

**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Technical Coordinating Committee Minutes for August 14, 2014

Brendan Merithew	Josh Harrold	Dan Baechtold
Scott Collier	Nathan Clark	Lyuba Zuyeva
Denise Braine	Susan Anderson, Haywood	Joel Setzer
Josh O'Conner	County	Nick Scheuer
Matt Cable	Rick Tipton	Julie Mayfield
Mark Biberdorf	Kristina Solberg	Paul Benson
Mike Reisman, AVL Airport	Jason Burrell	Forrest Gilliam on phone
Paul Black	Vicki Eastland	Annie Sarac

**WELCOME**

Mark Biberdorf called the meeting to order and introductions followed. He then asked if there were any changes to the Agenda.

***Dan Baechtold motioned to approve the agenda, Nathan Clark seconded, and the Agenda was so approved.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mark Biberdorf asked attendees to look over items in Consent Agenda and to approve same.

***Josh O'Connor motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Matt Cable seconded, and the Consent Agenda was so approved.***

**REGULAR UPDATES**

- Division 14: Joel Setzer provided updates then added that the STI process had a public comment period and is now in the final phase of coordinating key stakeholders.
- Division 13: Rick Tipton provided updates and also added there was a public comment period available.
- TPB: Brenden Merithew informed the members that a training is coming up in September, and that the SEI forms are now posted online
- Subcommittee Reports are included in the Agenda packet. Paul Black reviewed the results of the August 8<sup>th</sup> MTP Executive Committee meeting and the survey will be presented to the Citizens' Advisory Committee at their next meeting.
- Tristan Winkler will join the MPO staff on August 18 and will lead the Complete Streets and Prioritization meetings.
- Lyuba Zuyeva mentioned that the Transit Operator's meeting is September 4<sup>th</sup> not the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Paul Black reported on legislative updates, and that there was a budget now which does not adversely impact transportation at this time. Toward the end of the TCC meeting, he referenced the Wilmington Resolution (in Agenda packet) regarding the proposed rulemaking on Metropolitan Planning and asked for consent to use some of the text from Wilmington's resolution as MPO's official response to public input.

***Denise Braine motioned to approve the use of the text from the Wilmington Resolution, Matt Cable seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion was approved.***

## **BUSINESS**

### **Final Scoring of SPOT Projects**

Paul Black introduced projects pulled in and agenda spreadsheet item was projected for viewing. He indicated the two projects that tied as McDowell Street in Asheville and US23 in Buncombe County. His recent conversations with Division 13 and City of Asheville covered a set aside of monies at state level to cover multi-model projects. He pointed out the two airport projects which are highlighted in the Agenda packet and the suggestion of looking at finding ways to include these projects in the regional tier. There were also some disconnects between the MPO and the NCDOT Division points, with both MPO and Division giving points, but in different tiers. Discussion followed as to which projects to move and which were favored. Agreement reached to break apart moving around of projects for easier approval. On the Regional side, Mike Reisman said the project preference is for the snow removal equipment project if only one project can fit.

***Matt Cable motioned to move NC 81, Swannanoa River Road to Division tier, Dan Baechtold seconded, and as there was no further discussion, the motion carried.***

***Dan Baechtold motioned to move Beaverdam Road project off the Division list to accommodate NC 81, Denise Braine seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried.***

***Dan Baechtold motioned to switch Riceville Modernization Project to the Riceville Bike and Ped Project, Nathan Clark seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried.***

***Denise Braine motioned to approve the addition of the airport snow removal equipment project in the slot opened by removing the Swannanoa River Road project, Paul Benson seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried.***

Ricky maybe taking points from the R-4406 project then Joel Setzer mentioned issues ....

Paul Black requested clarification as maybe 100 to second airport project and remaining 61 to original #18<sup>th</sup> project?

Joel Setzer wanted more discussion on ranking methodology.

U-3403B NC 191 from the Blue Ridge Parkway down to Long Shoals and B is what RPO points on - change on sheet as they are incorrect on spreadsheet – split division

So B is not on this list? Paul—No, it is on the RPO donated points list which we get to next.

Zeb Smathers needed clarification on R-4406A and delegating points to Wrights Brothers Way.

R-4406A: Paul Black said 100 from there to the second airport project, then 61 points from the tiered projects and give back to the 4406 project McDowell Street and US23 off the list then.

Joel Setzer asked “Why does division and MPO align their points on ‘B’.” Paul Black replied by discussing the public comment input needs. He further clarified the taking of the 100 points on 4406A and putting the airport project in that slot and using the remaining 61 points on R-4406A.

***Matt Cable motioned to make those adjustments and note to the Board the logic behind removing points from R4406A based on points coming from the RPO, Rick Tipton seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried.***

Paul Black indicated the need to accept the RPO points given to the MPO. The RPO is giving the points on all three of the future I-26 North of the connector and further clarified in the Agenda text. The other 2 projects are U-3403-B discussed earlier and a roundabout project on NC 110 in Canton.

Denise Brain communicated that the RPO did go through much discussion and took the matter very seriously so she recommended accepting those points.

***Denise Braine motioned to accept the RPO points given to the MPO, Josh O’Conner seconded, and as none were opposed the motion carried.***

#### Transit representation on MPO Board

Following Map-21 stipulations as described in the Agenda under 5B, Paul Black explained that MPO Board members cannot “wear two hats” and that there are two basic options for a decision today to fulfill the new requirement:

1. Have the City of Asheville designate one of their two seats specifically to transit. and potentially have the counties do likewise; OR
2. Designate 2 new seats on the MPO Board, one for urban transit (5307 recipients) and one for nonurban (5311 recipients) and designate the Transit Operators' Workgroup to nominate candidates for the seats.

This adoption must be completed by October. The first option may be able to take place administratively. The second option is likely to require a readoption of the MOU by every member government. Some discussion followed, including if an appointed person, there will be an ethics requirement.

***Denise Braine motioned to accept option #2 from Agenda Item 5B which designates two new seats on the MPO Board, one for urban and one for transit, Sue Anderson seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried.***

### 5310 Update

The City of Asheville is the current DR for other FTA funds and has agreed to be the DR for 5310 funds. Paul Black requested recommendation to have the Board approve the Resolution making the City of Asheville the Direct Recipient for 5310. Denise Braine expressed her thankfulness to Land of Sky for facilitating the discussions as these funds are very important. Paul Black replied that he appreciates the City's willingness to take on the role.

***Denise Braine motioned to recommend to the MPO Board to approve the Resolution making the City of Asheville the DR for 5310, Sue Anderson seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Tristan Winkler has been hired as the MPO Planner.
- Lyuba Zuyeva reminded members of the Community Connections event on September 19.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there were no further comments or discussion, the meeting adjourned.