

French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**Governing Board Minutes for August 28, 2014**

**Meeting Date:**

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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"/> Black Mountain	Margaret	Tuttle	<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"/> Haywood County	Michael	Sorrells	<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"/> Weaverville, Town of	Douglas	Dearth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>9 Voting Members Present</b>			
Alternates/Agencies and Other Non Voting At TAC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Gwen	Wistler	<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"/> Federal Highway Administration	Loretta	Barren	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Annie	Sarac	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Rickv	Tipton	<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"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Ed	Green	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, PTD	Nick	Scheuer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Brendan	Merithew	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WNC Alliance	Julie	Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>12 Non-Voters Present</b>			

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Jan Davis called the meeting to order and introductions followed. He asked if there were any conflicts of interest and read the Ethics Statement. As there is not yet a quorum, the Division Reports were presented.

**REGULAR UPDATES**

[Division 13](#) report delivered by Rick Tipton.

[Division 14](#) report delivered by Ed Green.

Brendan Merithew provided an update on the travel demand model and noted that on September 25<sup>th</sup> Leta Huntsinger of Parsons Brinckerhoff will give a presentation on the model.

The Prioritization Subcommittee recommended approval of the reports by the Board. Paul Black provided the Legislative updates regarding the sales tax increase and indicated he had a copy of the tax bill if needed.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON SPOT COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

Zeb Smathers then joined via teleconference and a quorum was established.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

June minutes: It was noted that in the first paragraph of the minutes where I2513 is mentioned, the text should indicate it 'is' up to nine million.

***Doug Dearth motioned to approve the minutes with the above change, Marc Hunt seconded, and as there were none opposed, the minutes were approved.***

Paul Black described the UPWP Special Study Carryover and the 2015 meeting schedule. Henderson County requested one of those meetings to be in Henderson County and Haywood County would also like to host a meeting. Eddie Henderson asked for clarification of the TIP amendments and Paul Black responded.

***Doug Dearth motioned to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda, Eddie Henderson seconded, and as there were none opposed, the motion was approved.***

#### **BUSINESS**

##### *Final scoring of SPOT projects*

Paul Black explained the shifting of projects that was outlined in the Agenda packet and projected onto the screen for review.

David Brown asked for clarification on US70 Tunnel Road access management and Paul Black replied a potential consolidation of driveways. David Brown voiced his concern about a median strip and Rick Tipton explained the size and width of the median strip.

Paul Black then reviewed the Riceville capacity project and the Bike/Ped project. He also covered some of the cascaded projects. He went on to discuss the RPO points that were offered to the MPO.

***Michael Sorrells motioned to accept all of the recommendations, Eddie Henderson seconded, and as there were none opposed, the motion carried.***

##### *Transit Representation*

Referencing the latest rule interpretation, two members need to be added - one from the urban side and one from the rural side. Possibly entertain applications for the positions and staff asks that a Resolution be sufficient and not a new MOU required.

Eddie Henderson asked what job requirements or credentials are required for the two positions and Paul Black deferred to Loretta Barren for clarification. Paul Black said there is room for interpretation and prefers elected officials. Ricky Tipton reminded everyone to abide by ethics statements.

Paul Black further explained the process for representation. Discussion followed regarding appointment of a 'seat' vs. a 'person' and Paul Black continued by adding that we will need to nominate a person for that seat. More discussion followed regarding structure and process of giving a voice at the table as an

advocate. Comments included workgroup recommendation and appointment, approval by home jurisdiction vs. local transit board, regional representation vs. single jurisdiction, and that the deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Loretta Barren indicated that they can just have a Resolution and not an entire new MOU required.

***Margaret Tuttle motioned to approve the Transit Representation, Marc Hunt seconded, and as all were in favor, the motion carried.***

#### *5310 Direct Recipient*

Staff requests approval of the Resolution making the City of Asheville the Direct Recipient for 5310 funds.

***Doug Dearth motioned to approval the City of Asheville as designee, Mike Sorrells seconded, and as all were in favor, the motion was approved.***

#### *Resolution on Map 21 Rulemaking*

The TCC recommends the Board approve the Resolution providing comments on metropolitan transportation planning.

***Eddie Henderson motioned to approve, Mike Sorrells seconded, and as there were none opposed, the motion carried.***

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jan Davis opened the floor for public comment, and as there were none, the public comment period was closed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tristan Winkler, formerly from J.M. Teague, is the new MPO Regional Planner.

Paul Black highlighted the September 19<sup>th</sup> Community Connections event and encouraged all to pick up a flyer from the table.

Hendersonville won the NC APA award for great Main Street. The mountains had three winners!

Jan Davis wished everyone a happy Labor Day weekend and adjourned the meeting.