

FRENCH BROAD RIVER MPO BOARD MEETING

Minutes for April 24, 2014

Meeting Date:

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Representing	VotingTAC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Marc	Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Gwen	Wistler	<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	Holly	Jones	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canton, Town of	Zeb	Smathers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fletcher, Town of	Eddie	Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Steve	Caraker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Valley	Ron	DeSimone	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montreat, Town of	Jack	McCaskill	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waynesville, Town of	LeRov	Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weaverville, Town of	Douglas	Dearth	<input type="checkbox"/>
12 Voting Members Present			

Alternates/Agencies and Other Non Voting At TAC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville Design Center	Bruce	Emory	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain, Town of	Ryan	Stone	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Lyuba	Zuyeva	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Paul	Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Vicki	Eastland	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Susan	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRPO	Josh	King	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Ricky	Tipton	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Kristina	Solberg	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Ed	Green	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Ralph	Cannady	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Pam	Cook	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WNC Alliance	Julie	Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Non-Voters Present			

INTRODUCTION

Doug Dearth opened the meeting with introductions and reviewed the Agenda.

Marc Hunt motioned to approve the Agenda, Eddie Henderson seconded, and the Agenda was so approved.

Gwen Wisley motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items, Fran Cogburn seconded, and the Consent Agenda was so approved.

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REGULAR UPDATES

- Div. 13 Updates: Brief overview of projects included Hominy Creek bridges, McDowell Street Tunnel , I-40 Resurfacing, I-26 Open House at the Renaissance Hotel. [More information here.](#)
- Div 14 Updates: Overview included Howell Mill Road, Balsam Mountain, and a Rest Area on US-74. [Additional project information here.](#)
- Transportation Planning Branch: Transportation Demand Model continues. Recommendations for new staff waiting on approval.
- Staff Updates: Information contained in Agenda Packet.
- Legislative Updates: Mr. Tennison gave the initial SPOT report. Division methodologies were discussed, and feedback received from RPO/MPOs across the state.
- Travel Behavior Survey: Paul gave a presentation on the Travel Behavior Survey.

BUSINESS

- GROWNC Strategies Resolution: Paul explained the background behind the strategies that were included in the board packet. The word 'endorse' was replaced with 'support' as suggested from the TCC meeting.

Eddie Henderson motioned to approve the GroWNC Strategies Resolution as amended with the word 'support', Marc Hunt seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried.

- New FBRMPO Logo: There was a general consensus of approval for the new logo.
- SPOT 3.0: Statewide/Region A/Division Cut. Paul Black discussed the SPOT projects and reviewed ports and I-95 relationships. Marc Hunt reviewed the connector project and section scoring, then questioned the group about leaving A alone and fixing B and C, or to zero in section by section when EIS is removed. Rick Tipton added that there are constructability issues with all of these projects, and that the transitions between sections cannot just come to a stop, 8 lanes to four, portions could be built in separate stages perhaps. He added to perhaps assign points if the project sections cascade down. Decisions made by this board could affect the build out date. August 29th is new SPOT 3.0 points date. Delay by 2 months due to late SPOT scores getting out. August meeting. June meeting as well.
- Budget Update: There were no comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lyuba Zuyeva informed the group that she is leaving her position in the FBRMPO and taking the role of Mountain Mobility Administrator.
- Next meeting will cover prioritization discussions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Emory- Asheville Design Center: Section B scored well enough to get funding, adopted 3c last month. Curious to see what if we looked at some of the other alternatives such as Alt4 (ranked 37) and 4B. All the alternatives are still viable if they all score the same no matter which cost alternative used. Weigh benefit and cost of all the alternatives.

Doug Dearth commented that this was the shortest meeting to date and recommended a motion to adjourn. Jack McCaskill motioned to adjourn, Marc Hunt seconded, and as there were no objections, the meeting was adjourned.