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**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Minutes from the Governing Board meeting on September 22, 2016

**Attendance**

**Meeting Date:**

**9/22/2016**

Representing	VotingTAC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Julie	Mavfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Gwen	Wisler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Fran	Cogburn	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain, Town of	Ryan	Stone	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Brownie	Newman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat Rock, Village of	John	Dockendorf	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haywood County	Michael	Sorrells	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	William	Lapsley	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Steve	Caraker	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurel Park, Town of	George	Banta	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCBOT, Division 13	David	Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCBOT, Division 14	Jack	Debnam	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waynesville, Town of	LeRoy	Roberson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weaverville, Town of	Douglas	Dearth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodfin, Town of	Jerry	VeHaun	<input type="checkbox"/>

Alternates/Agencies and Other Non Voting At TAC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville Regional Airport	Michael	Reisman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Lake	Jeff	Gittenboth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Zia	Rifkin	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Lyuba	Zuyeva	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA	Mike	Dawson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Ritchie	Rozzelle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT TPB	Pam	Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Ed	Green	<input type="checkbox"/>

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Dearth called the meeting to order, read the Ethics Statement and inquired if there were any conflicts of interest to note for today's meeting. None were heard. He requested that introductions be made. The agenda was presented for approval with the following modifications requested: remove Buncombe County Bent Creek Greenway Feasibility Study presentation.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Dearth called for any public comment. Jeff Giltenboth, a representative of Biltmore Lake Homeowner's Association commented on (SPOT ID H141856) Sandhill Road/Sardis Road (NC 112) project; Mr. Giltenboth indicated that this corridor has extremely heavy traffic even before the completion of a 300-unit apartment complex; Mr. Giltenboth spoke in support of funding this project in the TIP/STIP due to a high level of congestion.

## **Public Hearing for TIP Amendments**

Chairman opened the public hearing for the TIP Amendments. No comments were heard and the hearing was closed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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***LeRoy Roberson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the modified agenda. Steve Caraker seconded and as all were in favor, both were approved.***

## **REGULAR UPDATES**

- Rick Tipton provided Division 13 updates and Ed Green provided Division 14 updates.
- Pam Cook shared the Planning Branch updates.
- Mike Dawson provided FHWA updates.
- FBRMPO Committee & Workgroup Updates
  - Prioritization Subcommittee met on September 22, 2016. Next meeting scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Transit Operators Workgroup next scheduled meeting is planned for October 11, 2016.
  - Citizens Advisory Committee the call is open for committee members- application period extended through October 31, 2016.
- Lyuba Zuyeva provided legislative updates, indicating that a couple small state bills have been adopted pertaining to planning, including NC SL2016-111 (HB 483) which provides new vested rights for multi-phase projects over 100 acres that submit a development master plan for the entire property. All phases are vested for 7 years upon approval of the site plan for the first phase. A large local regulations reform bill (H548) has been considered and not adopted—likely coming next year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **TIP Amendments and Modifications**

Tristan Winkler shared that there were a number of TIP Amendments requesting approval today. He reviewed some of the items seeking approval including the addition of STBG and TAP-DA funded projects previously approved by the Board in August 2016. Other projects include: Future I-26, milemarker 18 to milemarker 12.5 for pavement rehabilitation (delayed to FY 2017); Intersection improvement in Hendersonville at Erkwod Drive (SR 1164) and Shephard Street (SR 1779); US-25 (Hendersonville Road) from Cane Creek Road to Howard Gap Road- ROW delayed from FY16 to FY17 to allow additional time for design.

Julie Mayfield communicated that the I-26 Connector project is impacting the North RAD Greenway. Brownie Newman commented that there is coordination underway.

***Brownie Newman moved to accept the TIP Amendments and Modifications as presented. Fran Cogburn seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

#### **SPOT Prioritization 4.0 Regional Projects Results and Division Tier Draft**

Tristan Winkler reviewed the state's process for prioritizing transportation projects in the MPO region for funding in the TIP/STIP. He reviewed the Division Tier draft projects list for MPO approval which included highway, transit and bike/pedestrian projects. The Prioritization Subcommittee reviewed and developed a draft assignment of points which staff are requesting be approved in order to take the Division Tier list out for public comment. Final approval/point assignment will be requested in October. Tristan Winkler mentioned that the total points available in the Division tier would be 1900 with the donation of a 100 points from the RPO for the Dellwood Road project in Haywood County.

