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French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes from the Governing Board meeting on March 24, 2016

Meeting Date:

03/24/2016

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Doug Dearth called the meeting to order, read the Ethics Statement and inquired if there were any conflicts of interest to note for today's meeting. None were heard. He requested that introductions be made. The agenda was presented for approval with no modification requested.

Julie Mayfield moved to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried without further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Dearth called for any public comment. No public comment was made.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Involvement Policy Amendments

Chairman Dearth opened the hearing for the PIP Amendments. Hearing no public comments, he closed the hearing.

Prioritization (SPOT) Methodology

Chairman Dearth opened the hearing for the Prioritization (SPOT) Methodology. Hearing no public comments, he closed the hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA

- January Minutes
- FY 2017 UPWP, 5-Year Calendar and Self-Certification

Julie Mayfield moved to approve the Consent Agenda and requested that the January minutes be adjusted to reflect that she is a voting member of the FBRMPO who acknowledged at that meeting that her Ethics Statements had not been completed which would necessitate her to abstain from voting on business before the Board at that meeting. The motion received a second and as all were in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved.

REGULAR UPDATES

- Rick Tipton provided Division 13 updates and Joel Setzer provided Division 14 updates.
- Brendan Merithew shared the Planning Branch updates.
- No FHWA updates were provided.
- Tristan Winkler provided subcommittee updates:
 - Complete Streets and Greenways Workgroup is no longer active. Last meeting was in January 2016. A Summit is planned for 2017.
 - Prioritization Subcommittee met last on February 25, 2016.
 - Transit Operators Workgroup met on February 2, 2016 and the next scheduled meeting will be June 7th.
 - Citizens Advisory Committee met March 17, 2016. First meeting since last fall. Will meet again next quarter
- Tristan Winkler provided Legislative Updates. The House Transportation Committee on long term funding has not come up with any recommendations yet. Nothing has changed since January.

- 5307 Sub-Allocation Formula Study Update: The study is ongoing to study the allocation of Urban Transit funds. The study was undertaken to look at how the federal transit funds are dispersed in the FBRMPO region

NEW BUSINESS

Public Involvement Policy Amendments

Tristan Winkler communicated that staff is recommending a couple of Public Involvement Policy (PIP) Amendments in order to meet two objectives. One is to extend the public review period for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) from 21 days to 30 days and the other is to generalize the language in the PIP concerning prioritization- specifically removing language that the MPO will prioritize projects from the MTP during the prioritization process. More information can be found at: http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Proposed-Public-Involvement-Policy-Amendments_03_2016.pdf It has been advertised for public comments for more than 45 days with none received to date.

Julie Mayfield moved to approve the Resolution to adopt the Amendments to the Public Involvement Policy. LeRoy Roberson seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

SPOT Methodology

Tristan Winkler shared that the proposed SPOT Methodology opened for public comment on February 10, 2016 and now it has come back for final approval by the Board. By April 1, 2016, NDOT must also approve the final methodology. This is the prioritization process that North Carolina takes and the MPO is required to come up with a methodology approved by the Board in order to give input into the process. 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.

Tristan Winkler shared that cascading from the Statewide Tier can make those projects available in the Regional Impact Tier. The Division Needs Tier includes Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transit projects in our region; again, through cascading, projects from the Statewide/Division Tiers can cascade down to the Regional Tier. The SPOT Methodology is for local input points and includes one quantitative and one qualitative measure. Tristan Winkler also shared that improvements to the Methodology include updating the data sources used for each goal and it has been updated to include goals from the 2040 MTP. Another item to note is a change recommended by the Prioritization Subcommittee and TCC: 300 points will be reserved for Non-Highway Projects and

Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transit Projects which is provided as an option to allow more flexibility within the methodology. He noted that these suggestions have been provisionally accepted by NCDOT. FBRMPO Board members will be notified when the first round of scores are received from NCOT.

Gwen Wisler moved to approve the Prioritization (SPOT) Methodology. LeRoy Roberson seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

STP-DA & TAP-DA Methodology

Tristan Winkler shared the STP-DA and TAP-DA are the funds used for Regional Transit Projects. the MPO's Prioritization Subcommittee recommended changes to the scoring methodology for these funds. The proposed changes largely affect the geographic equity and priority point section of the scoring methodology. Tristan Winkler shared that staff is recommending that the adjusted STP-DA and TAP-DA Methodology be approved. The recommendation to develop a method for providing geographic equity in order to level the playing field for smaller jurisdictions has been added. The priority point section of the last methodology has been closed by recommending that if there is a project that is being submitted by one jurisdiction and a neighboring jurisdiction is directly impacted by that project, the neighboring jurisdiction can choose to apply points to further promote the project. Tristan Winkler also shared that one provision requested to added to the methodology is that a letter of approval must come from the local jurisdictions that are directly impacted by those projects.

LeRoy Roberson moved to approve the STP-DA & TAP-DA Methodology. Julie Mayfield seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

STP-DA & TAP-DA Call for Projects

Tristan Winkler shared that STP-DA and TAP-DA funds are directly allocated to the FBRMPO. Due to some of the projects which were previously approved for funding being supported with NCDOT funds, considerably more funding is available in this round. Estimated levels of funding for this call for projects is estimated at \$13.5 million for the STP-DA funds and over \$1million for TAP-DA funds. He shared that staff is requesting approval to put out a call for projects with a preliminary schedule to open the call on April 1, 2016 and to leave the call open for about two months. The TCC has approved the recommendation and is recommending that the FBRMPO do the same.

Julie Mayfield moved to approve opening the Call for Projects for the STP-DA and TAP-DA funds. LeRoy Roberson seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Prioritization Subcommittee Elections

Tristan Winkler shared that new Bylaws for the Prioritization Subcommittee were adopted in November 2015 and are set to take effect in April 2016. At their March 10th, 2016 TCC meeting the following TCC members were recommended to serve on the Subcommittee: Matt Champion, Elizabeth Teague, Josh Harrold and Josh O'Conner.

The FBRMPO Board is today being asked to approve the recommendation from the TCC and to appoint three MPO Board members to the Prioritization Subcommittee as well. MPO Board members that have volunteered are Brownie Newman, Jerry Vehaun, and Julie Mayfield.

John Dockendorf shared that he has interest in serving on the Subcommittee.

The subcommittee largely does not hold many votes as it tries to leave those to the TCC and Board. The Prioritization Subcommittee meets before the MPO Board meeting (4th Thursday at 10:00am).

The MPO Board voted in the majority to approve the TCC members recommended to serve on the Prioritization Subcommittee.

William Lapsley encouraged the Board to vote for John Dockendorf.

Chairman Dearth shared the slate of three MPO Board members: Jerry Vehaun, Julie Mayfield and John Dockendorf for consideration of appointment to the Prioritization Subcommittee.

The three MPO Board members were installed on the subcommittee by a majority vote of the MPO Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erica Anderson introduced Ritchie Rozelle, TDM Coordinator, to the MPO Board. She shared that through an NCDOT grant with matching funds from the STP-DA funding, the TDM program is ready to begin hearing the workforce development needs of employers to get workers to and from employment centers in the MPO Region.

Ritchie Rozelle shared that the MPO Region has all kinds of unique transportation issues. TDM management principles have traditionally been applied in the more urban centers but the MPO Region lends itself to the development of the program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Dearth called for any public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Doug Dearth adjourned the meeting with no further business before the body.