

Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Minutes June 23, 2016

Land of Sky Regional Council Offices

ATTENDING

Josh O'Conner, Buncombe County
Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
Josh Harrold, Town of Black Mountain
John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock
Jerry Vehaun, Town of Woodfin
Elizabeth Teague, Town of Waynesville

Non-Voting

Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
Pam Cook, NCDOT TPB
Kristina Solberg, NCDOT Division 13
Ed Greene, NCDOT Division 14
Ricky Tipton, NCDOT Division 13

Welcome and Housekeeping

Welcome and Housekeeping, Approval of the Agenda

Voting members and non-voting members introduced themselves. The agenda was approved.

May 26 Minutes

Elizabeth Teague pointed out that her jurisdiction was noted as the Town of Weaverville in the draft minutes. Jerry Vehaun motioned to adopt the minutes with those noted corrections, Josh Harrold seconded- minutes approved.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Business

SPOT Prioritization- Regional Tier Wrap Up

Tristan Winkler presented to the group on the MPO's public involvement strategy which included social media, presentations at public meetings, and coasters distributed at various restaurants around the region. All of these efforts funneled participants to a simple online survey that asked participants how they felt about projects from a simple "love it" to "hate it" scale. More than 144 people from around the region took the survey, including seven participants on the Spanish survey. Tristan Winkler noted that while some projects received a less positive response than others, no projects received more negative responses than positive responses.

Josh Harrold requested specific feedback for the Blue Ridge Road Interchange project. Tristan Winkler presented the specific survey results which showed more positive than negative responses.

Tristan Winkler pointed out that the projects that received a somewhat more negative response were all in Haywood County, including the South Main Street project. Elizabeth Teague asked if there was any indication as to why those projects did not receive as positive a response. Tristan Winkler replied that there was no firm way in knowing why those projects did not do as well, but pointed out that the vast

majority of survey participants were from Buncombe County and that Haywood County had very few residents take the survey.

Tristan Winkler recommended that given the survey results, the project list for regional tier points should remain as it currently is unless there are any specific concerns. Ricky Tipton noted that he thought the survey was effective but would like to see it done earlier in the process. John Dockendorf motioned for approval of the project list as noted in the agenda, Josh Harrold second- motion approved.

Tristan Winkler noted the shortened calendar for Division Needs projects and that the outcome of the Regional Tier should be made public by the end of August- per NCDOT.

STP-DA and TAP-DA Submissions

Tristan Winkler presented the results of the projects submitted for STP-DA and TAP-DA funding from the MPO. A couple of projects altered or rescinded their submissions since the MPO initially received applications- the Town of Waynesville's Brown Avenue project removed the request for construction, but left the request for PE. The Town of Canton completely rescinded its request for TAP-DA funds for its Pedestrian Safety project.

Tristan Winkler presented the scores for all of the projects, using the approved methodology, but noted that even including a 20% reserve for potential cost over-runs, there is still more than \$3 million remaining to be programmed.

John Dockendorf motioned to approve the project list, Elizabeth Teague seconded- motion approved.

Tristan Winkler asked if a second call for projects should be pursued and what time frame would work the best for local governments. Julie Mayfield asked a general question to local governments about budget timeframes- a general consensus that January would be a good time to hold the call for projects to allow local governments to know about funding during their budget process.

Announcements, News, Special Updates

None at this time.

Topics for Next Meeting?

None. Tristan Winkler noted that commute patterns, SPOT, and MTP may be topics for the August meeting.

Public Comment

No public Comment.

Meeting adjourned.