



Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization  
**Technical Advisory Committee**  
**Minutes – June 28, 2018**

Attendees:

Vicki Eastland  
Brendan Merithew  
Matt Wechtel  
Michael Sorrells

Zia Rifkin  
Steve Williams  
Wanda Austin  
Charlie Landreth

Anna Sexton  
Joshua Freeman  
Mike Clark

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Landreth called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees and requested introductions be made. He read the Ethics Statement, asked if there were any conflicts, and Mike Sorrells responded that he had a conflict with a matter before the RPO and would refrain from joining in discussion or voting on that business item.

**APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES**

***Mike Sorrells moved to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2018 LOSRPO TAC meeting. Matt Wechtel seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**BUSINESS**

LOSRPO Prioritization 5.0 Public Outreach/Survey Results: Vicki Eastland shared public outreach/survey results. She also reviewed the process of prioritization for Regional Impact Tier projects competing for funding in this round of SPOT5.0. Vicki Eastland communicated that she would share the public survey results presentation with the TAC.

***Information only. No action required.***

LOSRPO SPOT 5.0 Local Input Points Regional Impact tier: Vicki Eastland shared that meetings with local governments have been held, the survey distributed and results tallied and now it is time to approve the application of points for projects in the Regional Impact Tier. She communicated about the Jonathan Creek Road project which is in both the RPO and MPO regions and the US 25/70 Superstreet project which is also in both transportation planning regions.

***Matt Wechtel moved to approve the LOSRPO SPOT 5.0 local input points for projects in the Regional Impact Tier. Charlie Landreth seconded the motion, which carried without further discussion.***

Resolution to Remove or Reduce Bike/Ped Local Match – Vicki Eastland shared that this item was reviewed at the March meeting. She communicated that many of the smaller rural jurisdictions do not have the local 20% match for projects so those do not get submitted. This is only for stand-alone bike/ped projects. If this change is approved at the state level, it would allow federal funds to support 80% of proposed projects and the 20% local match would come from state funds. To encourage smaller, rural areas to be able to access these funds, it has been set up to correspond to county tier designations. A Tier 1 county would need to put up a 5% match and a Tier 2 county would need a 10% match.

***Mike Sorrells moved to approve the resolution to remove or reduce Bike/Ped Local Match and to send that to Julie White, the NCDOT Deputy Secretary for Multi-Modal Transportation. Matt Wechtel seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

City of Brevard BUILD Letter of Support: – Vicki Eastland shared about Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD), which are the new TIGER funds, for jurisdictions to apply directly to the feds to get important projects funded. These funds have a rural set aside. In the past, the minimum set aside for rural projects has been exceeded. The minimum cost of transportation projects in rural areas is \$1 million. In 2002, the City of Brevard decided that they wanted to do a downtown revitalization project. That plan was updated in 2012.

Chairman Landreth provided details of the project that the City would like to submit for funding. He noted that the project is roughly equal to the downtown business area. Vicki Eastland shares that BUILD can fund up to 100% of the project, but she noted that the chance of project approval rises when a jurisdiction has "skin" in the game. Today, the TAC is being asked to approve providing a letter of support for the City's grant application for BUILD.

Discussion occurred about the City's Downtown Master Plan, which focuses on the infrastructure in the downtown area. The project, if approved, would provide safety upgrades and other improvements.

***Matt Wechtel moved to approve the City of Brevard BUILD Letter of Support. Mike Sorrells seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.***

#### **REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Brendan Merithew provided Division 13 updates

Steve Williams provided Division 14 updates.

Daniel Sellers provided TPB updates.

Vicki Eastland provided staff updates.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Charlie Landreth adjourned the meeting as there was no further business.