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French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes from the Governing Board meeting on August 27, 2015

Meeting Date:

08/27/2015

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WELCOME

Doug Dearth called the meeting to order and read the conflict of interest statement and inquired if there were any conflicts of interest to note for today's meeting. Hearing none he requested that introductions be made. The agenda was presented for approval with the following change-move Consent Agenda item #4 TIP Amendments and Modification to New Business.

Eddie Henderson made the motion, Marc Hunt second, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR TIP AMENDMENTS

Doug Dearth opened the public hearing for the TIP Amendments. No public comments were presented. Public hearing closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- May minutes
- UPWP Modifications

Brownie Newman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Jan Davis 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.
- Brendan Merithew provided NCDOT planning branch updates.
- Mitch Batuzich provided the federal updates.
- Tristan Winkler provided subcommittee updates:
 - Prioritization Subcommittee met earlier this month. No quorum was present but there was a good, productive informal discussion.
 - Complete Streets and Greenways Workgroup did not meet but MPO staff is working on a request from the group to re-look at some of the recommendations to include elements from NACTO urban design guide and urban bike-way design guide. MPO staff is working on ways to streamline the process of reviewing numerous projects without creating the need for a very long meeting.
 - Transit Operators Workgroup met on August 11th. One of the items that will be coming from that group in September will be the 5307 sub-allocation study. An RFP was issued over the summer and a contract will be awarded soon.
 - MTP Executive Committee met on August 17th. Draft of the MTP has been completed. September 9th will be a joint meeting with the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Lyuba Zuyeva, MPO Director took the opportunity to express appreciation to other MPO staff and LOS partner staff for a job well done over the past months.

- Lyuba Zuyeva summarized Legislative updates: still no new federal transportation bill; at the state legislature level no budget yet for North Carolina--it looks like an amount of \$21.7 billion has been agreed upon but details have not been worked out yet. On the local sales tax redistribution bill, the Senate took the local sales tax redistribution language out of the budget negotiations so now that language has been added to the bill H-117 which is still in the negotiation phase. HB-44 is still moving forward- for the most part this bill addresses environmental regulations issues, and includes language about road diet projects. House Bill 74 proposes a study to look at the structure and regulations of MPOs and RPOs. The proposed study is not considered to be a concern, presented as an item of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

TIP Amendments and Modifications

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that a number of TIP Amendments and Modifications have been requested. Reasons for these Amendments include: a number of changes were made to the STIP between the May version of the TIP adopted by the FBRMPO Board and the release of the final STIP approved by NCBOT in June. As the MPO approved the TIP in May, many of these changes and modifications were not reflected in the MPO's TIP adoption. In order for the two documents to conform, several amendments and modifications are required; additional STP DA and TAP projects programmed by the MPO have been added to the TIP; and, additionally, standard TIP maintenance process that requires amendments or modifications. Lyuba Zuyeva recommended adopting Part I and delaying Part II.

Brownie Newman made the motion to approve the TIP Amendments and Modifications as presented. Jan Davis seconded. All in favor the motion carried.

SPOT 4.0 Existing Project Modifications, Deletions and Anticipated Intersections and Interchanges

Lyuba Zuyeva presented the SPOT 4.0 timeline and she shared that no definite date has been set for new project submission. The MPO must submit modifications of existing projects to SPOT with approval from the local Division by September 1st. Existing projects are those that have received local input points, have a completed NEPA document, are in the Development TIP (6 - 10 years), or are considered a sibling project.

It is possible to defer action until September and to approve action on the modifications going forward. The list of modifications to the SPOT Prioritization 4.0 was presented. Lyuba Zuyeva also presented the projects to be deleted and informed the Board that no action is required at this point on the deletions.

Doug Dearth clarified that the request was to accept the first four modifications as described. After the motion was approved, Brownie Newman asked the difference between a bike lane and a multi-path which was explained by MPO staff. Discussion occurred regarding the specifics of each type of lane (path).

Don Farr made the motion to approve the modifications to the SPOT 4.0. Eddie Henderson seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

Draft List of Submissions for the SPOT 4.0 Scoring

Lyuba Zuyeva presented the draft list of submission for SPOT 4.0 Scoring and shared that no action was being request as this item was being presented for information only.

Draft MTP

Tristan presented the Draft MTP which is basically the guiding document for the MPO. He explained that fiscally constrained means that the projects that are in the MTP are planned to have funding for those. He reviewed the mission statement and the vision statement for the MPO and the goals that were established by the MTP Selection Committee. In the actual report, each of the goals has action strategies to help accomplish those. Performance goals are also included.

Tristan Winkler shared that the next steps for the draft MTP is to open the public comment period and that final approval is planned for the September meeting. MPO staff will be conducting public outreach sessions.

Brownie Newman made the motion to approve the Draft MTP be put out for public comment. Jan Davis-seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Public Involvement Policy Amendments

Tristan Winkler shared that the Draft MTP being ready for public comment necessitated the need to request a change to the Public Involvement Policy in order to receive public comments within the timeframe available which is now 21 days. The current policy allows for a 30 day comment period. The request for the policy change for public comment to be 21 days only applies to the MTP.

Jan Davis made the motion to approve Public Involvement Policy amendments. Don Farr seconded. The motion carried upon a vote and without further discussion.

FBRMPO Board Meeting Times Discussion

Lyuba Zuyeva opened the discussion by sharing that some MPO Board members find the current meeting time difficult to schedule as it breaks up the work day too much. Doug Dearth remarked that it will be difficult to make everybody happy but staff will put out a survey with structured options to allow for further comment and selections for a different meeting time on the same day (4th Thursday).

Lyuba Zuyeva also requested that the MPO Board consider moving the October meeting date to the 5th Thursday (October 29th). No objections were heard to that request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lyuba Zuyeva announced that the CEDS plan was currently open for public comments. Lyuba Zuyeva announced the next set of public meetings to review the I-26 Connector project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

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