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**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Minutes from the TCC meeting on June 9, 2016

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Meeting Date:**

**06/09/2016**

Representing	Voting TCC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apple Country Transit	Matt	Champion	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Ken	Putnam	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<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"/> Fletcher, Town of	Mark	Biberdorf	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Dave	Hazzard	<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	Rickv	Tipton	<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"/> Waynesville, Town of	Elizabeth	Teague	<input type="checkbox"/>

Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AVL	Michael	Reisman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Lyuba	Zuyeva	<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	Kristina	Solberg	<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 May minutes. He requested that the Agenda be approved at this time as well.

**Ken Putnam moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Denise Braine 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.

5307 sub allocation study- the Steering Committee plans to meet in July and the formal recommendations from the study should be made in late fall 2016.

Lyuba Zuyeva provided legislative updates. At the federal level, the Senate and House are still working on reconciling their versions of the FY 17 Transportation appropriations bill. The FHWA released draft National Performance Measures as required by MAP-21 and the FAST Act. More information can be found at [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule/pm3\\_nprm.cfm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/rule/pm3_nprm.cfm). At the state level a new bill has been filed- Senate Bill 846 to reallocate sales tax revenues away from the urban areas that would use the development tier designations. Under the proposed legislation, Buncombe and Henderson counties would lose tax revenues and Madison and Haywood counties would not. Both the House and Senate have released FY17 budget drafts- both versions remove the cap on the light rail projects.

#### **BUSINESS**

##### Allocation of MPO Local Input Points for Prioritization

Tristan Winkler shared the list of 19 projects (table included in the packet) that will be receiving SPOT/STI Prioritization-Regional Impact Tier local input points. The FBRMPO Board made the decision to cascade the Blue Ridge Road Interchange Project and to remove NC 146 (Long Shoals Road) widening from NC 191 (Brevard Road) to Clayton Road from the list. LOSRPO has donated 21 points to the FBRMPO which is recommended to be put on the US 276 Jonathan Creek Road Modernization Project (the project is in both the RPO and MPO regions). Tristan Winkler pointed out that in the Regional Impact Tier, the MPO's points count for 15% of the overall score and the goal is to get the projects into the committed portion of the STIP by adding MPO points to the NCDOT score. He reviewed a map of all of the projects which are on the list for receiving local input points.

The survey was put out last week and 94 responses have been received to date. The survey presents information on all of the projects. So far most of the responses have been from Buncombe and Henderson- additional outreach to Haywood and Madison counties will be made. So far, the highest rated projects have been Patton Ave/New Leicester Intersection Project, Swannanoa River Road Modernization and Sardis Road/Sandhill Road Widening, which are all in Buncombe County. The lowest rated projects include two Haywood County projects: South Main Street Widening and US 276; however those projects are receiving more positive than negative feedback. The survey will remain open through June 22, 2016. NCDOT Communications Office has offered to distribute the survey more widely.

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that a comment has been submitted to the French Broad River MPO by email in favor of the Blue Ridge Road Interchange Project.

Discussion occurred about the projects that did not make it into the MPO's prioritization list. The Prioritization Subcommittee has recommended to the MPO that the Long Shoals Road Project be taken off the list.

**Ken Putnam moved to approve the allocation of local input points for Regional Impact Tier projects as recommended and to forward those to the MPO Board. Autumn Radcliff seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

#### Request for Functional Classification Changes

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that there are some changes which are recommended by MPO staff partially in response to a request from local governments. The last time functional changes were made in our region was in 2013, after the last U.S. Census. At this point, that there have been significant changes to the traffic patterns and development patterns in our region—especially since the recession has ended. By default, locally-maintained roads are generally designated as local roads even when those serve a function that is more than local due to new traffic patterns. Lyuba Zuyeva communicated that the bulk of the changes concerned Buncombe County (a full list of the proposed changes can be found at: <http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/20160609-TCC-Agenda-Packet-Updated.pdf>). The proposed classification changes are meant to clarify the functions that the roads are currently serving.

Discussion occurred regarding changing the functional classification of local roads which can impact the funding that is available among other things. Changing the functional classification of local roads would enable those to show up on NCDOT maps and allow for traffic counting. Changing the classification of local roads does not change who is responsible for maintaining those. Once approved at the MPO's level, NCDOT approval would be next prior to FHWA review.

**Mark Biberdorf moved to approve the functional classification changes as presented and to forward those to the MPO Board for consideration. Matt Champion seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

#### STP-DA and TAP-DA Call for Projects

Tristan Winkler shared that the Prioritization Subcommittee will review this topic later this month. In total, there is about \$14.5 million available for STP-DA/TAP-DA projects. Information was provided (in packet) on all proposals received to date. Not all proposed projects are programmable so there are still funds. Twenty percent of funds requested for each project will be set aside in case of cost increases- not to encourage more liberal spending but to have a backup plan in case there are cost increases.

Elizabeth Teague added that the Town of Waynesville may change or withdraw a project.

Discussion occurred about how cost increases may come about. Projects that have cost increases in the absence of reserve set-aside have to be brought back to the TCC and the MPO Board in order to obtain additional funds. When projects have a 20% reserve, MPO staff must be notified regarding the increase in cost prior to using the reserves, and the MPO Board and committees will be informed of the change.

Discussion also occurred about the proposed improvements to Coxe/Lexington/Biltmore Avenues to increase multi-modal functionality.

**Information only- no action required.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES**

Lyuba Zuyeva made an announcement about the conferences coming up in the fall: the NCAPA Conference and the NC Bike Summit which will be held in Asheville in September; and the Transportation Research Board Rural Public Transportation Conference which will be held in Asheville in early October. Lyuba Zuyeva announced that Divisions 13 and 14 are holding their public hearings for SPOT local input points in July; dates will be sent out to the TCC. NCDOT Divisions can also submit projects for STP-DA funding- jurisdictions can contact Division staff for information. MPO staff will be making a presentation regarding SPOT prioritization in Henderson County tonight.

Erica Anderson announced the stormwater workshops coming up in Canton and at Land of Sky offices. The agenda for the workshops will be shared with TCC members.

Mike Reisman announced that the parking garage structure project at the Asheville Airport has gone out for bid.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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