



**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
 Minutes from the TCC meeting March 8, 2018

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Meeting Date:**

**03/08/2018**

Representing	Voting TCC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Dan	Baechtold	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of- Transit	Vaidila	Satvika	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Adrienne	Isenhower	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain, Town of	Jessica	Trotman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Josh	O'Conner	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canton, Town of	Jason	Burrell	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haywood County	Jodie	Ferguson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County/Apple Country Tra	Brian	Burgess	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Matt	Champion	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Brendan	Merithew	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Daniel	Sellers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weaverville, Town of	James	Eller	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>13 Voting Members Present</b>			

Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bell Engineering	Josh	Kerrick	<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"/> FBRMPO/LOSRPO	Nick	Kroncke	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA	Mike	Dawson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Erica	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Ritchie	Rozzelle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Troy	Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Steve	Cannon	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaughn and Melton	Joel	Setzer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11 Non-Voters Present</b>			

**WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**

Chairman O'Conner opened the meeting and introductions followed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman O’Conner requested approval for the Consent Agenda consisting of the February 2018 TCC minutes; the update to the Committee Meeting Calendar Moving TCC and Prioritization to 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September; and the STBG Flex to FTA 5307 for TA 5702 Project. He also requested that the agenda be approved at this time, as well.

**Autumn Radcliff moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Dan Baechtold seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS**

Regular updates included NCDOT Divisions 13 and 14 and TPB updates and FHWA/FTA updates. MPO Subcommittee and Staff updates were also presented.

Lyuba Zuyeva announced that there would be no MPO (TCC and Board) meetings in the month of April. A New Board Member Orientation is coming up on March 16 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at Land of Sky offices. A workshop about Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding is planned for March 19 at the Pack Library in downtown Asheville. Parking is free for the event. “Coffee with a Transportation Planner” event to take place on March 21 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Ivory Road Café in Arden.

Lyuba Zuyeva shared legislative updates including that the federal government is operating under a Continuing Resolution until March 23. Also at the federal level a bill has been introduced, which would require that the conduit for broadband cables be installed as part of federal transportation projects. The bill has not been finalized yet. For our region, this could be a good move to enable further broadband development in rural areas. At the state level, the gas tax is still on the General Assembly’s radar.

## **BUSINESS**

### UPWP for FY 2019, Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the FBRMPO is required to adopt a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) annually. The UPWP is the budget for the MPO planning work for the year. A five-year schedule is also adopted annually. She continued that the Self-Certification is required of MPOs to certify to the FHWA and the FTA on an annual basis that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is conducted in accordance with all applicable federal requirements. Lyuba Zuyeva presented the UPWP for FY 2019 for consideration and she noted that Special Studies funding will be incorporated into the UPWP and that the UPWP includes additional administrative funding to provide staff support for the Corridor Studies Pilot. The FY 2019 UPWP has no other significant changes, at this time. She communicated that the Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification is also requested to be approved.

**Dan Baechtold moved to recommend for FBRMPO adoption the UPWP for FY 2019, Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification. Vaidila Satvika seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

### TIP Amendments and Modifications

Tristan Winkler shared a quick overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process. He then reviewed the TIP Amendments presented for consideration including the acceleration of right of way from FY 2020 to FY 2019 for the NC 191 widening in Henderson County; a delay in construction on Russ Avenue in Waynesville from FY 18 to FY 19; an increase in funds flexed from STGB to Planning for MPO planning purposes; a delay in ROW to FY 18 and construction to FY 19 for the Riverside Drive Greenway; and a number of transit amendments that modify transit grant funding amounts for Buncombe and Henderson Counties; and, the addition of Asheville Transit Vehicle and Hybrid Bus Battery Purchases.

Vaidila Satvika requested a change to the description from electric vehicles to ART vehicles as some of the purchases in the outer years would be diesel.

**Brian Burgess moved to recommend for the MPO Board to approve the TIP Amendments as presented. Matt Champion seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

### Performance Measures Coordination Agreement between FBRMPO, NCDOT and the City of Asheville

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that this is one of the new requirements for the MPOs coming down from the federal level as part of performance measures new regulations. All parties must adopt the agreement by May 20, 2018. Since the MPO will not have a meeting cycle in April, this is the month to approve the agreement. The City and NCDOT may not be adopting the agreement until a later date. She communicated that the Agreement speaks to the coordination and information sharing regarding performance measures targets and applicable data. She communicated that the transportation performance measures were first required under MAP-21 and later affirmed by the FAST Act. Asheville Redefines Transit (ART) will be putting together a transit Asset Management Plan for urban transit vehicles in our region. She noted that the spirit of the Coordination Agreement is to continue sharing information. Lyuba Zuyeva also shared which performance measures have come before the TCC and Board; and, which are still to come.

**Vaidila Satvika moved to recommend the Coordination Agreement to the MPO Board for consideration of approval. Jason Burrell seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

### MTP 2040 Amendment:

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that MPO staff have been in coordination with FHWA to amend the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in order to bring it up to FAST Act requirements. The MTP was passed in September 2015; the FAST Act was passed in December 2015. Amendments to the MTP are required to include: the addition of two new planning factors- to enhance Travel and Tourism and to improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system and reduce or mitigate stormwater impacts of surface transportation; the addition of national performance measures as well as the process in which the MPO will be working with NCDOT to develop performance targets, are required by the FAST Act; the addition of intercity bus consideration; and modifying the Public Involvement section to include additional stakeholders such as intercity bus providers (Greyhound), as required by the FAST Act. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the MPO region has some significant projects coming up and the MTP has to be in compliance with the FAST Act rules and regulations and these amendments are required to be completed by May 27 or the MPO's MTP will be considered out of compliance and changes to the TIP could not be considered

until the MTP is brought into compliance. She noted that a full MTP 2045 update must be completed by September 2020.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES**

STBG applications are due by March 30, 2018. An STGB workshop will be held on March 19 at Pack Library in downtown Asheville. Women in Transportation (WTS) will be hosting an event on March 14 in downtown Asheville. More information will be distributed about the event.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ritchie Rozzelle shared about a summit planned for May 18 at Sierra Nevada Brewing in Mills River that is part of Strive Not to Drive. More information will be communicated about the summit soon.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman O'Conner adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.