

Meeting Agenda

RPO Technical Advisory Committee

September 28th, 2017 –11:30 French Broad Room (Large) Conference Room

Land of Sky Regional Council

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

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| A. Welcome and Introductions | Brownie Newman |
| B. Ethics Statement & Agenda Approval/Modifications | Brownie Newman |

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES

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| Minutes from the RPO TAC August 24nd, 2017 Meeting | Brownie Newman |
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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

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| A. LOSRPO DRAFT Project List for Submission to SPOT5.0 | Vicki Eastland |
| B. LOSRPO FY 2018 Meeting Schedule | Vicki Eastland |
| C. NCDOT Bike/Ped Planning Grant Resolution | Vicki Eastland |
| A. NCDOT Presentation "Driveway Permit Process & TIA's | Steve Cannon |

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REGULAR UPDATES

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| A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates | Jay Swain/Brian Burch |
| B. Transportation Planning Branch Updates | Daniel Sellers |
| C. Staff Updates and Housekeeping | Vicki Eastland |

7. ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING

Brownie Newman

Next Meeting: February 22nd, 2018, 11:30 AM

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Item 1b: Ethics Statement

ETHICS AWARENESS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER

(To be read by the Chair or his or her designee at the beginning of each meeting)

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Minutes – August 24, 2017

Attendees:

Brownie Newman
 Vicki Eastland
 Brendan Merithew
 Daniel Sellers

Brownie Newman
 Charlie Landreth
 Steve Williams
 Jack Debnam

Kyle Guie
 Zia Rifkin
 Mike Sorrells
 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 and it was proposed that Item B be moved to the last business item in order the move the voting items up.

APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES

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Jason Chappell moved to approve the minutes from the May 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 one made any and the public comment period closed.

BUSINESS

Review LOSRPO 2018-2027 TIP: Vicki Eastland shared that NCDOT initially released Draft 2018 – 2027 State Transportation Improvement Plan STIP in January 2017. Public comment was gathered at regional input sessions and online from March 28th – May 9th. During the public comment period, changes were implemented to accelerate projects in the STIP. NCDOT also updated the revenue forecast, which allowed an additional 144 projects to be funded. The 2018-2027 STIP was initially scheduled to be approved at the June 2017 meeting of the N.C. Board of Transportation. Approval was delayed to allow time for the document to be updated and for another public comment period, June 28th – July 12th. At the August Board of Transportation Meeting, the final STIP was approved.

Please Visit http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/RPO_STIP_2018.pdf to see Land of SKY RPO's 2018 – 2027 STIP.

Vicki Eastland continued that Land of Sky RPO project additions include: R-5764, Cove Creek Road Slide area repair, Haywood County, funded with Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds; R-5765, US 276 improvements from Avery's Creek Trail head to US 64/NC 280 Pisgah Forest intersection, funded with Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) funds; EB-5918, Pedestrian Improvements at Student Drop off Way/Derringer Drive.

No action required. Informational only.

LOSRPO Draft Project List for Submission to SPOT 5.0 – Vicki Eastland shared that in this round of prioritization, Land of Sky RPO has 15 new Project submittals for each mode of transportation. In addition to new submittals, Land of Sky RPO has five carryover highway projects. Two of these carryover projects, H-111159-A and H-111159-D can be removed from the database making space for two new projects. H-111159-B is being modified so that the termini fall within the study

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area of R-5837, the modernization of US25/70 in Madison County from N. Main Street to Brush Creek.

Vicki Eastland shared that she has held meetings with staff and elected officials from each RPO county to gather input on the Draft LOSRPO SPOT 5.0 Project Submittal list. This list represents the Highway Projects; there are seven bicycle and pedestrian projects in Transylvania County/City of Brevard and eight remaining Bike/Ped slots. The deadline to modify or delete carryover projects is August 25th. The deadline for project submittals is September 29. Vicki Eastland requested to have projects to submit by the end of August.

Vicki Eastland communicated that she will continue to enter projects into the SPOT online tool for testing, and work with NCDOT Division 13/14 staff as well as SPOT office staff to improve submitted projects. The final list will come back before the TCC/TAC at the September meetings.

