



Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization  
**Technical Advisory Committee Minutes – October 26, 2016**

Attendees:

Brownie Newman  
Vicki Eastland  
Ed Green  
Mike Sorrells

Pam Cook  
Zia Rifkin  
Jason Chappell  
Rick Tipton

Matt Wechtel

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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 and no modifications were proposed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

***Matt Wechtel moved to approve the minutes from June 22, 2016, Jason Chappell seconded, and as all were in favor, the minutes were approved.***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The public comment period opened, and as there was none at this time, nor through Facebook or email, the public comment period was closed.

**BUSINESS**

Review/Discuss Draft Regional Impact Results: Vicki Eastland shared that regional projects were prioritized and submitted. Projects fared better than the last round leading to more projects being selected for funding. She reviewed the projects that were funded. These projects are programmed in the dedicated STIP and will not have to go back into the prioritization process. The next round will be developing through fall of 2017

***No action required at this time.***

Review Public Outreach Strategies for Division Needs: Vicki Eastland shared that notices were placed in local newspapers including Mountain Express (line ads and display ad), Madison New Record and Sentinel (line ads), Citizen-Times (to make up for one line ad dropped by NRS) and Transylvania Times (line ads). Overall this has been an aggressive approach, which has also included radio spots in Transylvania County. An online survey closed today.

***Information only.***

Open Public Hearing for Assignment of Division Needs Local Input Points - Chairman Newman opened the public hearing at 2:45pm for the assignment of Division Needs Local Input Points. No public comments were heard and the public hearing was closed at 2:47pm.

Adopt DRAFT Division Needs List – Vicki Eastland shared 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 Division Needs Projects and applied Local Input Points based on Local Priority Rank and the LOSRPO adopted scoring methodology. With the adoption of this list, LOSRPO TAC will also be adopting the transfer of 100 Local Input Points to the FBRMPO to be assigned to Haywood County's Access Management Project on US19 Dellwood Rd. The Haywood County LOSRPO members support this transfer of points.

***Jason Chappell moved to approve the assignment of local input points. Matt Wechtel seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

Approve DRAFT LOSRPO 2017 Meeting Schedules: Vicki Eastland reviewed the preliminary schedule for the 2017 TCC and TAC meetings. No meetings have been scheduled in January, as historically there have been conflicts with jurisdictions that have budget retreats and other meetings. Should there be a need to shift meetings, ample notice will be provided.

***Matt Wechtel moved to approve the 2017 LOSRPO meeting schedules. Jason Chappell seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

NCDOT Bike/Ped Planning Grant Resolution: Vicki Eastland shared that Transylvania County is applying for a county wide bicycle planning grant. Mark Burrows, Transylvania County Planning Director, communicated that the county is currently looking at a \$65,000 grant and other entities in the county and the county will provide the match. A letter of support will also be provided with the resolution.

***Matt Wechtel moved to approve the resolution and letter of support for Transylvania County's Bike/Ped Planning Grant application.***

Active Routes to School- Mary Smith and Jackie Moore with Safe Routes to School shared that the Active Routes to School initiative is a partnership between NCDOT and the NC Division of Public Health, administered through the public health departments. The benefits of walking and biking to school affect children, schools, the community and the environment. The initiative uses a five-pronged approach to reach communities including awareness raising events, ongoing programs, training /workshops, built environment changes and policy changes.

Pam Cook shared that the staff for Active Routes to Schools are available to represent stakeholders on transportation committees (including the CTP). Curriculum for Let's Go NC is housed on the NCDOT website

(<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/safetyeducation/letsgonc/>).

Active Routes to School- Mary Smith and Jackie Moore provided a presentation on the ***Information only.***

**REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ricky Tipton provided Division 13 updates and Ed Green provided Division 14 updates.

Pam Cook shared TPB updates.

Vicki Eastland provided Legislative updates.

Staff Updates and Housekeeping were provided by Vicki Eastland.

**Adjournment**

With no further discussion, Chairman Newman adjourned the meeting.