RPO Technical Coordinating Committee  
February 14th, 2019 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council  

Agenda

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

   Welcome and Introductions  
   Agenda Approval/Modifications  
   Daniel Cobb

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES

   A. Minutes from the RPO TCC October 11, 2018 Meeting

4. RPO BUSINESS

   A. NC Moves 2050 Plan, Presentation  
      Pam Cook, NCDOT
   B. LOSRPO Title VI Plan  
      Vicki Eastland
   C. Review DRAFT STIP and SPOT6.0 Timeline  
      Vicki Eastland
   D. LOSRPO potential State Planning and Research SPR application  
      Vicki Eastland

5. REGULAR UPDATES

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

Land of Sky RPO TAC – Thursday February 28th 2019 - 11:30 AM Large Conference Room

Land of Sky RPO TCC- May 09th, 2019-10:00 AM LOSRC French Broad (Large) Conference Room
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A. Minutes from the RPO TCC October 11, 2018 TCC Meeting

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
October 11, 2018 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council
Minutes

Attendance:
Daniel Cobb  Vicki Eastland  Nick Kroncke  Zia Rifkin
Steve Williams  Troy Wilson  Jodie Ferguson  Hannah Cook
Brendan Merithew  Daniel Sellers  Erica Anderson  Joy Fields
Matt Cable  Kenny Armstrong  Stephen Sparks  Forrest Gilliam
Dana Bolden  John DeGellecke

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING
Vice Chair Daniel 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 for approval with no modifications requested.

Steve Williams 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
Forrest Gilliam moved to approve the June 14, 2018 TCC minutes as presented. Steve Williams seconded and as all were in favor, the motion carried.

RPO BUSINESS
LOSRPO Resolutions of Support for Rural Transit Providers: Vicki Eastland shared information about the resolutions of support for rural transit providers in Haywood, Madison and Transylvania Counties, which NCDOT is requiring from RPOs/MPOs 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 that aim to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and to expand mobility options. She communicated that the resolutions were distributed for review by the TCC
prior to today’s meeting. Resolutions include identified needs of Haywood Public Transit, Transylvania Counties Transportation Department and the Madison County Transportation Authority).

**Matt Cable moved to recommend the resolutions go to the RPO TAC for approval. Jodie Ferguson seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

**LOSRPO Prioritization SPOT5.0 Local Input Points Division Needs Tier**: Vicki Eastland shared that staff-level meetings have been held in all counties with representatives from all LOSRPO member governments, NCDOT staff and FBRMPO staff. LOSRPO staff have completed draft scoring of all Division Needs Projects and applied Local Input Points based on Local Priority Rank and the RPO’s approved methodology. Vicki Eastland noted that LOSRPO TAC/TCC members have been provided with the draft local input points assignment list via email and the LOSRPO advertised these for public comment and public hearing in the October 3rd edition of Mountain Express. The list is also available on the RPO’s website: [http://www.landofsky.org/rpo.html](http://www.landofsky.org/rpo.html). She next reviewed the list with the TCC and shared that along with the project requested to cascade, there are also a couple of projects that have partial points since those are in both the RPO and MPO regions including the US 276 Jonathon Creek Road project in Haywood County and the US 25/70 Superstreet in Madison and Buncombe County. She proposed transferring the 64 points to the MPO for the US 25/70 Superstreet project, noting that it would not be known if the points were accepted by the MPO until after their board meeting in two weeks. Vicki Eastland noted that the public comment period ends before the TAC meets on October 18.

**Steve Williams moved to approve the draft Division Needs Local Input Points assignment and to send that to the RPO TAC for approval. Jodie Ferguson seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

**Elect New TCC Chair and Vice Chair**: Vicki Eastland shared that an election was last held about a year ago. Since that time, Mark Burrows has retired, and Daniel Cobb is acting as chair for today’s meeting. Daniel Cobb shared he was happy to continue to serve in either the chair or vice chair position.

**Steve Williams moved to nominate Daniel cobb as Chair. Joy fields seconded the motion, which passed without further discussion.**

Vicki Eastland shared that for either office, there is minimal time commitment involved.

Forrest Gilliam communicated that he would be willing to be Vice Chair. Steve Williams nominated Forrest Gilliam for Vice Chair.

**Daniel Cobb moved to approve Forrest Gilliam as Vice Chair. Steve Williams seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

**LOSRPO TCC/TAC Meeting Schedule FY 19/20**: Vicki Eastland shared that the first 2019 meeting would be in February and meetings in FY 19/20 are set up to meet NCDOT deadlines.

**Information item only- no action required.**
REGULAR UPDATES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Sparks moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt Cable seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Staff recommended action:
Review meeting minutes and approve

4. RPO Business

Item 4A NC Moves 2050 Plan, Presentation

The N.C. Department of Transportation is updating its long-range transportation plan to help guide North Carolina's future transportation policies and investments. The plan is called NC Moves 2050, and provides a 30-year transportation blueprint for the state. Pam Cook, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch is here to provide a presentation of the plan and opportunities for input.

