

MPO BOARD MINUTES
January 23, 2014 – 12:30 P.M., Land of Sky

Meeting Date:

1/23/14

Representing	VotingTAC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Jan	Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Marc	Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Fran	Cogburn	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain	Margaret	Tuttle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Brownie	Newman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canton, Town of	Zeb	Smathers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fletcher, Town of	Eddie	Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haywood County	Michael	Sorrells	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Steve	Caraker	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mars Hill, Town of	John	Chandler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montreat, Town of	Jack	McCaskill	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCBOT, Division 13	David	Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wavnesville, Town of	LeRov	Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weaverville, Town of	Douglas	Dearth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodfin, Town of	Jerry	VeHaun	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Voting Members Present			

Alternates/Agencies and Other Non Voting At TAC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Gwen	Wistler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brevard, City of	Charles	Landreth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen	Barbara	vn der Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen	David	Nutter	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Vicki	Eastland	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Paul	Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Lyuba	Zuveva	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County/Apple Country Transit	Matthew	Cable	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Annie	Sarac	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRPO	Josh	King	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Jay	Swain	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Kristina	Solberg	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Ed	Green	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Linh	Nguven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transylvania County	Daryle	Hogsed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WNC Alliance	Julie	Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Non-Voters Present			

WELCOME

Jan Davis called the meeting to order, introductions followed, and ethics statement read. There were no amendments to the Agenda.

REGULAR UPDATES (Jointly with LOSRPO TCC)

NCDOT Division 13 Updates

Rick Tipton presented Division 13 updates available [here](#).

NCDOT Division 14 Updates

Division 14 Staff presented updates available [here](#).

NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Updates

There were no planning branch updates.

Subcommittee/Workgroup Updates and Staff Updates

Paul Black indicated that the subcommittee and workgroup updates were included with the Agenda.

Legislative Updates

There were no legislative updates.

(LOSRPO formally closed their meeting)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Hearing for U-3301 TIP Amendment and Related LRTP Amendments

U-3301 TIP Amendment was previously discussed during November Board meeting. LRTP amendments resulted from shifting the funding to make room for U-3301 amendment. Those items were included in the Agenda packet. Lyuba Zuyeva indicated there were no emailed public comments. Jan Davis opened the floor for public comment, and there being no public comments, the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

November Minutes

Douglas Dearth asked to amend the November minutes under the business section. He indicated that his comments in the second line should read "Miss Mayfield HAVE NOT been answered."

TIP Amendments/Modifications

Paul Black provided information on the U-3301 TIP Amendment, already discussed as part of the public hearing.

Federal Classification of Road Network Updates

Paul Black indicated that the Roadway Network classification is typically updated once every ten years. The resulting federal classification changes have very little impact in our region but have some importance for specific funding sources such as STP-DA. Some of the roadways have been updated from "local" to "collector" and some roadways have been downgraded in functional classification. After referring to the posted maps for review, Paul Black asked for comments or questions. None were brought forth.

Endorsement of Blue Ridge Bicycle Plan

Lyuba Zuyeva refreshed the group on the 7-county regional bicycle plan. Adopting the plan at the MPO level will allow local jurisdictions to apply for state and federal funding for bicycle improvements recommended in this study. NC 280 Mills River to Brevard Corridor Study is a follow-up activity to the Blue Ridge Bike Plan; this study is just getting started.

Mike Sorrells motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Fran Cogburn seconded, and as there were no objections, the motion carried.

BUSINESS

2035 LRTP Amendments to Accommodate TIP Amendments

Paul Black described the following amendments indicating that several combinations were used. The Wilma Dykeman phases not in the River Arts District were pushed out while working on Phase One.

Ricky Tipton mentioned to change 10aB to 10aC. Brownie Newman asked about the area of the Wilma Dykeman project, and Paul Black replied that it is the rest of the section north of Hill Street and south of Amboy Road, along Swannanoa River to US70, the Amboy-Meadow piece is Phase Two, Phase Three is Swannanoa River, Phase Four is the northern piece.

