

LAND OF SKY

RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

February 14th, 2019 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

Agenda

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Agenda Approval/Modifications

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Vicki Eastland
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Upcoming Meetings

Land of Sky RPO TAC – Thursday February 28th 2019 - 11:30 AM Large Conference Room

Land of Sky RPO TCC- May 09th, 2019-10:00 AM LOSRC French Broad (Large)
Conference Room

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A. Minutes from the RPO TCC October 11, 2018 TCC Meeting

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee October 11, 2018 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council Minutes

Attendance:

Daniel Cobb	Vicki Eastland	Nick Kroncke	Zia Rifkin
Steve Williams	Troy Wilson	Jodie Ferguson	Hannah Cook
Brendan Merithew	Daniel Sellers	Erica Anderson	Joy Fields
Matt Cable	Kenny Armstrong	Stephen Sparks	Forrest Gilliam
Dana Bolden	John DeGellecke		

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Vice Chair Daniel 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 for approval with no modifications requested.

Steve Williams 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

Forrest Gilliam moved to approve the June 14, 2018 TCC minutes as presented. Steve Williams seconded and as all were in favor, the motion carried.

RPO BUSINESS

LOSRPO Resolutions of Support for Rural Transit Providers: Vicki Eastland shared information about the resolutions of support for rural transit providers in Haywood, Madison and Transylvania Counties, which NCDOT is requiring from RPOs/MPOs for their applications for Federal Transit Agency (FTA) Section 5310 funds. The (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities provides funds for programs and projects that aim to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and to expand mobility options. She communicated that the resolutions were distributed for review by the TCC

prior to today's meeting. Resolutions include identified needs of Haywood Public Transit, Transylvania Counties Transportation Department and the Madison County Transportation Authority).

Matt Cable moved to recommend the resolutions go to the RPO TAC for approval. Jodie Ferguson seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

LOSRPO Prioritization SPOT5.0 Local Input Points Division Needs Tier: Vicki Eastland shared that staff-level meetings have been held in all counties with representatives from all LOSRPO member governments, NCDOT staff and FBRMPO staff. LOSRPO staff have completed draft scoring of all Division Needs Projects and applied Local Input Points based on Local Priority Rank and the RPO's approved methodology. Vicki Eastland noted that LOSRPO TAC/TCC members have been provided with the draft local input points assignment list via email and the LOSRPO advertised these for public comment and public hearing in the October 3rd edition of Mountain Express. The list is also available on the RPO's website: <http://www.landofsky.org/rpo.html>. She next reviewed the list with the TCC and shared that along with the project requested to cascade, there are also a couple of projects that have partial points since those are in both the RPO and MPO regions including the US 276 Jonathon Creek Road project in Haywood County and the US 25/70 Superstreet in Madison and Buncombe County. She proposed transferring the 64 points to the MPO for the US 25/70 Superstreet project, noting that it would not be known if the points were accepted by the MPO until after their board meeting in two weeks. Vicki Eastland noted that the public comment period ends before the TAC meets on October 18.

Steve Williams moved to approve the draft Division Needs Local Input Points assignment and to send that to the RPO TAC for approval. Jodie Ferguson seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Elect New TCC Chair and Vice Chair: Vicki Eastland shared that an election was last held about a year ago. Since that time, Mark Burrows has retired, and Daniel Cobb is acting as chair for today's meeting. Daniel Cobb shared he was happy to continue to serve in either the chair or vice chair position.

Steve Williams moved to nominate Daniel Cobb as Chair. Joy fields seconded the motion, which passed without further discussion.

Vicki Eastland shared that for either office, there is minimal time commitment involved.

Forrest Gilliam communicated that he would be willing to be Vice Chair. Steve Williams nominated Forrest Gilliam for Vice Chair.

Daniel Cobb moved to approve Forrest Gilliam as Vice Chair. Steve Williams seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

LOSRPO TCC/TAC Meeting Schedule FY 19/20: Vicki Eastland shared that the first 2019 meeting would be in February and meetings in FY 19/20 are set up to meet NCDOT deadlines.

Information item only- no action required.

REGULAR UPDATES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Sparks moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt Cable seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Staff recommended action:

Review meeting minutes and approve

4. RPO Business

Item 4A NC Moves 2050 Plan, Presentation

The N.C. Department of Transportation is updating its long-range transportation plan to help guide North Carolina's future transportation policies and investments. The plan is called NC Moves 2050, and provides a 30-year transportation blueprint for the state. Pam Cook, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch is here to provide a presentation of the plan and opportunities for input.

Staff Recommendations:

Informational, provide feedback to NCDOT

Item 4B LOSRPO Land of Sky RPO Title VI Plan

Title VI is the federal law that protects individuals and groups from discrimination on the basis of **race, color, and national origin** in all programs, services, and activities of a Federal-aid recipient. The law specifically states: "*No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.*"

Other related laws have expanded the Program to protect against discrimination based on **age, sex, limited English proficiency (LEP), income-level, and disability; (and creed/religion, where applicable)**. The **intent** of the Program is to **remove barriers and conditions** that prevent **minority, low-income, LEP, and other disadvantaged persons** from accessing, participating in, and benefiting from programs and activities of Federal-aid recipients.

