentation to after the Delegates Roundtable.

Albert Gooch moved to approve the agenda as modified. Daniel Cobbs seconded and the motion carried upon a roll call vote, without further discussion.

- VI. Approval of Minutes from the May Regular Meeting –
George Morosani moved to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2020 virtual meeting via the Zoom platform as submitted. Albert Gooch seconded, and the motion carried unanimously upon a roll call vote, and without further discussion.

- VII. Recognition of Special Guests –
Nathan Ramsey shared appreciation for members of the community who joined today's meeting.

- VIII. Chair's Comments and Delegates Roundtable
Chair Harris requested that Delegates share about conditions in their jurisdictions:

Delegates Roundtable

Jonathan Kanipe – Shared that the Town of Biltmore Forest has passed its budget for next year. Facilities still closed to the public and the special election was held yesterday at the Town Hall

Preston Blakely – Shared that the Town of Fletcher has passed their budget. Otherwise, the Town is in a holding pattern.

Barbara Volk – Shared that the City of Hendersonville plans to adopt its budget this afternoon. The Apple Festival is not going to happen this year. Some events are planned to occur but many features of the festival will not. Orchard tours are planned, too. She encouraged guests to visit the City over Labor Day weekend.

Albert Gooch – Shared that the Village of Flat Rock has finished its budget process.

Brian Caskey – Shared that the Town of Mills River hopes to adopt the budget at their meeting tomorrow night. Since the last meeting, Amazon has announced that a distribution center is going in, in the town.

Patrick Fitzsimmons – Shared that the budget has been adopted and most community activities are canceled for the summer. The Town also had its first known protest in the Town's history over recent events.

George Morosani – Shared that he was very glad about Amazon going to Mills River.

Bob Tomasulo – Shared that the next Regional Aging Advisory County (RAAC) meeting is scheduled to July 9, through virtual means.

Tim Love – Shared that Buncombe County passed its budget last week. Additionally, there is a special meeting this afternoon to talk about COVID19 and the Governor's latest order. Government operations are scheduled to re-open June 29.

IX. Presentations/Recognition –

A. French Broad River MPO – Regional Growth Projections to 2045 (move to after roundtable

Tristan Winkler, Director of the FBRMPO shared a presentation regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Plan's regional growth projections through 2045. He shared information on regional demographic projections including population and employment projections. Growth and land use are important to transportation planning since how land is used, influences transportation. Congestion and growth are connected to transportation planning. Concerns about traffic intersecting in local conversations. Pointed out that making projects for demographics is something the mpo is required to do. The model drives a lot of the conversation about the need for new transportation options. Two main takeaways: firstly, the region is growing. The other is that how we grow is important. Where that growth goes changes how the transportation network is impacted. Between 2000-15, the five county region saw a large increase in population, which was distributed around the region. Traffic is also growing throughout the region. Largest increases on mainly on interstate routes. Growth is going to continue (190k residents) in the next twenty five years. Employment is also expected to grow; projections suggest that employment is going to grow more slowly than population. Significant shifts are predicted as part of the study. How the region is growing is also very important. The connections in and around the region are very strong- commuting patterns between counties are very high. The level of residents living and working in the same county is decreasing. The region is becoming more regional. This isn't just transportation, that is a driving factor, housing statistics show that housing indexes are increasing. Three growth scenarios were developed as part of the study: business as usual, efficient growth, and congestion management (walkable urban places). The mpo selected the walkUP scenario. This is not a revolutionary scenario; changes are there, but not necessarily the most prominent changes. Growth is projected to increase the ost in bc, followed by hc, tc and mc. Growth impacts infrastructure. The walkup scenario is based on those areas that are anticipated to have more growth with roadway connectivity. Less connectivity (fewer alternates for people to make their trips). Good connectivity means that more trips might be made by walking. What really matters is having an area with good roadway connectivity which deals with congestion and traffic more efficiently. Good roadway connectivity could lead to less VMT (spell out). Travel demand model is very highway focused. The more tools to mitigate challenges, the better. Takeaways include accommodating growth in areas with good roadway connectivity, potentially some trips made by other means than cars, improving the regions' roadway connectivity as growth occurs should be promoted when possible by local government. The mpo has no land use jurisdiction. The purpose of the study points out how growth happens affects the transportation network. Manhan group managed the study, which is available on the mpo website: frenchbroadrivermpo.org.

