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French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes from the TCC meeting on March 10, 2016

Meeting Date:

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Representing	Voting TCC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apple Country Transit	Matt	Champion	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Dan	Baechtold	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of - Transit	Yuri	Koslen	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain	Josh	Harrold	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Josh	O'Conner	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Valley, Town of	Andrew	Bowen	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Mobility	Denise	Braine	<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"/> Weaverville, Town of	James	Eller	<input type="checkbox"/>

Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chipley Consulting	Sealy	Chipley	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Vicki	Eastland	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JM Teague	Reuben	Moore	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Erica	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Josh O'Conner opened the meeting and introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Josh O'Conner indicated that the Consent Agenda included January minutes and the FY 2017 UPWP, 5-Year Calendar and Self-Certification. He requested that the Agenda be approved at this time as well.

Joel Setzer moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. James Eller seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

REGULAR UPDATES

Regular updates included NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates and TPB and MPO Subcommittee and Staff updates. No FHWA/FTA updates were presented.

Tristan Winkler provided legislative updates including the State's committee on long-term funding strategies is meeting but there is nothing to report from the group yet.

Tristan Winkler provided an update on the 5307 Sub Allocation Formula Study which is underway with the consultants meeting with transit providers in the MPO region.

BUSINESS

Public Involvement Policy Amendments

Tristan Winkler shared that staff are recommending the following amendments for the Public Involvement Policy: 1) Extend the public review period for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan from 21 days to 30 days; and 2) Generalize language in the Public Involvement Policy concerning prioritization; specifically removing language that the MPO will prioritize projects from the MTP during the prioritization process in order to better fit the current prioritization methodology. The Amendments have been advertised and available for public review since February 11, 2016. The Amendments can be found on the FBRMPO website: http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Proposed-Public-Involvement-Policy-Amendments_03_2016.pdf.

Joel Setzer moved to approve the recommendation that the list of Public Involvement Policy Amendments be forwarded to the FBRMPO Board for consideration. James Eller seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

SPOT Methodology

Tristan Winkler provided a brief presentation on the updates to the Methodology and shared that the MPO's Prioritization Subcommittee has been working on updating the MPO's Prioritization (SPOT) Methodology since October 2015 and the subcommittee provided the MPO Board with a draft of that document in January, 2016. He communicated that the MPO's allocation of local input points on projects in the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers plays a part in determining the project's overall score in the State's prioritization process. For each tier, the MPO's allocation of local input points accounts for 15 percent of the Regional Impact Tier and 25 percent of the Division Needs Tier of a project's SPOT score. He shared too that NCDOT contacted MPO staff to request a number of changes to the proposed methodology including the method for evaluating Aviation Projects which needed more detail about how that process would work should that type of project be requested to cascade. Other modifications mainly have to do with the roadway safety with NCDOT recommending that a range of scores be used as SPOT 4.0 uses scaling. For the Division Needs pot, 200 Division Needs points will be reserved for Bike/Pedestrian projects and 100 points will be reserved for Transit projects.

Discussion occurred regarding the NCOT's suggestion to scale projects in the roadway category.

Joel Setzer moved to approve recommending the SPOT Methodology as presented and to forward that to the MPO Board for consideration to adopt at their March meeting. Autumn Radcliff seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

STP-DA & TAP-DA Methodology

Tristan Winkler shared that the MPO's Prioritization Subcommittee is recommending changes to the scoring methodology. The proposed changes largely affect the geographic equity and priority point sections of the scoring methodology. He reviewed the proposed changes to the methodology with the TCC.

Discussion occurred regarding the Prioritization Subcommittee's original recommendations for the methodology and that MPO staff has tweaked those a bit in order to keep the methodology fair to smaller jurisdictions. Board members also discussed if the Methodology should be sent back to the Prioritization Subcommittee so they could approve the staff changes.

Tristan Winkler shared that technically, the subcommittee disbanded after its last meeting and the appointment of members to a new Prioritization Subcommittee is on the agenda for today's meeting. Joel Setzer suggested conditional approval by the TCC today-contingent on returning the Methodology to the Prioritization Subcommittee before the next MPO Board meeting in order for the subcommittee to be able to give a nod to the modifications made by staff.

Joel Setzer moved to approve the scoring methodology contingent on the Prioritization Subcommittee reviewing and having no issues with the staff modifications and to recommend that to the MPO Board for consideration. Andrew Bowen seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

STP-DA & TAP-DA Call for Projects

Tristan Winkler shared that the MPO staff have previously been directed to hold calls for projects with STP-DA and TAP-DA funds every two years. The next call is planned to open April 1, 2016 for funding in years FY 2017 - FY 2019. He provided the estimated funding amounts which is \$12,600,000 for STP-DA funds and \$1,060,000 for TAP-DA funds. Due to the State providing the funding for STP-DA projects previously funded, those funds were returned to the MPO which correlates to the higher level of funding available for this call for projects.

Andrew Bowen moved to approve opening the Call for Projects on April 1, 2016 and to recommend that the MPO Board consider the approval of the same. Josh Harrold seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Prioritization Subcommittee Elections

Tristan Winkler shared that the new Bylaws for the Prioritization Subcommittee were adopted in November, 2015 and will take affect in April, 2016. As per those Bylaws, the TCC and Board are required to make recommendations to fill the new roster. Three MPO Board members and four MPO TCC members (local government representatives) will fill the subcommittee's roster. Terms for members appointed to the subcommittee are for two years and there are attendance requirements. The meetings are open to all members of the MPO's TCC and Board, as well as NCDOT staff who are welcome to attend as non-voting members. Tristan Winkler communicated that five people from the TCC responded to the request to serve on the subcommittee. To date, only two board members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee. For

today, staff is requesting a recommendation for four TCC members to serve on the Prioritization Subcommittee.

Autumn Radcliff moved to approve Josh O’Conner, Matt Champion, Elizabeth Teague and Josh Harrold to serve as the TCC representatives on the Prioritization Subcommittee. Joel Setzer seconded the motion

Discussion occurred that Mariate Echeverry wanted to remain on the subcommittee and it was shared that Julie Mayfield has also requested to be appointed to the subcommittee raising concerns that the City of Asheville would be overrepresented on the subcommittee should that occur. As there was a motion/second on the floor, the vote proceeded.

The motion carried upon a vote and moves as a recommendation to the MPO Board for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

Tristan Winkler shared that the LAPP training will be held on March 18th at 10:30am at Land of Sky offices.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reuben Moore asked if Prioritization Subcommittee meetings were opened to the public and was informed that the public is welcomed at those meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Josh O’Conner adjourned the meeting as there was no further business.