RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
June 14th, 2018 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

Agenda

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

   Welcome and Introductions  
   Agenda Approval/Modifications  
   Mark Burrows

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3. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES**

   A. Minutes from the RPO TCC March 08, 2018 Meeting

4. **RPO BUSINESS**

   A. LOSRPO Prioritization 5.0 Public Outreach/Survey Results  
   Vicki Eastland
   B. LOSRPO SPOT5.0 Local Input Points Regional Impact Tier  
   Vicki Eastland
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   D. City of Brevard BUILD Letter of Support  
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5. **REGULAR UPDATES**

   A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates  
   Division Staff
   B. Transportation Planning Branch Updates  
   Daniel Sellers
   C. Legislative Updates  
   Vicki Eastland
   D. Staff Updates and Housekeeping  
   Vicki Eastland

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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   Upcoming Meetings

   Land of Sky RPO TAC – Thursday June 24th 2018 - 11:30 PM French Broad (Large)  
   Conference Room

   Land of Sky RPO TCC - September 13th, 2018-10:00 AM LOSRC French Broad (Large)  
   Conference Room
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   A. Minutes from the RPO TCC March 08, 2018 TCC Meeting

   RPO Technical Coordinating Committee  
   March 8, 2018 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

   Minutes

   **Attendance:**
   
   Daniel Cobb  
   Ritchie Rozzelle  
   Daniel Sellers  
   Steve Cannon  
   
   Vicki Eastland  
   Brendan Merithew  
   Steve Williams  
   Matt Cable  
   
   Nick Kroncke  
   Nancy Allen  
   Zia Rifkin  
   Joy Fields

   **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**

   Vice Chairman 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 with no modifications.

   *Sara Nichols 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**

   *Matt Cable moved to approve the February 8, 2018 TCC minutes as presented. Steve Williams seconded and as all were in favor, the motion carried.*

   **RPO BUSINESS**

   Draft LOSRPO FY 2018-2019 Planning Work Program (PWP): Vicki Eastland shared that the PWP for FY 18-19 shows planned tasks and projects for the 2018-19 fiscal year. She reviewed the PWP with TCC members and noted that many of the ongoing projects would continue in FY 18-19.

   *Steve Williams moved to approve the draft FY 18-19 PWP and to recommend it for consideration by the LOSRPO TAC. Matt Cable seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.*

   Draft LOSRPO SPOT 5.0 Local Input Methodology: Vicki Eastland shared that the draft SPOT5 methodology has been reviewed by the SPOT Office in Raleigh and the TAC
reviewed the draft in February. It is currently out for public comment and will come back before the TAC at the end of the month for final approval.

LOSRPO/FBRMPO Prioritization 5.0 Public Outreach/Survey: Vicki Eastland shared information about the survey to collect public input on the projects for SPOT 5.0 prioritization. Currently on the RPO website is the five-county AGOL map that provides details of the projects including SPOT ID, a description of each project and other relevant information. A separate survey will be released for each county requesting input for projects. Respondents can complete one survey or all. Results will be used in the prioritization process for SPOT 5.

Ritchie Rozzelle communicated that the surveys will provide some up-front information including descriptions of projects including cross sections. Vicki Eastland shared that in the past, feedback was received that project descriptions were unclear. This year’s surveys have attempted to provide easy-to-understand descriptions of the projects. Vicki Eastland shared that the surveys will be on the RPO website and the link will be shared when active. The surveys will be open through the end of April.

Ritchie Rozzelle shared that the RPO plans to work with community and interfaith groups as well as using targeted advertising on Facebook. Member jurisdictions were requested to spread the word about the surveys to their community. Being cognizant of peoples’ time, the surveys are designed for folks to be able to comment only on those projects that are of interest to them.

Discussion occurred regarding electronic feedback that the surveys will provide and member jurisdictions commented that they could post the surveys on their social media pages.

No action required- informational item.

REGULAR UPDATES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ritchie Rozzelle commented that Strive Not to Drive is coming up in May and will be a multi-county initiative this year.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt cable seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

Staff recommended action:
Review meeting minutes and approve
4. RPO Business

**Item 4A LOSRPO Prioritization 5.0 Public Outreach/Survey Results**

The Land of Sky RPO and French Broad River MPO opened a public survey on all highway, bike/ped, and transit projects in the RPO and MPO planning area being considered for funding in the North Carolina prioritization process (P5.0). The survey attempted to be simple and user-friendly while also generating information that could be useful for decision makers considering applying local input points as part of the P 5.0 process.

The survey was developed through Survey Monkey and was accessed through the organizations websites. The survey was developed for each county. Users were then asked if they wanted to evaluate roadway or non-highway projects.

As of the survey closing on April 30, 2018, the survey collected 2,492 responses. This presentation will provide a general overview of the results. The aim of the survey was to be indicative of the public’s perceived need for the projects being considered.

