

French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Coordinating Committee
 Minutes: June 12, 2014

Meeting Date:

6/12/2014

Representing	VotingTCC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Dan	Baechtold	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain	Josh	Harrold	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haywood Public Transit	Susan	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County/Apple Country Tra	Matthew	Cable	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Susan	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Madison County	Forrest	Gilliam	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Valley, Town of	Nathan	Clark	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Mobility	Denise	Braine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Ricky	Tipton	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Joel	Setzer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, PTD	Nick	Scheuer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Pam	Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wavnesville	Fred	Baker	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weaverville, Town of	Taylor	Gupton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15 Voting Members Present			

Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County Council on Aging	Wendy	Marshall	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County Council on Aging	Heather	Roberts	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Paul	Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Lyuba	Zuyeva	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Highway Administration	Loretta	Barren	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JM Teague	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Erica	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Kristina	Solberg	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Wanda	Austin	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WNC Alliance	Julie	Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WNC Regional Air Quality Agency	Vic	Fahrer	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Non-Voters Present			

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Josh O'Conner called the meeting to order and introductions followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy Marsh from Council on Aging of Buncombe County asked for assistance on getting 5310 funds this year and information on status of opportunity to apply for funding. She added that 135 people every year depend on the service, not duplicate with mountain mobility, and reimburses mileage to volunteers to help with transportation to medical appointments.

Heather Roberts-VanSickle also from the Council on Aging spoke about gaps the agency fills and highlighted personal public stories with volunteers who help the aging, reiterating that without having the ability to recruit and retain volunteers, the Agency couldn't help out these people. Wendy Marsh again asked for guidance and help to access funds to support this service.

Denise Braine motioned to modify the Agenda to include business to discuss the designation of recipients for the 5310 funds as the item was previously tabled in September. Matt Cable seconded, and the request was added as Item B under Business item #5.

There being no further public comment, the public comment period was then closed.

Nathan Clark motioned to approve the Agenda, Matt Cable seconded, and the motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Sue Anderson of Hendersonville asked to abstain from voting on the Consent Agenda as an item directly impacts the City of Hendersonville.

Consent agenda included the following items:

- May minutes
- TIP Amendments and Modifications
- New Freedom Amendment Resolution
- UPWP Transit Corrections
- JARC Grant Recommendations

Forrest Gilliam motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Dan Baechtold seconded, and the motion carried.

REGULAR UPDATES

- ***NCDOT Division 13 and 14***
Updates were highlighted and are available [here](#). Division 14 promoted the comment period/workshop beginning June 17 and ending July 16.
- ***NCDOT TPB Updates***
Pam Cook introduced Brendan Merithews who gave a brief overview of his background. Pam Cook highlighted that the model continues to go well, she met with Leta Huntzinger about the new numbers, survey data continues to be helpful, and hopefully the model will be complete by the end of summer.
- ***Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports***
Paul Black indicated that the summaries are included in the Agenda packet. There were copies of the Blue Ridge Bike Plan available to attendees.

- **Legislative Updates**

Paul Black included a summary of the budget provisions, Medicaid transit funding, and MAP-21 reauthorization & federal highway trust fund status.

BUSINESS

Discussion began regarding the scoring of SPOT projects. The I-26 connector did not get fully funded at the statewide tier. There are two Sweeten Creek Road projects and the cascades happen as they drop from Statewide to Regional whether we choose them or not.

Paul Black interjected that a copy of the methodology is in the agenda packet so that the numbers are available for review. Paul Black then highlighted the spreadsheet which was made viewable on the wall screen. He added that points needed assigned, maximum to top 18 as discussed and the goal for today's meeting. Questions arose about statewide funding clarification and not taking the full 290 million in the regional tier.

Matt Cable asked if Buncombe County's TAC did not include the connector and how did that project factor. Paul Black replied that it received a zero and that the local committee felt that it was the decision the TAC should make as to whether that should cascade the project down. Local projects were identified for scoring but the connector project was forwarded to the Board as it affected many regions.

Riceville discussion followed that it was a part of the congestion hot spot and therefore part of the long range plan and can be covered.

Paul Black indicated that the action needed today is to pick which projects are going to get our points.

Josh O'Conner said that because this is political vs. technical [with the cascading of the Connector], he feels it should be forwarded to the Board for discussion.

Matt Cable opined regarding the I-4400 segments that it is not appropriate to cascade a project twice, and that, as the TCC, this is weighed in as defining criteria but ultimately the decision of the Board as how to cascade.

Additional questions and discussions followed as to scoring, cascading particulars, and funding reality vs. project deliverability. The nine goals of the plan were reviewed.

Matt Cable recommended the TCC move regional ranks to the Board to approve and Josh O'Conner asked for a formal motion on this item.

Matt Cable motioned the TCC to recommend the Regional and Division project rankings to the Board to include the cascaded projects ranked by the Henderson County TAC. The recommendation on whether to cascade the I-26 Connector (I-2513B) to the Regional tier and the Henderson County I-26 projects to the Division tier (should the I-26 connector cascade to the Regional tier) should be made by the Board. Additionally that the TCC recommend assigning the maximum points to the top 18 Regional and top 18 Division projects. Joel Setzer seconded, and as there were none opposed, the motion carried.

Denise Braine reiterated her wish to designate the City of Asheville for 5310 funding to support enhancements to the provision of transportation that aids the elderly and disabled residents. Prior to Map 21, the NCDOT was recipient for both rural and urban areas and therefore transit systems applied to NCDOT to those funds. Map 21 changes separate those funds into rural and urban, state for rural funds, and each MPO required to design recipient for urbanized funds for areas over 200,000. Recommendation back in September to designate Asheville transit/city of Asheville, they are the only designated recipients in our region and the only entity to get those funds. Administrative funds only 10% set aside for administration of the program. There are transit systems and agencies unable to access those funds until this decision is made. Can land of sky MPO become designated recipient? There is an involved process to go through to become a designated recipient and not to be taken lightly. We will lose these monies and ability to spend in September of 2015. Request this matter be looked at quickly and recommendation to MPO board to take action to send letter to NCDOT or governor to design a recipient for this area and my recommendation is to the City of Asheville to administer these funds.

Denise Braine motioned to move this matter along, Susan Anderson seconded, and Dan Baechtold added that he was not in a position to cast a vote on this but will take the information back to the City of Asheville. As there was no opposition, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

- Welcome to the new TPB Coordinator, Brendan Merithew
- Lyuba Zuyeva promoted to Mountain Mobility division
- Vicki Eastland is the new RPO Coordinator
- Currently interviewing for the vacant MPO Planner position
- MTP Executive Committee meeting on June 19 at 3pm

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING?

- Denise Braine asked the TCC to report back on 5310 Recipient
- No meeting in July
- Next meeting is August 14 at 11am

PUBLIC COMMENT

No further public comment at this time

Joel Setzer motioned to adjourn the TCC meeting, Denise Braine seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried and the meeting was so adjourned.