B. Special Recognition

Bob Tomasulo shared that today's special recognition is for Ann Whisenhunt, who is being presented with the Carol McLimans Trailblazer Award, which recognizes pioneers and innovators in the field of Aging Services. Ann has trail blazed in many ways, sowing the threads of her talents into the community's weave. She has developed a strong, diverse group of volunteers to assist seniors aging in place in their homes. Bob Tomasulo shared his appreciation for Ann's talents and her commitment to the Senior Companion Program (SCP). He also mentioned that Ann and her wife Sarah are looking forward to blazing new trails in their lives.

X. Consideration and Approval of Consent Agenda Items

XI. New Business

Public Hearing for FY21 budget ordinance –

The public hearing opened at 1:28pm. The public comment period for the FY21 budget ordinance stayed open for 24-hours.

George Morosani moved to recess the meeting until June 25 at 3:00pm, in order to provide 24-hours for public comments regarding the FY 21 Budget Ordinance to be received. Albert Gooch seconded the motion carried unanimously upon a roll call vote, and without further discussion.

Chair Harris expressed his pleasure at having served as Chair for the past couple of years and communicated that he was looking forward to serving under Mayor Volk, the incoming Chair of the LOSRC Board.

XII. Executive Director's Report

Nathan Ramsey shared that his report was in the agenda packet. He encouraged Delegates and guests to reach out with any questions or comments regarding the report.

XIII. Important Dates

A. Wednesday, August 26, 2020 is the next regularly scheduled Board of Delegates meeting, which may be held virtually. A special recess meeting at 12:30pm will be held virtually on June 25 to vote on the FY 21 Budget Ordinance.

Vice Chair Volk reconvened the virtual meeting via ZOOM at 3:00pm on June 25 for the vote on the FY21 Budget Ordinance.

XIV. Old Business

A. Adoption of FY 2020/2021 Budget Ordinance -

Per requirements of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, a balanced Budget Ordinance must be adopted prior to July 1 of the applicable fiscal year.

Charlotte Sullivan shared a snapshot of the proposed budget for fy 21 and reviewed a summary of the funding available for FY 21. She noted that the federal portion makes up over 60% of the budget for next year. In addition, LOSRC is very fortunate to have local contracts. Local dues are the member government dues, which support match requirements for grants. She noted that many grants also require an in-kind match. She informed the Board that the budget usually changes between July and September, which is reflected in the first budget amendment that gives a better picture of the overall LOSRC budget for the fiscal year. Nathan Ramsey noted that Workforce Development has seen about a 50% reduction in funding over the past few years, mainly due to low unemployment; the environment has changed, but the funding for FY 21 does not reflect the current economic environment. He shared his anticipation that additional funding might be received in the upcoming budget year.

George Morosani moved to approve Land of Sky Regional Council's Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Albert Gooch seconded, and the motion carried upon a roll call vote, and without further discussion.

XV. Adjournment – ***Albert Gooch moved to adjourn the meeting. Patrick Fitzsimons seconded and the meeting adjourned as there was no further business.***

Respectfully submitted by Zia Rifkin

Land of Sky Regional Council
Executive Director Report
Respectfully submitted by Nathan Ramsey
August 26, 2020