Staff Recommendations:
Informational, provide feedback to NCDOT

Item 4B LOSRPO Land of Sky RPO Title VI Plan

Title VI is the federal law that protects individuals and groups from discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in all programs, services, and activities of a Federal-aid recipient. The law specifically states: “No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

Other related laws have expanded the Program to protect against discrimination based on age, sex, limited English proficiency (LEP), income-level, and disability; (and creed/religion, where applicable). The intent of the Program is to remove barriers and conditions that prevent minority, low-income, LEP, and other disadvantaged persons from accessing, participating in, and benefiting from programs and activities of Federal-aid recipients.
NCDOT is a recipient of Federal financial assistance from the US Department of Transportation. As a recipient of these funds, NCDOT must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other nondiscrimination authorities. NCDOT is required to have a comprehensive Title VI Nondiscrimination Program to prevent and eliminate discrimination in programs and activities administered by NCDOT. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR), External Civil Rights (ECR) is the focal point for the implementation of NCDOT’s Title VI Nondiscrimination Program. ECR is also responsible for determining if the Department’s sub recipients are in compliance with Title VI. Sub recipients may include transit systems, metropolitan and rural planning organizations (MPOs and RPOs), local government agencies (LGAs), airport sponsors, universities, contractors, and other entities receiving funds through NCDOT.

Land of Sky RPO submitted our DRAFT Title VI Plan to NCDOT TPD in September 2018. After TPD’s review the plan of forwarded on to NCDOT Office of Civil Rights for their internal review. LOSRPO staff received notification on February 4, 2019 that the DRAFT Plan needed was acceptable and does not require any edits.

Staff Recommendations:
Review and discuss the plan. Vote to recommend Land of Sky RPO TAC adopt the Title VI Plan at their meeting on February 28, 2019.

**Item 4C: Review DRAFT STIP and SPOT6.0 Timeline**

NCDOT released the DRAFT 2020-2029 STIP in early January. The DRAFT was shared with RPO TCC and TAC members. There will be opportunity for public comments, RPO staff will share the dates of these meetings when they are published. Some highlights from the draft document include, in the Regional Impact Tier, the intersection of South Caldwell, Broad and US 64 funded in the DEVELOPMENTAL STIP. In the Division Needs Tier, US 276 from Dellwood Road to I 40 is funded in the DELIVERABLE STIP, US 25/70 modernization project funded in the DEVELOPMENTAL STIP, the US 25/70 Superstreet project from Tillery Branch to Monticello Road is funded in the DEVELOPMENTAL STIP. Also in Madison County in the MPO area, Crossroads Parkway is receiving the remaining $1.3 Million Dollars needed for construction in FY2020. Addition STIP project information will be provided in the agenda packet.

The P6.0 Prioritization process has begun. RPO staff is attending workgroup meetings and sub-committee meetings. Pre-submittal of intersection projects has occurred. Local county meetings will need to be set up in May/June to discuss project submittals. The submittal window will open in July and close the end of September. See P6.0 schedule for more information. Also visit [http://www.landofsky.org/rpo](http://www.landofsky.org/rpo). For updates and information.

Staff Recommendations:
Informational only, no action required.
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### Prioritization 6.0 Schedule

**Key Dates:**

- **June 2019:** BOT approves P6.0 Criteria & Weights
- **July 2019:** SPOT Online opens for testing, entering, and submitting projects (closes Sept. 27)
- **Existing Project Deletions due for receiving extra new submittals (one out, one in)**
- **Existing Project Modifications due**
- **September 2019:** Alternate Criteria and Weights due
- **End of April 2020:** Quantitative scores for all projects released
- **SPOT Online closes for submitting projects**
- **May 1, 2020:** Regional Impact Local Input Point window opens for 3 months
- **Deadline for Approval of Local Input Point Assignment Methodologies**
- **End of August 2020:** Draft list of Programmed Regional Impact Projects released
- **September 1, 2020:** Division Needs Local Input Point window opens for 2 months
- **January 2021:** 2022-2031 Draft STIP released

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**Notes:**

- Blue Box = Approval of P6.0 Scoring
- Yellow Box = MPO/RPO/Division Input
- Green Box = NCDOT Work Tasks

**Tasks:**

- MPOs, RPOs, & Divisions test, enter, and submit projects
- SPOT Reviews and Calculates Quant. Scores for All Projects (Existing + New). Includes review period of all data & costs to be used for scoring (by MPOs, RPOs, Divisions, and DOT staff).
- TIP Unit Programs Statewide Mobility Projects
- MPOs, RPOs, & Divisions assign Regional Impact Local Input Points (with option to assign Division Needs Local Input Points)
- SPOT finalizes Regional Impact scores and TIP Unit programs Regional Impact projects
- MPOs, RPOs, & Divisions assign Division Needs Local Input Points
- NCDOT finalizes Division Needs Scores and TIP Unit programs Division Needs projects
- SPOT finalizes Regional Impact scores and TIP Unit programs Regional Impact projects
- NCDOT finalizes Division Needs Scores and TIP Unit programs Division Needs projects
- NCDOT releases Draft STIP
- NCDOT Provides Report to JLTOC
A. Item 4D. LOSRPO State Planning and Research SPR application

LOSRPO staff have submitted a grant application to NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch for State Planning and Research funds to potentially conduct a feasibility study to examine the viability of consolidating Transit administration and scheduling functions for the County Transportation Systems among the five counties in the Land of Sky RPO region. RPO staff will provide TCC members with additional information on this potential feasibility study.

Staff Recommendations:
Informational only. No action required at this time.

5. REGULAR UPDATES

D. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates Division Staff
E. Transportation Planning Branch Updates Daniel Sellers
F. Staff Updates Vicki Eastland

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings
Land of Sky RPO TCC – Thursday, May 9th- 10:00 AM (Prior to the FBRMPO TCC Meeting)
– LOSRC French Broad (Large) Conference Room