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the project list including the deletions and modification. Charlie Landreth seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

LOSRPO Division Needs Alternative Criteria Memo : Vicki Eastland shared that as encouraged by Secretary Trogon, on June 12th, 2017, LOSRPO was involved in meetings with NCDOT Division 13 and 14 staff as well as staff from all PO's within Region G: High Country RPO, Isothermal RPO, Southwestern RPO, Greater Hickory MPO and French Broad River MPO. Regional Impact criteria will remain the same.

The following Default Criteria changes were agreed upon:

- SPOT5.0 Regional Impact Default Criteria (no change).
- SPOT5.0 Division Needs **Division 13** Alternate Criteria (change), move 5% from Accessibility/Connectivity, to Safety. Result, Accessibility/Connectivity = 0% Safety = 15%.
- SPOT5.0 Division Needs **Division 14** Alternate Criteria (change), move 5% from Accessibility/Connectivity and Freight. Apply this to Pavement Condition. Result, Accessibility/Connectivity = 0%, Freight = 0%, Pavement Condition = 10%.

For alternate criteria to be used, each NCDOT Division and each MPO/RPO in the region or division must unanimously agree to use it and must send a memo from their TAC or Board Chair to the SPOT office by September 29th. If a

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Division/MPO/RPO does not wish to participate this also must be communicated to the NCDOT SPOT office.

Vicki Eastland explained that in reviewing previous SPOT scores, the methodology was not working as intended and that is the primary reason why the Alternative Criteria is being proposed.

She communicated that the TAC needs to determine if LOSRPO wants to participate. If so, a motion is requested to proceed with alternate criteria and send the memo to the NCDOT SPOT office.

Charlie Landreth moved to proceed with Alternate Criteria for Division Needs by submitting the memo to the NCDOT SPOT office. Jason Chappell seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

SPOT 5.0 Presentation by NCDOT Division 13 and 14 DPE's - NCDOT Division 13 DPE Brendan Merithew and Division 14 DPE Steve Williams presented to the TAC a review of the STI Law and Prioritization process and an update on SPOT5.0 changes. The link to the presentation is on the LOSRPO website (www.landofskyrpo.org) and Vicki Eastland communicated she would distribute the presentation to TAC members.

Informational only.

REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brendan Merithew provided Division 13 updates

Steve Williams provided Division 14 updates.

Daniel Sellers shared TPB updates.

Vicki Eastland provided Legislative updates.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned as there was no further business.

Staff recommended action:

Review and Approve Previous meeting minutes.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Land of Sky RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

Item 4A. LOSRPO DRAFT Project List for submission to SPOT5.0 Vicki Eastland

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 municipalities and NCDOT Division 13/14 to develop this list of projects. At the meeting in August, you saw the DRAFT list, 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 is located in 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. This will reduce LOSRPO Highway submittals to 14 and increase FBRMPO Highway submittals to 26. With this submittal, the MPO will submit US 276/Raccoon Trail/Crymes Cove Road for realignment of offset intersection. Also, Because one of the Deleted Carryover projects in Madison County will be constructed using 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. By recommending this list to the LOSRPT TAC on September 28th for final approval, we will also be approving this transfer.

Link to Project List:

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

Staff recommended action:

Review and discuss as needed. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING. Recommend vote to approve this list as the final LOSRPO SPOT5.0 project submittal list. Including the transfer of one Highway project to the FBRMPO.

Item 4b: LOSRPO FY 2018 Meeting Schedule

This will be the last meeting this calendar year for LOSRPO TCC. The 2018 calendar is set up to meet NCDOT prioritization and TPB deadlines and meet with our regions planning needs.

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PLEASE PUT SCHEDULE HERE

Staff Recommendations:

No action required informational only

Item 4C: NCDOT Bike/Ped Planning Grant Resolution

Vicki Eastland

City of Brevard is considering submitting for an NCDOT Pedestrian Planning Grant. A resolution of support is required from the RTAC. Because this is the last TAC meeting before the deadline to submit application, we need to get a resolution of support in place should the city decide to proceed.

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Staff Recommendations:

Approve the Resolution.

Item 4D. NCDOT Presentation “Driveway permit process & TIA’s Steve Cannon

Because NCDOT gets many requests for new driveways along their roadway system, I thought it would be helpful if NCDOT Division staff could provide a presentation to the RPO to help explain the process. I also thought it would be helpful to know what triggers a TIA, Transportation Impact Analysis. Today’s presentation if provided by Steve Cannon, Division 14, District A District Engineer.

Staff recommended action:

No action required, Info only.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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NCDOT Staff
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Announcements, News, Special Updates

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