

LAND OF SKY  
**RURAL PLANNING**  
**RURAL ORGANIZATION**

**RPO Technical Coordinating Committee**

August 13th, 2015 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Chris Craig	Kris Boyd	Denise Braine
Chris Hnatin	Zia Rifkin	Vicki Eastland
Josh Green	Joel Setzer	Brendan Merithew
Scott Collier	Rick Tipton	Kristina Solberg
Mark Burrows	Forrest Gilliam	

**WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**

Josh Freeman called the meeting to order at 10:05am and welcomed everyone in attendance. He requested that introductions be made with each person asked to state their name and affiliation.

Agenda Approval/Modifications

Mark Burrows made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Joel Setzer provided the second to the motion which was approved upon a vote and without further discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Josh Freeman called for any public comment and with none forthcoming; he closed the public comment period.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Kris Boyd to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the RPO-TCC May meeting. A second was provided by Forrest Gilliam and upon a vote was approved without further discussion.

**RPO BUSINESS**

Approve LOSRPO SPOT 4.0 DRAFT Project List

Vicki Eastland presented the SPOT 4.0 Draft Project List. She shared the upcoming important dates with RPO-TCC members, which include, in the near term: September 1<sup>st</sup>- Existing project modifications anticipated intersections, and anticipated interchanges are due; October 1<sup>st</sup>- Project deletions are due; October 31<sup>st</sup>- New project submission, with the final date of submission to be determined by NCDOT. She encouraged RPO-TCC members to take a look at the list provided. He also requested the addition of medians to that project. Chris Hnatin asked the timeframe of the scoring process. Vicki Eastland explained that there is still time to add new projects, the submitted projects will be scored by NCDOT SPOT office and scores will be released in March at which time the LOSRPO can begin scoring projects.

**Mark Burrows made a motion to approve the LOSRPO Spot 4.0 Draft Project List. The motion was seconded by Forrest Gilliam and approved upon a vote and without further discussion.**

### Elect New TCC Vice Chair

Vicki Eastland shared that Martha Ramsey is stepping down from her RPO-TCC duties which creates the need to elect a new Vice Chair.

**Denise Braine made a motion to nominate Mark Burrows as the TCC Vice Chair. No other nominations were forth coming. Chris Hnatin seconded the motion which was approved upon a vote and without further discussion.**

### City of Brevard Greenway Selected for Study of Economic Evaluation

Vicki Eastland shared that this business item was presented for information only and she explained the methodology used to determine the greenway sites that will be studied (1-Mountain, 1-Piedmont, 2-Coastal). She provided an explanation of what the study will consist of and related that the data received will be shared with the RPO and the City of Brevard. It was shared that the purpose of this greenway study is an attempt to design a methodology that can be consistently used and replicated to evaluate the economic contributions of a given shared use path (SUP). The expectation is that the methodology proposed will provide good data that will allow for a determination of ROI.

Discussion occurred regarding the reason that this type of trail was selected. It was shared that user surveys will also be conducted with trail users. Chris Hnatin asked about the study periods which end in May rather than studying the usage during the summer months when trail use is higher.

### Announcement, News, Updates

Vicki Eastland shared that the NCDOT PDT Regional Training will be August 18-19- this is a mandatory training meeting for entities that receive 5311 Funding for Transit. The joint update with the MPO on the Human Services Transportation Plan is ongoing - all public and stakeholder meetings have concluded. Due to the timeframe of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, we'll be delaying drafting this plan until probably October/November timeframe at which time we'll bring it back out to the transportation advisory boards for review and public review. The next RPO TAC meeting will August 26<sup>th</sup> after the LOS Council meeting (2:30pm) in the Blue Ridge (New) conference room. Next RPO meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

### **REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates

Transportation Planning Branch Updates

Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports and Staff Updates and Housekeeping

Legislative Updates

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the RPO-TCC, Josh Freeman adjourned the meeting.