1. Economic Community Development

- Received \$20,000 BAND-NC grant from NC State University's Institute for Emerging Issues to promote digital inclusion.
- We have received a noncompetitive grant from EDA for \$400,000 over 2 years from the CARES Act, those funds will be reflected in the upcoming fiscal year.
- Submitted multiple competitive grants to EDA, ARC, FEMA, and DEQ, including reshoring manufacturing focused on the outdoor gear sector in collaboration with Southwestern Commission and High Country Council of Governments.
- Erica participated in a panel with NADO and ESRI on "Telling Your CEDS Story Online: An Introduction to Ersi Story Maps"
- Assisting regional PPE task force with many partners including MAHEC and local governments.
- Introduced the "WIFI LOT" which is a regional map with accessible WIFI locations.
- Waste Reduction Partners has been hosting webinars on COVID-19 reaching over 500 participants.
- Partnering with the AAA team to assist administer the CARES Act funds.
- Highlighted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the WestNGN project.
- ECD participated in the statewide webinar "Broadband and Beyond."
- Submitted a \$140,000 grant application to the NC Department of Justice to continue implementing innovative stormwater control measures in Black Mountain.
- Initiating the WNC Stormwater Partnership for training, education, and stormwater inventories for member governments.
- Partnering with the Chambers of Commerce, Small Business Support Agencies, nonprofits, and economic developers to assist small businesses through COVID-19 impacts.
- Partnering with EDA, NCORR, Rural Center, COGS, and others to build a framework for Resilience and Recovery.
- Facilitating the Regional Solid Waste Managers Forum and Recycling Program.
- Contracting with several towns for zoning and mapping assistance.
- Working with regional partners to identify Affordable/Workforce Housing opportunities for short-mid term solutions.

2. Workforce Development

- Received \$150,000 grant from the NC Department of Commerce to serve dislocated workers.

- Received \$75,000 grant from the NC Department of Commerce for temporary employment of dislocated workers to support COVID-19 contact tracing in Madison and Transylvania Counties.
- MAWDB submitted a \$1.5 million grant application for the ARC/USDOL WORC funding opportunity in collaboration with RTI International to enhance the educator/teacher workforce pipeline in the region.
- Still awaiting announcement from USDOL ETA on \$5 million grant application submitted in partnership with three other workforce boards and the NC Department of Commerce.
- Partnership with the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce for a virtual job fair platform that can be utilized on an unlimited basis by our region's NCWorks Career Centers and the Board.
- Providing support for many employers who are downsizing or furloughing workers as well as many dislocated workers.

3. Administration

- Staff member tested positive for COVID-19 and the staff member was briefly in the office and in contact with several other staff members including myself. Staff who were in contact with the infected staff member were tested for COVID-19 and results were negative. The office was subject to an enhanced cleaning by a contractor and staff must receive my permission to enter the office.
- We received six proposals in response to our Managed IT Services RFP. VC3 is our current provider and they have been our provider since 2015.
- Land of Sky Regional Council will be one of six statewide virtual stops (September 14) for the Leadership North Carolina Alumni tour held in collaboration with the Institute for Emerging Issues.
- The Council office large conference room will be an Early Voting location from October 15 – October 31. We will limit staff presence in the office during this time.
- Exploring the possibility of hosting a "Foreign Trade Zone" (FTZ) for our region.
- Staff participated in two racial diversity trainings offered by UNC Asheville and NC DHHS.
- EDI committee has met three times so far and we are focusing on internal training, external outreach, review of LOSRC policies and the development of hiring goals so Council will reflect the diversity of our region.
- Working with Craft HR Solutions on diversity & inclusion efforts as well as staff evaluation tool.
- Employee Manual work completed (the manual is a living document, so it will never technically be complete)
- Completed LOS Board Orientation
- Leadership NC Virtual Road Tour preparation for 9/14 LOS statewide kickoff
- Danna participated in State Health Plan Open Enrollment 2021 and Health Benefit Representative training webinars
- Danna participated in 401k update with Charlotte and Prudential representative
- Danna held new employee orientation meetings for new staff members

- Danna and Wanda submitted annual Department of Labor report
- Small business meetings with five county chambers of commerce and small business support organizations to develop strategies to support our region's small businesses
- Danna held contract review meeting with Charlotte and Employee Assistance Network representative
- Danna and Charlotte participated in annual School of Government Public Employee Law Update
- Danna arranged September Board of Delegates meeting speakers – UNC Asheville Chancellor Nancy Cable and Western Carolina University Chancellor Kelli Brown
- Our region has continued to move forward with our local MyFutureNC effort to increase postsecondary credential attainment aligned with local workforce needs.
- Weekly COVID-19 response calls have been averaging between 35 – 130 participants.
- Preparing FEMA disaster recovery reimbursement request for eligible expenses.
- Supporting staff telework needs and many virtual meetings.
- Hosted multiple meetings on behalf of the NC Association of Regional Council of Governments (NC ARCOG).
- Response rates for the US Census in our region and NC are lagging and we are working with local partners to increase the response rates for our four counties. Failure to accurately count all of our population will cost our local governments and communities over \$300 million annually and will diminish our political representation in the NC legislature and US Congress.
- Articles of Incorporation for the LOSRC nonprofit "Friends of LOSRC" has been approved by NC Secretary of State's office.