NCDOT is a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the US Department of Transportation. As a recipient of these funds, NCDOT must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination authorities. NCDOT is required to have a comprehensive **Title VI Nondiscrimination Program** to prevent and eliminate discrimination in programs and activities administered by NCDOT. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR), External Civil Rights (ECR) is the focal point for the implementation of NCDOT's Title VI Nondiscrimination Program. ECR is also responsible for determining if the Department's sub recipients are in compliance with Title VI. Sub recipients may include **transit systems, metropolitan and rural planning organizations (MPOs and RPOs), local government agencies (LGAs), airport sponsors, universities, contractors, and other entities receiving funds through NCDOT**

Land of Sky RPO submitted our DRAFT Title VI Plan to NCDOT TPD in September 2018. After TPD's review the plan of forwarded on to NCDOT Office of Civil Rights for their internal review. LOSRPO staff received notification on February 4, 2019 that the DRAFT Plan needed was acceptable and does not require any edits.

Staff Recommendations:

Review and discuss the plan. Vote to recommend Land of Sky RPO TAC adopt the Title VI Plan at their meeting on February 28, 2019.

Item 4C: Review DRAFT STIP and SPOT6.0 Timeline

NCDOT released the DRAFT 2020-2029 STIP in early January. The DRAFT was shared with RPO TCC and TAC members. There will be opportunity for public comments, RPO staff will share the dates of these meetings when they are published. Some highlights from the draft document include, in the Regional Impact Tier, the intersection of South Caldwell, Broad and US 64 funded in the DEVELOPMENTAL STIP. In the Division Needs Tier, US 276 from Dellwood Road to I 40 is funded in the DELIVERABLE STIP, US 25/70 modernization project funded in the DEVELOPMENTAL STIP, the US 25/70 Superstreet project from Tillery Branch to Monticello Road is funded in the DEVELOPMENTAL STIP. Also in Madison County in the MPO area, Crossroads Parkway is receiving the remaining \$1.3 Million Dollars needed for construction in FY2020. Addition STIP project information will be provided in the agenda packet.

The P6.0 Prioritization process has begun. RPO staff is attending workgroup meetings and sub-committee meetings. Pre-submittal of intersection projects has occurred. Local county meetings will need to be set up in May/June to discuss project submittals. The submittal window will open in July and close the end of September. See P6.0 schedule for more information. Also visit <http://www.landofsky.org/rpo>. For updates and information.

Staff Recommendations:

Informational only, no action required.

LOS RPO DRAFT STIP PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

TIP Number	Description	County	ROW Year	Construction Year	Re-Prioritized in SPOT6.0 Y/N
R-5876	Cove Creek Road repair slide approx. 3 miles west of US 276	Haywood	FY 2020	FY 2020	No FLAP Funds
R-5921	Modernize US 276 Jonathon Creek Road from US 19 – I 40	Haywood	FY 2022	FY 2024	No
R-5837	Modernize US 25/70 From Brush Cr – North Main St	Madison	FY 2021	FY 2024	No
R-5924	Modernize US 25/70 From North Main St – East of Skyway Drive	Madison	FY 2029	Future years	Yes funded for design only
EB-5918	Construct sidewalk on both sides install a ped signal and refuge islands	Madison	FY 2021 PE	FY 2023 Or with R-5924	
B-5895	US 25 Hot Springs Replace Bridge over French Broad River	Madison		FY 2022?	
U-6173	Superstreet US 25/70 TilleryR-2409 Branch – Monticello Rd	Buncombe/Madison	FY 2029	Future years	Yes funded for design only
R-5799	Pisgah Forest Intersection Improvements	Transylvania	FY 2020	FY 2021	No
R-5800	US 64 Asheville Hwy Access Management	Transylvania	FY 2020	FY 2022	No
R-5882	US 64 S. Broad/Caldwell intersection improvements	Transylvania	FY 2029	Future Years	Yes funded for design only
R-2409	US 64 Rosman to Cashiers	Transylvania		Under Construction	
R-5919	Modernize US 178 Main Street in Rosman – Middlefork Road	Transylvania	FY 2025	FY 2027	No
R-5865	US 276 from Pisgah Forest intersection – Avery Creek Trail Head Widen to 3 lanes w/bike lanes	Transylvania	FY 2019 PE	FY 2020	No FLAP Funds
R-5763	Upgrade Wilson Road realign intersection w/ Ecusta Road	Transylvania	FY 2021	FY 2023	No
R-5605	Davidson River Connector	Transylvania		Under Construction	
U-5104	S. Caldwell Street	Transylvania		Under Construction	

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TIP Number	Description	County	ROW Year	Construction Year	Re-Prioritized in SPOT6.0 Y/N
EB-5858	Construct ped/bike bridge across the Davidson River	Transylvania	FY 2021 PE	FY 2022	No
B-5550	Replace Bridge over King Creek on Railroad Ave	Transylvania		FY 2019	

A. Item 4D. LOSRPO State Planning and Research SPR application

LOSRPO staff have submitted a grant application to NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch for State Planning and Research funds to potentially conduct a feasibility study to examine the viability of consolidating Transit administration and scheduling functions for the County Transportation Systems among the five counties in the Land of Sky RPO region. RPO staff will provide TCC members with additional information on this potential feasibility study.

Staff Recommendations:

Informational only. No action required at this time.

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ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

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– LOSRC French Broad (Large) Conference Room**