Meeting Agenda

RPO Technical Advisory Committee
October 18th, 2018 –11:30 French Broad Room (Large) Conference Room
Land of Sky Regional Council

1. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**
   A. Welcome and Introductions
   B. Ethics Statement & Agenda Approval/Modifications

2. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES**
   Minutes from the RPO TAC June 28th, 2018 Meeting

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

4. **LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items**
   A. LOSRPO Prioritization 5.0 Assignment of Division Needs LIP
   B. LOSRPO Resolutions of Support for Rural Transit Providers
      FTA 5310 Elderly and Persons Living w/ Disabilities
      Applications to NCDOT PTD
   C. LOSRPO Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2019

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

6. **REGULAR UPDATES**
   A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates
   B. Transportation Planning Branch Updates
   C. Staff Updates and Housekeeping

7. **ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING**

Next Meeting: February 28th, 2019, 11:30 AM
Item 1B: Ethics Statement

ETHICS AWARENESS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER

(To be read by the Chair or his or her designee at the beginning of each meeting)

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes – June 28, 2018

Attendees:

Vicki Eastland       Zia Rifkin       Anna Sexton
Brendan Merithew    Steve Williams     Joshua Freeman
Matt Wechtel        Wanda Austin       Mike Clark
Michael Sorrells    Charlie Landreth

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
Chairman Landreth called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees and requested introductions be made. He read the Ethics Statement, asked if there were any conflicts, and Mike Sorrells responded that he had a conflict with a matter before the RPO and would refrain from joining in discussion or voting on that business item.

APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES
Meeting Agenda

Mike Sorrells moved to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2018 LOSRPO TAC meeting. Matt Wechtel seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comments.

BUSINESS

LOSRO Prioritization 5.0 Public Outreach/Survey Results: Vicki Eastland shared public outreach/survey results. She also reviewed the process of prioritization for Regional Impact Tier projects competing for funding in this round of SPOT5.0. Vicki Eastland communicated that she would share the public survey results presentation with the TAC.

Information only. No action required.

LOSRO SPOT 5.0 Local Input Points Regional Impact tier: Vicki Eastland shared that meetings with local governments have been held, the survey distributed and results tallied and now it is time to approve the application of points for projects in the Regional Impact Tier. She communicated about the Jonathan Creek Road project which is in both the RPO and MPO regions and the US 25/70 Superstreet project which is also in both transportation planning regions.

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the LOSRPO SPOT 5.0 local input points for projects in the Regional Impact Tier. Charlie Landreth seconded the motion, which carried without further discussion.

Resolution to Remove or Reduce Bike/Ped Local Match – Vicki Eastland shared that this item was reviewed at the March meeting. She communicated that many of the smaller rural jurisdictions do not have the local 20% match for projects so those do not get submitted. This is only for stand-alone bike/ped projects. If this change is approved at the state level, it would allow federal funds to support 80% of proposed projects and the 20% local match would come from state funds. To encourage smaller, rural areas to be able to access these funds, it has been set up to correspond to county tier designations. A Tier 1 county would need to put up a 5% match and a Tier 2 county would need a 10% match.
Mike Sorrells moved to approve the resolution to remove or reduce Bike/Ped Local Match and to send that to Julie White, the NCDOT Deputy Secretary for Multi-Modal Transportation. Matt Wechtel seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

City of Brevard BUILD Letter of Support: – Vicki Eastland shared about Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD), which are the new TIGER funds, for jurisdictions to apply directly to the feds to get important projects funded. These funds have a rural set aside. In the past, the minimum set aside for rural projects has been exceeded. The minimum cost of transportation projects in rural areas is $1 million. In 2002, the City of Brevard decided that they wanted to do a downtown revitalization project. That plan was updated in 2012.

Chairman Landreth provided details of the project that the City would like to submit for funding. He noted that the project is roughly equal to the downtown business area. Vicki Eastland shares that BUILD can fund up to 100% of the project, but she noted that the chance of project approval rises when a jurisdiction has “skin” in the game. Today, the TAC is being asked to approve providing a letter of support for the City’s grant application for BUILD.

Discussion occurred about the City’s Downtown Master Plan, which focuses on the infrastructure in the downtown area. The project, if approved, would provide safety upgrades and other improvements.

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the City of Brevard BUILD Letter of Support. Mike Sorrells seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
Brendan Merithew provided Division 13 updates
Steve Williams provided Division 14 updates.
Daniel Sellers provided TPB updates.
Vicki Eastland provided staff updates.

ADJOURNMENT
Charlie Landreth adjourned the meeting as there was no further business.

Staff recommended action:
Review and Approve Previous meeting minutes.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. Land of Sky RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

Item 4A: LOSRPO SPOT5.0 Local Input Points Division Needs Tier  Vicki Eastland

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 DIVISION NEEDS 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 October 3rd issue of the Mountain Express. The list was also placed on the LOSRPO web site.


Staff recommended action:
Review and discuss as needed. Vote to adopt the LOSRPO Division Needs Local Input Points assignment.

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

NCDOT Public Transit Division (PTD) is requiring public transit providers to reach out to their MPO/RPO planning partners for letters or resolutions of support 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 aiming to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding mobility options.

Staff Recommendations:
Review the Resolutions of Support, vote to Adopt Resolutions for the three county Transit Providers and Land of Sky Senior Volunteers Applications for FTA Section 5310 Funds.
Item 4C. LOSRPO TCC/TAC Meeting Schedule FY 19/20

Vicki Eastland

LOSRPO staff has prepared the meeting schedule for the 2019 calendar year, FY 2019-2020. Meetings are set with consideration of LOSRPO deadlines, the Prioritization 6.0 DRAFT schedule as well as other scheduling needs in mind.

Land of Sky RPO TCC/TAC
2019 Meeting Schedule

**Land of Sky RPO TCC – 2nd Thursday at 10:00 a.m.**
(Unless otherwise noted)

- February 14th, 2019
- May 9th, 2019
- June 13th, 2019
- August 8th, 2019
- September 12th, 2019

**Land of Sky RPO TAC – 4th Thursday at 11:30 a.m.**
(*Unless otherwise noted)

- February 28th, 2019
- May 23rd, 2019
- June 27th, 2019
- August 22nd, 2019
- September 26th, 2019

**Staff Recommendations:**
Informational only. No action required.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REGULAR UPDATES

A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates
   NCDOT Staff
B. Transportation Planning Branch Updates
   Daniel Sellers
C. Staff Updates
   Vicki Eastland
ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

7. **ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING** Charlie Landreth

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