4. Area Agency on Aging

- CARES Act will roll out in August and September to aging providers in our region. The following will go to county providers: Buncombe County: \$487,241; Henderson County: \$259,246; Madison County: \$58,489; and Transylvania County: \$92,293.
- Dee Heinmuller joined the AAA team in July 2020 as the Senior Companion Program Manager. Previously, Dee was the Director of Community Services in Madison County. There she managed eight programs, forty employees, and a \$1.5 million budget. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work from East Carolina University and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from UNC-Greensboro. Dee lives in Madison County on a small farm. She is very excited to be part of a caring team of Senior Companion Program volunteers and Land of Sky Regional Council, and is honored to be a part of this dynamic community.
- Staff coordinated six evidence-based health promotion programs (Living Healthy at Home Chronic Disease Self-Management Program) to begin mid-September serving approximately 48 older adults. Staff concluded their first Zoom Tai Chi for Arthritis workshop and are exploring options for offering another this fall. Interest for both programs is growing, with referrals coming from Mission Health, local federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), and healthyagingnc.com.

- Community Health Workers continue to provide important services to Asheville Terrace residents. Community Health Workers regularly support seven homebound residents' wellbeing and bring vital resources into the community of 248 households. A popular program they manage is the bi-weekly MANNA food distribution serving approximately 70 residents at each distribution.
- 32 percent of the \$46,836 that the State has provided to the Western Project C.A.R.E. office this fiscal year has been allocated to 30 dementia caregivers. Each of these caregivers has received a voucher that is good for \$500 worth of respite care services. All but one are using the funds to pay for in-home respite care provided by a private individual. The other caregiver will use the funds to pay for adult day care two days per week for a month. Of the 30 caregivers who have received respite funding, ten are new to the program. Thirteen of the 15 counties served by the western office have received services so far this fiscal year.
- Family Caregiver Program staff coordinated a Care Recipient Group with 12 people from Henderson County; had 47 conversations and/or email exchanges with caregivers in Buncombe, 5 in Madison, 3 in Transylvania and 43 in Henderson; emailed resource information to 194 caregivers; and completed CARES Act Waiver and submitted to the State for approval.

5. Mountain Mobility

- Looking at new funding models as the state eliminated ROAP (Rural Operating Assistance Program) funds; several area nonprofit and educational organizations depended on ROAP funds for transportation for clients and students.
- Seeing continued increases in trips and increased ridership on Trailblazer routes.
- RIDE program still in decline as passengers are continuing to delay unnecessary travel.
- We hired Sarah Marcin as our new PT RIDE Program Coordinator. She started with us July 6.

6. NEMT

- Contract approved by Buncombe County for program year 2020 – 2021. Land of Sky was selected as the provider of this service after a RFP process.

7. Transportation

- Held a virtual public workshop and public input window on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), expected to go before the MPO Board in September, 2020
- Held a virtual public workshop and public input window on the Hellbender Regional Trail Plan, expected to go before the MPO Board in September, 2020
- Assisted Haywood County with the development of an RFQ for urban transit services
- Held a virtual public workshop for the Hendersonville Road Corridor Study (in-progress)
- Continuing to work on the Tunnel Road Corridor Study
- Contracted with the Town of Waynesville and Henderson County to conduct Greenway Feasibility Studies
- Continuing to work with the City of Asheville on the Close the GAP Plan (Greenways, ADA, and Pedestrian)

- In progress to program \$27,400,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant funds to member governments from FY 22- FY 26
- Preparing to kick-off the Regional Transit Feasibility Study
- Submitted highway, transit, and bike/ped projects from around the region for the Statewide Prioritization Process

