

Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Minutes August 25, 2016 Land of Sky Regional Council Offices

Voting Members Present

Elizabeth Teague, Town of Waynesville
Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
Matt Champion, Henderson County
Jerry Vehaun, Town of Woodfin

John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock
Josh Harrold, Town of Black Mountain

Non-Voting

Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO
Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
Ed Greene, NCDOT Division 14
LeRoy Roberson, Town of Waynesville
Ricky Tipton, NCDOT Division 13
Mariate Echeverry, City of Asheville
Kristina Solberg, NCDOT Division 13
Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County

I. Welcome and Introductions

Tristan Winkler opened the meeting with a round of introductions and asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes to the agenda at this time.

II. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

III. Business

III-A. SPOT Prioritization-Division Needs

Tristan Winkler indicated that MPO staff have used the approved methodology to score Division Needs projects and have been setting up local meetings at the county level to identify local priorities for Division Needs tier project scoring. Henderson County (Henderson TAC) and Madison County meetings have already taken place; Buncombe and Haywood County meetings are planned for the week of September TCC meeting. The draft list of projects for Divisions Needs MPO points assignment will come to the Prioritization Subcommittee and MPO Board on September 22nd, prior to posting for public comment and adoption in October.

III-B TIP Draft Template for 2018-2027 FBRMPO TIP

Tristan Winkler discussed the plan to make the next FBRMPO TIP document easier to understand. MPO staff would like to include an overview map and a brief description of each project in our region in the first five years (“committed” portion of the TIP/STIP). Subcommittee members were in support of this idea.

III-C Regional Commute Patterns

Tristan Winkler went over the changes in regional commute patterns between counties and noted that for every county except Buncombe, the percentage of workforce commuting to locations outside of the county of residence has increased between 2007-2014. This is based on U.S. Census “On the Map” tool. Haywood, Henderson and Madison

Counties are seeing an increase in the percentage of people in the workforce commuting to Buncombe County for jobs. There is a general centralization of jobs tendency where Buncombe County used to account for 63% of all jobs in the region prior to the recession of 2007-2009, and now accounts for 67% of all jobs in the region.

Subcommittee members brought up the topic of regional transit and noted that Asheville Chamber of Commerce has been bringing up regional transit needs recently. Lyuba Zuyeva indicated that MPO staff could bring a brief overview of the set-up of two other regional transit authorities in North Carolina to the subcommittee for review at a future meeting date. A study could be initiated to look at the possibility of setting up a similar structure for our region. Enabling legislation would be required to form a multi-county authority. MPO staff would prefer to finish the 5307 formula study prior to initiating any new regional transit studies.

III-D CMP

Lyuba Zuyeva gave an overview of the Congestion Management Process update timeline for the fall 2016-spring 2017. CMP is a required planning process for MPOs over 200,000 in population. The last time the FBRMPO CMP was updated was in 2010, during the LRTP update. There is not a federal deadline to update the CMP. MPO staff would like to finish the CMP update in time to start the Comprehensive Transportation Plan update.

CMP typically includes the following elements:

- Development of congestion management objectives
- Establishment of measures of multimodal transportation system performance
- Collection of data and system performance monitoring
- Identification of congestion management strategies
- Implementation activities, including identification of an implementation schedule and possible funding sources
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of implementation strategies

Lyuba Zuyeva noted that the previous CMP version might have missed some of the key corridors (for example, New Leicester Highway is not on there), and MPO staff would like to include those in this round.

Lyuba Zuyeva asked for the subcommittee members to approve using MTP 2040 vision and goals as the CMP vision and goals, with the exception of two goals (marked with ***) which are more applicable to the planning work program rather than to specific projects:

Vision: The FBRMPO will promote a safe and efficient transportation system that increases transportation options and enhances the environment and livability of the region through a well-integrated roadway, transit, rail, pedestrian, and bicycle network.

Goals:

1. *Improve multi-modal and non-motorized transportation options*
2. *Improve safety on surface streets and highways*
3. *Address congestion and bottlenecks on surface streets and highways*
4. *Improve public transit options*
5. *Improve and expand community and public involvement****
6. *Ensure changes respect our unique places and environments*
7. *Seek ways to maintain and improve safe freight movement within and through the region*
8. *Improve and develop planning tools****

Subcommittee members have approved the use of MTP 2040 vision and goals (except goals #5 and #8) for the CMP update. MPO staff to bring additional materials to the next meeting.

IV. Announcements and Other Updates

No announcements.

Meeting adjourned.