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French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes from the Governing Board meeting on April 23, 2015

Meeting Date:

4/23/2015

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"/> Haywood County	Michael	Sorrells	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	William	Lapsley	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Steve	Caraker	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurel Park, Town of	George	Banta	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Valley, Town of	Ron	DeSimone	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCBOT, Division 13	David	Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCBOT, Division 14	Jack	Debnam	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural Transit Providers	Carol	Edwards	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weaverville, Town of	Douglas	Dearth	<input type="checkbox"/>

13 Voting Members Present

Alternates/Agencies and Other Non Voting At TAC				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Will	Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Buncombe County	Joe	Belcher	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBRMPO/LOSRC	Paul	Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FBRMPO/LOSRC	Annie	Sarac	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FHWA	Mitch	Batuzich	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Haywood County	Michael	Sorrells	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Henderson County/Apple Country Transit	Matthew	Cable	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOSRC	Erica	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LOSRPO	Vicki	Eastland	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NCDOT, Division 13	Ricky	Tipton	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NCDOT, Division 13	Jav	Swain	<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, Division 14	Ed	Green	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NCDOT, TPB	Pam	Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NCDOT, TPB	Bailey	Harden	<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"/>	WNC Alliance	Julie	Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/>

20 Non-Voters Present

WELCOME

Doug Dearth opened the meeting and read the conflict of interest statement. Following introductions, the Agenda was presented for approval, with the following modifications: consent item 5310 move to new business, add I-26 task force update, add TIP public hearing date May 28 in Henderson.

Steve Caraker motioned to approve the Agenda with changes, Fran Cogburn seconded, and as all were in favor, the Agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

- March 26th minutes
- TIP amendments and Modifications
- ~~5310 Items~~ (moved to New Business)

Steve Caraker motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Fran Cogburn seconded, and as all were in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved.

REGULAR UPDATES

- Ricky Tipton provided Division 13 updates and Ed Green provided Division 14 updates.
- Mitch Batuzich provided federal updates, including efforts to bring the federal grant course to NC, one of the first states to receive that training
- Subcommittee updates are highlighted in the Agenda packet
- I-26 Task Force: Doug Dearth said the task force is resolving issues of I-26. Marc Hunt added information about a recent meeting in Raleigh covering I-26 connector improvements I-40 north toward Weaverville. He provided background on the joint resolution to complete the project and this summer an environmental impact statement may be ready. Marc Hunt continued with discussion topic covering number of lanes and good faith efforts to consider six lanes vs. eight, bike ped improvements included in project, goal to keep community together, FHA and DOT questions covered during the meeting, item of bike ped path to be included in project, and that a July draft impact statement could prove a critical moment.
- Paul Black summarized Legislative updates, including House Bill #380.

NEW BUSINESS

- CTP Addition/Removal of Candidate Projects: No board action required on this item. Paul Black summarized that this is the long-range vision and staff is identifying goals and needs going out 30 years or more and various modes are included. After the long-range plan is amended, then the CTP state requirement will follow. Paul Black then highlighted items in the Agenda packet such as which projects are new and which are complete, new projects identified in the maps section of the Agenda, division sponsored projects, and

locally sponsored projects not in the CTP at this time. Paul Black asked members to inform staff of other projects for research and inclusion.

- Brendan Merithew provided a summary presentation of the Travel Demand Model. Gwen Wisler asked if this model represents the millennial population who prefer to live and work in the same area and that the model assumes we will behave the same in thirty years as we do today. Brendan Merithew replied that this model did not offer results of specifically millennial studies. More discussion followed which covered the GroWNC land use patterns and MPO previously identified which scenario made the most sense for planning purposes or 'business as usual.' Additional conversation included measuring if a trip is not made from one point to the next for various reasons (construction blocks, flooding, festival traffic), events in the area can change local results. Paul Black added that there were travel behavior surveys completed for predicted outcomes and transit choices (bus, car, bike). Paul Black then asked the members for general approval to move forward with the approved plans and using the Model as a tool to the MTP, which will then need adoption. All were in favor and an overall approval to proceed with the use of the Model.
- 5310: Tristan Winkler indicated a revised version of Item 3C is provided regarding federal public transportation funds for seniors with disabilities. Three applications have been received from the call for projects and one additional project was added in order to meet requirements for the grant. One project is unclear if it is a traditional 5310 or 'other' 5310 category. Tristan Winkler explained that this was the first call for projects, funds arrive annually, and these items from 2013 set to expire.

Margaret Tuttle motioned to approve the projects as listed, William Lapsley seconded, and as none were opposed, the motion carried.

Paul Black then requested a motion to set the public hearing to vote on the TIP.

Steve Caraker motioned to set the public hearing to vote on the TIP during the May Board meeting, William Lapsley seconded, and as all were in favor, the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tristan: Haywood County April 24 CPT public comment 10-2

Next topics: TIP and 5310

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion or items, the meeting adjourned.