CREATIVE REGIONAL SOLUTIONS



Land of Sky Regional Council

Your Regional Council



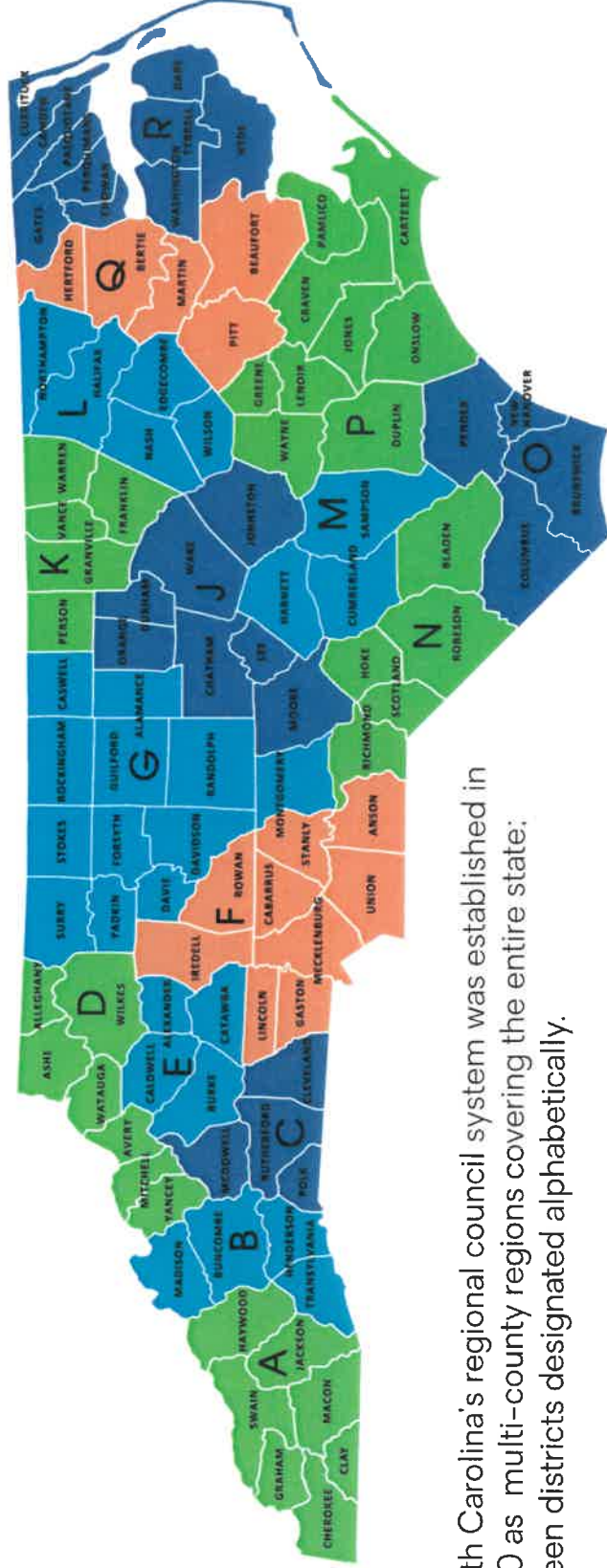
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LOSRC BEGINNINGS

- Land of Sky Regional Council began in 1966 as a partnership of five counties, Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania. Today, Haywood County is part of Southwestern Commission (Region A) and the other four counties form Land of Sky Regional Council (Region B).
- The designation of Regional Councils was a result of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act in 1968 which called for closer cooperation between federal programs and state and local governments.
- By 1970 the Lead Regional Organization (LRO) policy was announced directing North Carolina state agencies to deal with a single regional organization in each region for the delivery of services.

NORTH CAROLINA REGIONS



North Carolina's regional council system was established in 1970 as multi-county regions covering the entire state; sixteen districts designated alphabetically.

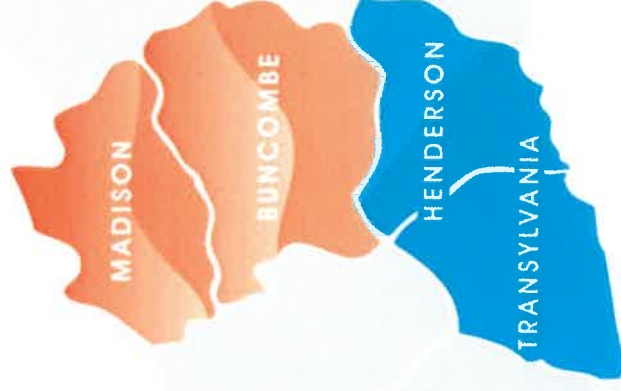
The new "Lead Regional Organizations are a mechanism for strengthening local government, and each one deserves the full support of state agencies which are similarly concerned with the effective operation of local government."
 -Governor James Holshouser, Jr. (1973-1977)



WHO WE ARE

Land of Sky Regional Council is a multi-county, **local government planning and development** organization. We reach across county and municipal borders providing **technical assistance** to local governments and **administer projects and programs** which **benefit our region's citizens**.