Discussion occurred regarding the Wright Brothers Way project, which did not make the list. Mike Reisman commented that the project impacts economic development in the southern part of the City/County. Specifically, a portion of the land available can be used for economic development projects. He shared that there did not seem to be a clear understanding of why that project was important not just to the airport, but to the area as a whole. Tristan Winkler shared that if the Board thinks this is a necessary change, it can be addressed today or at the October meeting.

***LeRoy Roberson moved to approve the draft Division Tier MPO points assignment in order to start the public input process for final Division Tier FBRMPO points adoption in October. Jerry VeHaun seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

Tristan Winkler reviewed the projects which were recommended to cascade from the Regional Impact tier to the Division Needs tier and he noted that these projects are scoring fairly well. MPO staff are looking for approval to cascade the projects.

***Julie Mayfield moved to cascade the Regional Mobility Projects. John Dockendorf seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

#### **5310 Call for Projects**

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the MPO plans to hold a call for projects for FTA Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) funds made available to the Asheville Urbanized Area. The City of Asheville is the current designated recipient of these funds but the MPO is responsible for holding a call for projects and holding selection committee meetings to help program these funds. A draft schedule for the call for projects was reviewed with the Board. The call would close the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 23, 2016). Projects selected will come before the Board in January 2017.

***Julie Mayfield moved to approve the timeline and Selection Committee for the 5310 Call for Projects. Gwen Wisler seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

#### **Congestion Management Process**

Details of the process were shared by Lyuba Zuyeva (a copy of the current CMP version may be viewed at [http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/MTPAppendixF\\_CMP.pdf](http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/MTPAppendixF_CMP.pdf)). It was shared that adopting a CMP update in the spring of 2017 would allow the process to feed into the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update for the FBRMPO region. The FBRMPO Prioritization Subcommittee will play the role of the Steering Committee for this study. Public input will also be solicited through a variety of means including distribution of a freight survey; discussions with the CAC to determine additional outreach strategies; and several public input meetings are planned to be held throughout the region; and opportunity to provide public input online, etc.

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

### **Biltmore Avenue Congestion Management Analysis**

NCDOT staff with Transportation Mobility and Safety Branch presented a few potential concepts by phone for accommodating vehicular and active transportation on Biltmore/McDowell Avenue Corridors in the City of Asheville. NCDOT staff shared that one-way streets or reverse lanes may work but would not be desired by the City. Using a quasi-couplet as a way to meet the needs of the city was also presented. NCDOT is exploring alternatives to meet the desires that the MPO has expressed. NCDOT staff shared that it is prudent to explore those options further to make sure one of them would work, and communicated that the traffic patterns proposed by the City would likely not provide for the level of traffic mobility desired for the future.

NCDOT shared that there are a number of places where unbalanced lane conditions are present such as US 64 in Brevard. Representatives for the City of Asheville expressed appreciation for NCDOT's quick work to provide options. Staff commented that further research on options along that corridor is needed as there are quite a few constraints that need to be addressed along this corridor. MPO staff are still working to schedule a meeting between NCDOT and the City of Asheville. Tristan Winkler communicated that the other projects (Lexington Avenue and Coxe Avenue) in the Complete Streets Corridors project submitted by the City could be separated into individual projects and brought back to the TCC and MPO Board in October.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lyuba Zuyeva recognized the Town of Waynesville for receiving a 2016 Great Places Award for their Main Street from the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (NCAPA). Lyuba Zuyeva announced the public input meeting for I-26 Widening Project at Biltmore Baptist Church on Clayton Road, in Arden scheduled to be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The 30-day public comment period will open after that meeting.

Tristan Winkler recognized the City of Asheville for its Multi-Modal Plan (Asheville in Motion) which has also received an award from the NCAPA.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Dearth called for any public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Dearth adjourned the meeting with no further business before the body.