Paul Black further clarified the components of the phases and tiers:

- Revise B15 (TIP # U-3301) from “\$10 Million spot improvements to Madison line” to “widen to multi-lanes to Newfound Creek, improvements to Gilbert Road”. Total cost at \$29.6 Million (increase of \$19.6 Million)

Move the following projects to “make room” in subsequent tiers:

- From Tier 1 to Tier 2: Non-Loop Funds for B13 (TIP # I-2513, I-26 Connector), \$30.75 Million
- From Tier 2 to Tier 3: C5, Phases II, III, IV, and V of the Wilma Dykeman Riverway, \$45 Million

LRTP Amendment 2013-2

- Add U-4409 to Tier III as “convert I-40 grade separation to interchange at Blue Ridge Road; widen SR 2500 to include TWLTL south of I-40 and improvements north of I-40 as needed to SR 2713”, Cost \$10.2 Million

LRTP Amendment 2013-3

- Assign D3 (TIP A-0010 section AB) to beyond 2035 horizon year, freeing \$59.1 Million in Tier III.

Jerry VeHaun motioned to accept amendments, John Chandler seconded, all were in favor, so the motion carried.

Finalize TIP Prioritization Potential New SPOT Project Lists

Paul Black provided a review and reminded members that the project list is included in the agenda packet. He described local match and small changes to the bike/ped list. Jan Davis said that because this is a large volume to review, it would be helpful to spend more time as these changes affect constituents. He asked the group to consider and approve the Bike/Ped portion.

Steve Caraker motioned to approve the highway SPOT portion of the list, Eddie Henderson seconded, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Brownie Newman motioned to approve the Bike/Ped SPOT project list, Steve Caraker seconded, and the motion carried.

Finalize New SPOT Prioritization Methodologies

The TCC agreed to the categories and the assignment of points as shown, with caveats to revisit the point scales for:

- lane width,
- shoulder width,
- preliminary engineering, and
- to have the local qualitative criteria (“project is consistent with local growth patterns” and “identified as top local priority”) comprise half the total score.

Paul Black indicated that the SPOT office would like to see bullet points and five criteria the Board can use for local criteria. Paul Black will ask representative from four counties in the MPO to come up with a rank order to determine the top projects. If not scored, the project will drop down to regional tier. The subcommittee discussed this at great length. The deadline for scoring is the first Thursday in April. The safety and security criteria based on shoulder width are still under discussion, difficult to obtain the data. Ricky Tipton offered to assist with that item.

No motion was made at this time.

Makeup of CTP/MTP Steering/Executive Committee

The TCC recommended makeup of the task force to include seven staff members and three or four elected officials with alternates. Presumably they would be geographically representative and TCC/Board members. There were no disagreements as to the structure of the committee, and volunteers are needed. The plan needs to be finished by October 2015. There may be work over the summer, such as setting policy, vision and goals, and working on performance measures. There may be a quarterly meeting but initially a monthly meeting.

There were no additional comments or volunteers at this time.

Makeup of CTP/MTP Citizens’ Advisory Committee

Paul revisited the purpose of this committee which is to review Task Force recommendations and provide additional input in the development of both plans. This is a required part of public input and participation in the MTP process. The Board needs to recommend membership configurations and process for membership consideration for the CAC.

Discussion began with suggestions to include the business community, chamber personnel. Jan Davis expressed concern with advocacy groups vs. a wide range of representation. Paul Black interjected that we do want these groups as well as a balance. Lyuba Zuyeva said we can ask volunteers to provide a letter of recommendation from the representative group. The CAC needs to be in place by May, preferably the end of March to refine makeup. Staff was asked to put together a draft recommendation to present at next meeting. Lyuba Zuyeva and Paul Black added that an early call for volunteers would give us an idea of who to expect. Jan Davis agreed and Marc Hunt suggested proceeding on the advertisement process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES, NEXT TOPICS

- ✓ There is a new member training on February 11 at 10 AM.
- ✓ Register for the February 28th Greer Inland Port field trip. Meet at LOS at 8:15. A save the date card will be emailed to members.
- ✓ NCDOT call for www.watchformenc.com campaign. Applications from municipalities are due in April.
- ✓ Women in Transportation Professional Organization meeting, Feb. 19th 11:30 at LOSRC
- ✓ Looking at GroWNC plan recommendations to see if items related to transportation

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Van DerHote would like firmer guidelines for the CAC to ensure fair representation and to limit unnecessary chatter.

Julie Mayfield commented that people serving on the CAC must be willing to commit, be present, and do the homework.

Jan Davis requested for the Board to receive the agendas and preliminary rankings and items as early as possible and that key items be separate from agenda. Paul Black replied that it can be sent the same time as the TCC agenda, marked Draft. Jan Davis then acknowledged Linh Nguyen's fine work and all were ready to enjoy the cake.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or public comment, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: March 13, 2014.