Land of Sky Regional Council, one of **16** regional councils in **North Carolina** and one of **540** such organizations **nationwide**, serves North Carolina's **Region B – Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania** counties.



CREATIVE REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

OUR MISSION



Our mission is to provide **creative regional solutions** to **relevant and emerging issues** in Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania counties while providing a standard of **excellence** in the delivery of federal, state, and regional services for our member communities

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OUR CORE VALUES

- We value cultural, gender, racial and ethnic diversity
- We believe diversity and inclusion make us stronger
- We will treat all people with dignity, respect and compassion to foster a trusting and supportive working environment
- We will be honest, open and clear in our communication with our co-workers, member governments, funders, clients and our region
- We will respect diversity of opinion
- We are committed to a culture of personal responsibility with an appreciation for risk taking
- We will hold ourselves accountable to our co-workers, member governments, funders, clients and our region
- We will develop and implement policies and procedures that are fair, consistent and equitable



HOW WE ARE GOVERNED

Each member government appoints **two** delegates – **one primary** delegate and **one alternate** delegate. Primary delegates are **elected officials** of the appointing member governments. Delegates serve at the pleasure of their appointing governing body.

Each county government appoints one delegate to represent **economic development interests**. The Chair of the **Regional Aging Advisory Council** also serve as delegates. Four at-large delegates are appointed by the Land of Sky Board to represent **regional minority interests**.

The officers of Land of Sky Regional Council are the Chair, 1st Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers are selected from members of the Executive Committee and serve one year terms.



HOW WE ARE FUNDED & OUR BUDGET

Federal Funds (63%)

State Funds (17%)

Local Government Contracts, Private Grants,

Donations, and In-Kind (18%)

Local Government Dues (2%)

Land of Sky uses local government dues for:

- Grant matching requirements
- Council meeting expenses and operations
- Dues for state/national organizations

A balanced budget is adopted each year, as required by state law. The budget is amended several times during the fiscal year, as many federal grants have different fiscal cycles.

The beginning budget for Fiscal Year 20-21 is \$11.8 million.

For every dollar of member dues, we leverage over \$235,000 in additional funding for our region.

LEAD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Land of Sky Regional Council is recognized by the **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)** and the **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** as the **Lead Economic Development District** for regional economic development planning and activities in our four county area.



WHAT WE OFFER

Area Agency on Aging – Promotes the well being of older adults and their families in our region.

Mountain Area Workforce Development – Plans for and addresses workforce development needs of our citizens and businesses.

Economic & Community Development – Planning, transportation, economic, and community development services for our local governments and communities.

Transportation Resource Center – Provides administrative and transportation services to qualified Buncombe County clients.

ADMINISTRATION

This department is responsible for the overall administration of Land of Sky Regional Council. This includes a growing, multi-million dollar budget, establishing and maintaining relationships with local, state and federal elected officials, departments and partners, human resources, marketing, public relations, as well as outreach and engagement, etc.





FINANCE

Land of Sky is primarily grant-funded, with additional support from dues from our 19 local governments. With an annual budget of over \$11,000,000, we manage over 100 grants, 63% Federal, 17% State and the balance from Local and Private Foundation contracts.

LOS has an annual external audit that is approved by the Local Government Commission and accepted by the Council Board. The Accounting staff (3.5 FTE, a Payroll and Finance Specialist and 1 Grant Accounting Specialist and .5 Accounting Specialist) at LOSRC has combined experience in Governmental Accounting of over 80 years. The Council's policies and procedures clearly outline a strong internal control environment, a purchasing policy compliant with current Federal and State requirements and any issues of conflicts of interest.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Staff leverage resources, ideas, and capital to provide superior programs and services to older adults and caregivers in the region. Our goal is to support older adults as they age in place. Staff manage over 50 state and federal contracts, 5300 nursing home beds, hundreds of volunteers, and is accountable for over 5 million dollars on an annual basis.

