

FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Board Minutes for November 20, 2014

Meeting Date:

11/20/14

Representing	VotingTAC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Gwen	Wistler	<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"/> Flat Rock, Village of	Don	Farr	<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"/> Maggie Valley	Ron	DeSimone	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montreat, Town of	Jack	McCaskill	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weaverville, Town of	Douglas	Dearth	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Voting Members Present			

Alternates/Agencies and Other Non Voting At TAC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<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"/> Fletcher, Town of	Mark	Biberdorf	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Annie	Sarac	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Erica	Anderson	<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	Joel	Setzer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Brendan	Merithew	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Bicycle Committee	Claudia	Nix	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRPO	Rose	Bauguess	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WNC Alliance	Julie	Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Non-Voters Present			

1. **WELCOME**

Doug Dearth called the meeting to order and read the conflict of interest statement. No conflicts were presented and a quorum was then established. Paul Black mentioned that the Agenda was adjusted as the TCC finished early and the division reports were moved up. The Agenda was then approved by all.

2. **REGULAR UPDATES**

- Division 13 reports were read by Ricky Tipton.
- Division 14 reports were read by Joel Setzer.
- There was no Transportation Planning Branch news at this time.
- Tristan Winkler provided a Complete Streets report, added that there is a Prioritization Subcommittee meeting in December, and that the Transit Operators meeting was postponed until December 19. Paul Black added that the Citizens'

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Advisory Committee delivered input to the MTP Executive Committee after a favorable workshop, and a draft report is ready to deliver to the MTP Executive Committee on December 3rd.

- Paul Black delivered a brief legislative report highlighting that there is new leadership on selected legislative committee chairs.

3. REPORT FROM TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Mark Biberdorf reported a brief overview of the TCC meeting held earlier in the morning.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

There was no public comment at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

A. September Minutes

B. TIP Amendments and Modifications

NCDOT requested that the following amendments and modifications be made to make the TIP conform to the STIP: R-5524C and A-0010AA; each are detailed in the TIP Amendment Resolution. The MPO submitted EB-5547, U-5548, and TA-5164, as additions to the TIP. Each of these projects was approved by the MPO Board on September 25, 2014, to be funded with STP-DA funding. U-5192 is a project in Henderson County that has decided to return the STP-DA funds that were to be used for the construction of a Transit Center. The proposed resolution will delete the project from the TIP.

C. Support for NCDOT Bike/Ped Planning Grant Applications

Four Jurisdictions (Canton, Flat Rock, Hendersonville, and Weaverville) are applying for Bike/Ped Planning Grant funds from NCDOT

D. Madison County Complete Streets Cross-Sections

Staff met with Madison County and Mars Hill stakeholders and recommend "rural road" complete street cross sections for all 3 projects in Madison County (Bruce Road, NC 213 Bypass, New Access Road).

Steve Caraker motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Don Farr seconded, and as there was no objection, the Consent Agenda was so approved.

6. BUSINESS

Complete Streets Workgroup Mission: Request to Add Greenways to Charge

Paul Black asked Tristan Winkler to explain. Tristan: While greenways and multi-use paths are considered in NCDOT's Complete Streets Planning and Design Guidelines, the term "Complete Streets Workgroup" does not effectively market itself to those groups and advocates focused on greenways. Therefore, in order to facilitate a work group that is a more effective forum for regional non-motorized coordination and communication, the Complete Streets Workgroup recommends that its name be changed to the "Complete Streets and Greenways Workgroup."

Margaret Tuttle motioned to add Greenways to the Complete Streets Workgroup Charge, Gwen Wisler seconded, and as all were in favor, the motion carried.

STP-DA: Request to Have a Second Call For Projects

As noted in the TIP changes, Henderson County asked the MPO to remove a previously awarded STP-DA project, U-5192, from the TIP. Funds previously obligated toward the transit center project are available again. Previous direction to the staff was to move funds toward obligated status to protect them from rescission; therefore the staff recommend a second call for STP-DA projects in an effort to obligate the funds.

There were no objections to the end of January being the deadline for this call for projects, and this discussion concluded.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS

- There will be a State Ethics Commission webinar on December 2, which can be accessed from your computer. Please email Annie for login information. A reminder email will go out to all members.
- The next Board meeting is in January at the Fletcher Town Hall.
- Brownie Newman suggested staff provide details from the prioritization process, such as which projects are likely to have funding move ahead, which are further out, and other timeframes.
- Vicki Eastland said SPOT work group approved the SPOT4 schedule as 2 sixty-day time periods: one for Regional Projects to be scored and one for Division Projects to be scored. Both project sets could be covered with 1 public comment period.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.