

**Prioritization Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2016
Land of Sky Regional Council Offices**

ATTENDING

Elizabeth Teague, Town of Weaverville
Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
Josh Harrold, Town of Black Mountain
John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock
Matt Champion, Henderson County

Non-Voting

Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO
Vicki Eastland, LOSRPO
Ritchie Rozzelle, LOSRC
Mariate Echeverry, City of Asheville
Kristina Solberg, NCDOT Division 13
Ed Greene, NCDOT Division 14
Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County
LeRoy Roberson, Town of Waynesville
Ricky Tipton, NCDOT Division 13
Cole Hood, NCDOT Division 13
Pam Cook, NCDOT

I. Welcome and Housekeeping

I-A // Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda

Elizabeth Teague, Vice-Chair, presided. Voting members and returning non-voting members gave their introduction. The Agenda was approved.

I-B // August Minutes

Minutes from August 25, 2016 were approved.

II. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

III. Business

III-A // SPOT Prioritization – Division Needs

Tristan Winkler reviews the outcome of the SPOT Regional Impact Prioritization process, noting that the MPO region had 4 of the 19 projects given input points received funding.

Tristan Winkler oriented the Subcommittee to the SPOT Division Needs Prioritization Process.

Subcommittee reviewed the list of proposed Division Needs projects.

Julie Mayfield asked how many projects the region can likely expect to be funded. Tristan Winkler and Rick Tipton noted that due to the variables at play, any projection regarding funding would be purely speculative. The best indicator is whether a project receives points from the MPO and the DOT Division.

Elizabeth Teague asked for clarification of the subcommittee's effort for today. Tristan Winkler requests approval of a project list to receive Division Needs points from the MPO.

Tristan Winkler and Lyuba Zuyeva reviewed the public outreach efforts to be conducted, including a public meeting, a survey in English and Spanish, social media posts and call-to-action drink coasters distributed to restaurants in close proximity to proposed projects.

Tristan Winkler reviewed projects that are not receiving points by the MPO, based on its adopted methodology, noting that the Subcommittee can elect to deviate from methodology to provide points to any of these projects.

The group discussed the merits of the Lake Julian Greenway, Beaverdam Rd Modernization, McDowell Street sidewalk, and Wright Brothers Way projects.

Julie Mayfield made a motion to replace the Beaverdam Road project with the McDowell/Choctaw Pedestrian Project.

John Dockendorf Seconded.

The Subcommittee voted unanimously to support.

A motion was made to approve the list of projects, with the McDowell sidewalk project included.

The motion was seconded.

The Subcommittee voted unanimously to approve.

III-B // MTP Amendments

Tristan Winkler introduced the topic of MTP Amendments, noting the reasons for engaging in the amendment process, citing the role of the MTP to serve as a comprehensive plan for the MPO's Transportation System.

The group considered whether to use the existing SPOT methodology -- currently adopted by the MPO -- or an amended version of this methodology in order to evaluate projects included in the MTP.

Lyuba Zuyeva noted that the current SPOT methodology ranks bike/ped projects in a way that the group has formerly questioned.

John Dockendorf asked how the impact of future technology, like self-driving cars, would be addressed and accounted for within the MTP. Tristan Winkler replied that there are too many unknowns currently to directly address the impacts of self-driving cars.

Julie Mayfield asked whether and how Regional Transit projects can be reflected within the MTP. Tristan Winkler replied that until there is a funding source for regional transit that can be viewed as a reasonable assumption, regional transit could only be addressed as a need, not a forecasted project.

III-C // Subcommittee Meeting Time and Date

Discussion was held to consider selecting a new meeting time which accommodated the schedules of all voting Subcommittee members. The Tuesday of each month preceding the TCC was selected as the meeting time.

IV. Announcement, News, Special Updates

None were offered.

V. Topics for Next Meeting

SPOT Prioritization

VI. Public Comment 2

None

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.