Programs Include:

- Family Caregiver Support Program
- Foster Grandparent Program
- Health Promotion & Disease Prevention
- Long Term Care Ombudsman
- Project C.A.R.E.
- Senior Companion Program
- Home and Community Care Block Grant
- Senior Tar Heel Legislature
- Regional Aging Advisory Council



ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Staff leverage over 50 state, federal, and foundation grants and local contracts to develop and implement priority programs and services, in collaboration with member governments and partner agencies, throughout the region. Programs include:

- Community Development
 - Federal, State & Foundation Grant Services & Administration
 - Code Enforcement
 - Planning and Zoning
 - Comprehensive & Land Use Plans
 - Environmental & Watershed Planning
 - Stormwater Inventory & Asset Management
 - Waste Management & Recycling Program
 - GIS, Mapping & Data Analysis Services
 - Board & Committee Facilitation & Training

Economic Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- WestNGN Broadband Coordination
- Brownfields Program
- Infrastructure Implementation (water, sewer, access roads, broadband, etc.)
- Regional Resilience Planning

Transportation Planning

- French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization
- Public Transportation Technical Assistance
- Transportation Demand Management
- Clean Cities/Clean Vehicles Program



FBRMPO & LOSRPO

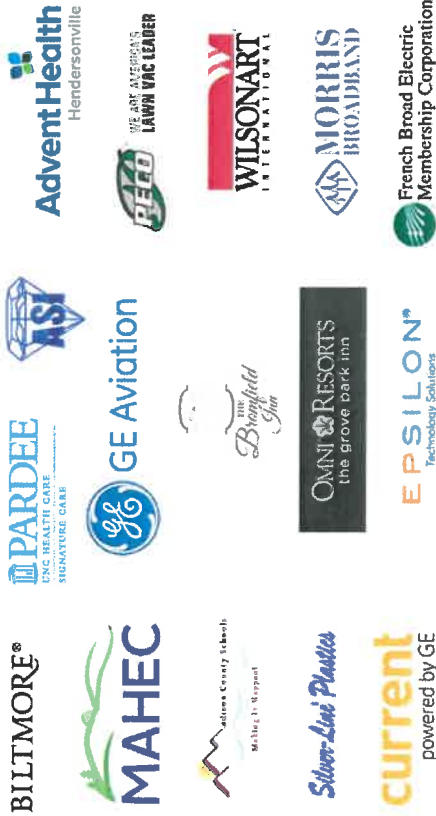


- Regional Forums for Transportation Decision Making (MPO = Metropolitan Planning Organization, RPO = Rural Planning Organization)
- Help Determine Transportation Priorities in the Region
- Provide Technical Assistance to Transit Operators, Local Governments, and Stakeholders

- Work with NCDOT, Local Governments, and Other Stakeholders on Transportation Projects
- Carry out the Federally-Required Transportation Planning Process
- Participate in Statewide Transportation Policy Initiatives
- Program Competitive Transportation Grants to Member Governments (MPO)

MOUNTAIN AREA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Employer led board with a \$2+ million annual budget to support our region's NCWorks Career Centers and NCWorks NEXTGEN youth programs. Focus on helping employers meet their workforce needs while helping job seekers and youth find rewarding career pathways.



**Get Help To
Get The Job
You Want**

Contact Us At:
Asheville - (828) 251-6200
Henderson County - (828) 694-1755
Madison County - (828) 782-2632
Transylvania County - (828) 883-2550



TRANSPORTATION
RESOURCE CENTER

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MOUNTAIN COUNTY

Land of Sky contracts with Buncombe County to provide administrative and transportation services to qualified clients through Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation and Mountain Mobility.

Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation

- 5 staff members serving 1976 clients annually

Mountain Mobility

- ADA Complementary Paratransit Service
- Trailblazer Services
- RIDE Program Coordination (Ridership Independence for the Disabled and Elderly)





THANK YOU!

Contacts

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