**Staff Recommendations:**
No action required informational only

**Item 4C: LOSRPO SPOT5.0 Local Input Points Regional Impact Tier**

LOSRPO staff has held staff level meetings in all counties with representatives from all LOSRPO member governments, NCDOT staff and FBRMPO staff. RPO staff completed scoring of all REGIONAL IMPACT PROJECTS and applied LOCAL INPUT POINTS based on Local Priority Rank and the LOSRPO Adopted Scoring Methodology. RPO staff shared DRAFT Local Input Points assignment list with LOSRPO TAC/TCC members via email and advertised the LOSRPO DRAFT Regional Impact Assignment of Local Input Points for public comment and public hearing in the June 13th issue of the Mountain Express. The list was also placed on the LOSRPO web site.
| SPOT ID | Funding Tier | NODE | ROUTE PROJECT NAME | FROM | TO | PROJECT DESCRIPTION | FUNDING REGION | DIVISION (S) | MPO/RPO(S) | COUNTY(S) | TOTAL PROJECT COST | COST TO NCDOT | LOSRPO Local Priority Regional Impact | TOTAL LOSRPO SCORE Regional Impact | Preliminary Local Input Point Assignment Regional Impact | Deviation Notes |
|---------|--------------|------|-------------------|------|----|---------------------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| H090857-A | Regional Impact | HWY | NC 209 | SR 1501 (Silvers Cove Road) | SR 1334 (Max Patch Road) | Modernize Roadway, update to NCDOT standards | G | 14 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Haywood | 454,000,000 | 454,000,000 | 4 | 37.90 | 0.29/9 | 100 | No Deviation |
| H141279 | Regional Impact | HWY | US 276 (Jonathan Creek) | US 29 | I-40 | Upgrade roadway to current NCDOT standards. Construct or upgrade turn lanes at various crossovers. Install paved shoulders on the median side with rumble strips and install wide outside shoulders. | G | 14 | Land-of-Sky RPO, French Broad River MPO | Haywood | 45,400,000 | 45,400,000 | 1 | 61.60 | 0.992/6 | 79 | No Deviation |
| H171587 | Regional Impact | HWY | US 25, US 70 | Approximately 1760' North of SR 1564 (Filly Branch Road) | SR 1727 (Mountainside Road) | Convert existing four-lane divided roadway to superstreet | G | 13 | French Broad River MPO, Land-of-Sky RPO | Buncombe, Madison | 35,000,000 | 35,000,000 | 2 | 55.79 | 0.08/6 | 36 | No Deviation |
| H090092-A | Regional Impact | HWY | NC 208 | US 25-70 | NC 212 | Upgrade Two Lane Roadway to NCDOT standards. | G | 13 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Madison | 46,000,000 | 46,000,000 | 4 | 32.92 | 1.485/3 | 100 | No Deviation |
| H090092-B | Regional Impact | HWY | NC 208 | NC 212 | Tennessee State Line | Upgrade Two Lane Roadway to NCDOT standards. | G | 13 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Madison | 76,000,000 | 76,000,000 | 3 | 37.02 | 1.428/4 | 100 | No Deviation |
| H111159-B | Regional Impact | HWY | US 70, US 25 | Ingles gas station driveway approximately 325 feet S of SR 1392 (Skyway Drive) | US 25/70 Business (North Main Street) | Modernize Roadway, to include curb and gutter, bike and ped accommodations | G | 13 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Madison | 13,800,000 | 13,800,000 | 1 | 52.11 | 2.201/1 | 100 | No Deviation |
| H090162 | Regional Impact | HWY | NC 215 (Balsam Grove Suburs) | US 64 at Cherryfield | SR 1326 (Macdonald Church Road) South of Balsam Grove | Construct Two Lanes on New Location | G | 14 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Transylvania | 87,979,400 | 87,979,400 | 6 | 29.00 | 0.689/11 | 85 | No Deviation |
| H090858 | Regional Impact | HWY | US 178 | SR 1156 (Main Street) in Rosman | SR 1133 (Middlefork Road) | Modernize roadway, Widen, Realign, and add Climbing Lanes | G | 14 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Transylvania | 14,083,000 | 14,083,000 | 3 | 51.11 | 1.608/7 | 100 | No Deviation |
| H129079-D | Regional Impact | HWY | US 64 | Indian Creek (East end of R-2409C) | East of the east intersection with Flat Creek Valley Road (SR 1147) | Widen, Realign, and Climbing Lanes | G | 14 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Transylvania | 21,000,000 | 21,000,000 | 4 | 49.12 | 1.338/10 | 100 | No Deviation |
| H170251 | Regional Impact | HWY | NC 280 (Asheville Highway) | Northern terminus of R-1799 | North Transylvania Fire Department | Convert existing 4 lane undivided roadway to 4 lane divided with a 17.5’ median | G | 14 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Transylvania | 30,800,000 | 30,800,000 | 1 | 56.12 | 2.201/4 | 100 | No Deviation |
| H170394 | Regional Impact | HWY | US 64 (South Broad Street) | US 64 Business (South Caldwell Street), SR 1124 (North Country Club Road) | Improve intersection alignment | G | 14 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Transylvania | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 2 | 62.18 | 1.414/6 | 100 | No Deviation |
| H170396 | Regional Impact | HWY | US 64 (Rosman Highway) | SR 1337 (Clement Road) | Park n Ride Lot approx. 800 feet past US 178 | Widen existing roadway to 4 lane divided. Consider addition of shared use path within right of way | G | 14 | Land-of-Sky RPO | Transylvania | 36,000,000 | 36,000,000 | 5 | 34.51 | 1.432/9 | 100 | No Deviation |
To: French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) TCC/Board

From: Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization (LOSRPO) TCC/TAC

Date: June 14th, 2018

Subject: Request for FBRMPO to apply Regional Impact Points to SPOT ID# H171587

Project Description: US 25, US 70 From: Approximately 1760’ North of SR 1584 (Tillery Branch Road) in Madison County To: SR 1727 (Monticello Road) Convert existing four-lane divided roadway to superstreet.

