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French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes from the TCC meeting on August 11, 2016

ATTENDANCE:

Meeting Date:

08/11/2016

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"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Jonathan	Kanipe	<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"/> Canton, Town of	Jason	Burrell	<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	Ricky	Tipton	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Pam	Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waynesville, Town of	Preston	Gregg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Non Voting At TCC			
<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"/> FHWA	Mike	Dawson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land of Sky	Ritchie	Rozzelle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Cole	Hood	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Kristina	Solberg	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Brian	Burch	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaughn and Melton	Joel	Setzer	<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 June minutes. He requested that the Agenda be approved at this time as well.

Josh Harrold moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Ken Putnam seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lyuba Zuyeva communicated that one public comment regarding the proposed TIP Amendments for had been received by email, in support of increasing transit service in Buncombe County.

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. However, Mike Dawson, the interim FHWA representative communicated that the position is open and qualified candidates can apply at www.usajobs.gov.

Lyuba Zuyeva provided Legislative updates. At the federal level, the latest round of Tiger Grants has been announced. At the state level, the budget was signed by the Governor on July 14th and includes some additional funding for general aviation airports, freight rail and rail crossing safety improvements, and other items. The bill also eliminates the 500,000 funding cap on state funding for light rail projects- however, a cap of 10% of total cost remains for state funding and light rail projects have to be re-submitted for STI prioritization. Also provided was some additional operating funding for rural and urban transit systems. The NCDOT restructuring is ongoing and also reflected in the state budget.

BUSINESS

Regional TDM Program Update

Ritchie Rozelle shared an update on the regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program which began in March of 2016. During the first five months of the program work has focused on brand identity for the TDM Program; establishing workable vanpool models including two potential target partners for vanpools (Asheville CVB and Transylvania Vocational Services); promotion of ShareTheRideNC.org; and, establishing GO Mountain Commuting as the social media presence across relevant Social Media channels. Ritchie Rozelle talked about the socio-economic conditions that can impact commute travel in the region.

Information only. No action required.

TIP Amendments

Tristan Winkler shared that there are a number of proposed amendments and modifications requesting MPO approval. The complete list of TIP Amendments is available at this link: http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/TIPAmendments_August2016.pdf. He highlighted some of the proposed amendments: Crossroads Parkway in Madison County- new project funded with ARC funds; a number of statewide projects to add funding for NC Clean Energy Technology Center and to fund Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Improvements. He also pointed out the addition of North Mills River Road project funded through FLAP (Federal Funds Access Program). One of the changes is the realignment of Brown Avenue in Waynesville- construction delayed until FY17; NC251 multi-use path project from Elk Mountain Road to Exit 25 on US 18/23/70 had STBG funding replaced with TAP funding to ensure that the TAP funding allocation for the MPO region does not expire.

Ken Putnam moved to approve the TIP Amendments as presented and to recommend those to the MPO Board for consideration. Andrew Bowen seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

STBG and TAP-DA Applications Review and Approval for Funding

Tristan Winkler shared that the FBRMPO held a competitive call for projects from April 1st-June 1st for local governments to submit projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant program (STBG) and Transportation Alternative Program Directly Attributable (TAP-DA) funds for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. He communicated that the proposed projects were reviewed by the Prioritization Subcommittee and that the monetary figures show only the requests for federal funding and that the local match (at least 20%) of overall project cost was not shown. He reviewed proposed projects including the Buncombe County Greenway projects (Preliminary Engineering) for Hominy Creek Greenway, Hominy Creek River Park Greenway, North RAD Greenway and Reems Creek Greenway. Also reviewed were the Brown Avenue Road Diet in Waynesville (PE) and the Riverwalk Greenway Phase II project in Black Mountain which includes proposals for right of way and construction so the project will be totally programmed with the funds requested. He also highlighted the Division 14 project submitted for the Town of Canton (NC 110 Roundabout) which is supported by the Town. The only TAP project submitted was the Asheville Greenway Connectors for preliminary engineering and construction costs.

Ken Putnam shared that funding is being sought for a planning study for the City of Asheville's Pedestrian Plan.

Discussion occurred regarding the City of Asheville's Complete Streets Corridor Project application which requests \$5million for preliminary engineering studies.

Matt champion moved to recommend to the FBRMPO Board for approval funding of submitted projects with STBG and TAP funds. Andrew Bowen seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Congestion Management Process

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the Congestion Management Process is one of the federal requirements for larger Metropolitan Planning Organizations serving urbanized areas over 200,000 in population, or TMAs. (add from agenda packet). There is no federal requirement for how often the CMP should be updated. For the FBRMPO region the last update to the CMP was in 2010. Lyuba Zuyeva shared some of the typical elements for a CMP and she presented a timeline (subject to change) for the update of the plan. Ideally the draft CMP could come out in early spring 2017. Additional public outreach will be solicited during the development of the CMP update. The Prioritization Subcommittee will be the steering committee for the plan update.

No action required at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

NCDOT has released the call for Bicycle and Pedestrian grant proposals. Jurisdictions planning on applying for funds will need a letter of support from the FBRMPO or LOSRPO. An NCDOT Pedestrian Crossing Guidance workshop will be held in Waynesville on August 25, 2016. Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) call for projects ongoing through November- MPO staff can provide more information. NCDOT will hold a public meeting on August 30th for the Liberty Road Interchange Project. Link for more information: https://www.ncdot.gov/download/projects/publichearings/l-4759_Public_Meeting_Notice_20160830.pdf MPO staff plan on holding a call for projects starting in September for 5310 Funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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