



**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Minutes from the TCC meeting on October 13, 2016

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Meeting Date:**

**10/13/2016**

| Representing   | Voting TCC |           | Via Phone                           |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apple Countrv Transit        | Matt       | Champion  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville. City of           | Ken        | Putnam    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville. City of - Transit | Mariate    | Echeverrv | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest. Town of     | Jonathan   | Kanipe    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain               | Josh       | Harrold   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe Countv              | Denise     | Braine    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Havwood Countv               | Kris       | Bovd      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson Countv             | Autumn     | Radcliff  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville. City of      | Dave       | Hazzard   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Vallev. Town of       | Andrew     | Bowen     | <input checked="" 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"/> Wavnesville. Town of         | Elizabeth  | Teague    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

| Non Voting At TCC   |          |          |                          |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active Routes to School | Jackie   | Moore    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Active Routes to School | Mary     | Smith    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Davenport               | Lori     | Boyer    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC            | Zia      | Rifkin   | <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"/> Mattern and Craig       | Danny    | Bolden   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCBOT, Division 14      | Jack     | Debnam   | <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**

Autumn Radcliff opened the meeting and introductions followed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Autumn Radcliff indicated that the Consent Agenda included September minutes. She requested that the Agenda be approved at this time as well.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were heard.

## **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.

## **BUSINESS**

### STBG 5307 Flex Resolution (Asheville Transit)

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the Vehicle Replacement Project for Asheville Transit (TA-5164) has been previously selected for STBG (STP-DA) funding and programmed in the TIP for FY2017. In order for this project to move forward, the funding source needs to be changed to 5307 in order for it to be managed under the FTA rules. A resolution is required from the FBRMPO Board in support of flexing the funds from STBG to 5307 to allow this project to move forward.

**Elizabeth Teague moved to recommend to the MPO Board the adoption of the resolution to flex the funds from STBG to 5307 in order for the Asheville Transit Project to be managed under FTA rules. Ken Putnam seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

### Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Applications Resolutions of Support

Lyuba Zuyeva explained that the NCDOT is holding a call for bicycle and pedestrian planning grant applications through November 10, 2016. Corridor studies are now eligible for funding under the planning grants, as well. As part of the application, a letter of support is required from the respective MPO or RPO organization. The City of Asheville plans to apply for a Swannanoa River Greenway corridor study with NCDOT and has requested a letter of support from the FBRMPO.

**Ken Putnam moved to recommend to the MPO Board to approve a letter of support for the Swannanoa River Greenway Corridor Planning Study grant application to NCDOT. Matt Champion seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

### SPOT Prioritization 4.0 Division Tier MPO Points Allocation

Tristan Winkler shared that the FBRMPO region is allocated 1800 local input points for Division Tier projects based on the State of North Carolina's process for prioritizing transportation projects. The list of draft projects was distributed at the meeting and the prioritization process was reviewed. It was shared that projects submitted compete with all other projects in their respective NCDOT Division. MPO staff scored the projects based on the approved MPO methodology. Tristan Winkler gave an overview of the public input strategies which have been largely focused on distributing coasters to direct members of the public to an online survey and through social media- so far most of the comments received have been favorable with regards to selected project. He communicated that 200 points were set aside for bicycle and pedestrian projects- two bicycle and pedestrian projects are on the list. Also, 100 points were set aside for Transit Projects and Mountain Mobility's Transit Vehicle Expansion Project was chosen to receive

points. In Henderson County, Balfour Parkway Section B was chosen by the County's TAC as their largest priority. Other projects were reviewed and a full list may be found on the MPO's website ([http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Draft\\_DivisionNeeds\\_Projects.pdf](http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Draft_DivisionNeeds_Projects.pdf)). Tristan Winkler also noted that the LOSRPO elected to donate 100 points to the Dellwood Road project in Haywood County. **Elizabeth Teague moved to recommend the SPOT Prioritization points assignment as indicated by staff to the MPO Board for adoption on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Josh Harrold seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

#### STBG Projects- Coxe Avenue and Lexington Avenue

Tristan Winkler shared that the City of Asheville has requested that the Coxe Avenue and Lexington Avenue portions of the previously-submitted Complete Streets Corridors project be broken out to become their own projects, separate from the Biltmore Avenue Corridor project. Both of these projects have been identified in the City's Multimodal Transportation Plan to primarily improve facilities for bicycle and pedestrian modes of travel. While the Prioritization Subcommittee and TCC approved the original project, the MPO Board recommended more coordination to address concerns over Biltmore Avenue before that project could be approved. Breaking out the Coxe Avenue and Lexington Avenue corridors will allow for those projects to move forward while further coordination takes place for Biltmore Avenue. Should the projects be approved, they will come back to the MPO TCC and Board during the next meeting cycle for a TIP Amendment.

**Ken Putnam moved to recommend for MPO Board adoption on October 27<sup>th</sup> the funding for Coxe Avenue and Lexington Avenue Complete Streets Corridor Projects. Matt Champion seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

#### MTP Amendments- Informational Item

Tristan Winkler gave an overview of the MTP Amendments being considered to the FBRMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040, which is the federally-required twenty-five-year transportation plan for the FBRMPO region that was most recently passed by the Board in September 2015. The MTP provides more detail than the CTP and looks at what can actually be afforded within the budget. MPO staff are starting to work on MTP amendments since a lot of the transportation projects that have been approved for funding in the region, submitted through SPOT and funded in the draft TIP, were not in the MPO's 25-year plan. This also provides an opportunity to look at the regional transportation system. Tristan Winkler communicated that staff are proposing that the updated financial forecast that takes SPOT tiers for funding into account be applied to the twenty-five-year plan. MPO staff are finalizing the financial forecast with the hope that it will provide the chance to vet projects for the next round of prioritization.

**No action required at this time.**

#### Active Routes to School

Mary Smith and Jackie Moore with Safe Routes to School shared that the Active Routes to School initiative is a partnership between NCDOT and the NC Division of Public Health and is administered through the public health departments. The benefits of walking and biking to school affect children, schools, the community and the environment. The initiative uses a five-pronged approach to reach communities including awareness raising events, ongoing programs, training /workshops, built environment changes and policy changes.

Pam Cook shared that the staff for Active Routes to Schools are available to represent stakeholders on transportation committees (including the CTP). Curriculum for Let's Go NC is housed on the NCDOT website (<https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/safetyeducation/letsگونc/>).

**No action required at this time.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES**

Lyuba Zuyeva reminded the TCC that the November meeting will be a joint meeting with the Board and will be held at the Fletcher Town Hall on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Autumn Radcliff adjourned the meeting as there was no further business.