This project was submitted by NCDOT Division 13 as a safety project to address high crash rates along the corridor specifically at full access intersections.

The project spans both FBRMPO and LOSRPO planning areas. FBRMPO 64% LOSRPO 36%.

The Project score in Regional Impact tier is 30.79 out of 70 with a cost to NCDOT of $35 million.

The project is not receiving Regional Impact points from FBRMPO based on the MPO P5.0 scoring methodology.

The project is receiving Regional Impact points from LOSRPO based on the RPO P5.0 scoring methodology. At the local officials meeting LOSRPO, FBRMPO, Div 13 and Madison County, H171587 was the Madison Counties #2 priority.

In NCDOT Division 13 preliminary Regional Impact Point assignment H171587 is receiving 100 points.

For these reasons, LOSRPO would like to request the FBRMPO apply 64 Regional Impact points to H171587 to bring the total up to 100 MPO/RPO points and give the project its best opportunity to be funded.

Thank you,

Vicki Eastland, Land of Sky RPO Coordinator
Staff Recommendations:
Discuss list, and any requested edits, vote to approve the Regional Impact Local Input Points assignment and send to the RPO TAC for approval.

Item 4D. Resolution to Remove or Reduce Bike/Ped Local Match

LOSRPO staff at the March TAC meeting proposed a resolution of support from LOSRPO TAC to be sent to Julie White, NCDOT Deputy Secretary for Multi-Modal Transportation in support of removal or reduction of local match for Bike/Pedestrian Projects. This has been a point of discussion at NCARPO association meetings.
WHEREAS, the Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization (LOSRO) provides transportation planning services for Buncombe, Haywood, Madison and Transylvania Counties, the City of Brevard, the Town of Rosman, the Town of Marshall and the Town of Hot Springs;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is the duly recognized Transportation planning policy board for the Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization (LOSRO); and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky RPO membership recognizes the benefits of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure as an integral component of the overall transportation system. These benefits include:

- meeting the transportation needs of persons without access to personal automobiles;
- providing opportunities for increased physical activity and improved health;
- promoting safe access to work, school, and other destinations;
- enhancing the vibrancy of our communities to attract economic development and help to retain our youth; and
- improving the quality of life for all our citizens.

WHEREAS, the 2013 Strategic Transportation Investments Law (House Bill 817) stipulates that state funds shall not be spent to construct federally-funded independent bicycle and pedestrian projects, requiring local governments to supply matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the LOSRPO TAC has many communities that don’t apply for bicycle and pedestrian projects because they are unable to make the required 20% match; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly passed Senate Bill 257 Session Law 2017-57, Page 371, which distinguishes between counties based on their Tier ranking and provides reduction on matching funds for planning grants; and

WHEREAS, the LOSRPO encourages members of our North Carolina General Assembly delegation to apply a similar economic ranking to construction funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects, reducing or eliminating the local match percentage for lower-tier counties, thereby making bicycle and pedestrian projects more attainable for economically distressed rural counties:
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the LOSRPO TAC hereby adopt the ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MATCH. A motion was made by __________________________ and seconded by____________________________ for the endorsement of the resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly endorsed, on this, the 28th day of June 2018.

_________________________  __________________________
Charlie Landreth, TAC Chair  Vicki Eastland, Secretary
Land-of-Sky RPO  Land-of-Sky RPO
**Staff Recommendations:**
Consider sending Resolution to TAC for adoption at their next meeting.

**Item 4D. City of Brevard BUILD Letter of Support**

The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the US DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly $5.6 billion for nine rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.

The eligibility requirements of BUILD allow project sponsors at the State and local levels to obtain funding for multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects that are more difficult to support through traditional DOT programs. BUILD can provide capital funding directly to any public entity, including municipalities, counties, port authorities, tribal governments.

BUILD funds can be fund as much as 100% of a projects cost for rural areas. Minimum of $1 million for construction funds maximum of $25 million per project and $150 million per state.

Applications due July 19th, 2018.

**Staff Recommendations:**
Recommend TAC approve letter of support.

5. **REGULAR UPDATES**

   E. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates  
   F. Transportation Planning Branch Updates  
   G. Legislative Updates  
   H. Staff Updates and Housekeeping

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upcoming Meetings  
**Land of Sky RPO TAC** – Thursday, June 28th- 11:30 AM (Prior to the FBRMPO Board Meeting) – LOSRC French Broad (Large) Conference Room