



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes from the TCC meeting on March 9, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Meeting Date:

03/09/2017

Representing	Voting TCC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Ken	Putnam	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of- Transit	Vaidila	Satvika	<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"/> Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Matt	Champion	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Valley, Town of	Andrew	Bowen	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mills River, Town of	Jesse	James	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Rick	Tipton	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Brian	Burch	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Daniel	Sellers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waynesville, Town of	Elizabeth	Teague	<input type="checkbox"/>

Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Kamille	Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of- Transit	Elias	Mathes	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen, FBRMPO Citizens Adv. Committee	Stagg	Newman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Davenport	Lori	Boyer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Davenport	Christy	Staudt	<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"/> JM Teague	Reuben	Moore	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Erica	Anderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Kyle	Guie	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mattern and Craig	Dana	Bolden	<input type="checkbox"/>

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Josh O'Conner opened the meeting and introductions followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Josh O’Conner indicated that the Consent Agenda included February minutes and the Prioritization Subcommittee Roster. He requested approval for the Agenda at this time as well.

Jason Burrell moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Josh Harrold seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Regular updates included NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates and TPB and FHWA/FTA updates. MPO subcommittee and staff updates were also presented.

Lyuba Zuyeva provided legislative updates. At the state level, HB 81 has been introduced that makes small changes to the MPO and RPO prioritization process. Also at the state level, a bill has been introduced to create a megaproject fund for transportation projects that cost over \$200 million. A committee would be set up to oversee project selection. House Bill 220 proposes a bond to ensure the maintenance of roadways in subdivisions during the interim period after being built and before those are added to the state maintenance system. Lyuba Zuyeva reminded the TCC that there would be no MPO meetings in the month of April. Staff will be attending the NCAMPO conference in New Bern on April 25-28 and she announced the MPO orientation coming up on March 15 at 1:00 pm at Land of Sky offices.

BUSINESS

TCC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

Lyuba Zuyeva provided a brief overview of TCC elections including that Officers are elected for a two-year term. Officers are eligible to serve two consecutive terms. She communicated that both the current Chair (Josh O’Conner) and Vice-Chair (Autumn Radcliff) are eligible for a second term and they comprise the slate for the election. The floor was opened for additional nominations. None were forthcoming and the TCC voted on the slate presented.

Jason Burrell moved to approve the election of the slate of officers for the TCC. Ken Putnam seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

FY 2017-2018 UPWP, Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that each year, the FBRMPO Board has to adopt a work program (UPWP) for the next fiscal year, a five-year calendar, and a self-certification statement. The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is intended to provide citizens and stakeholders with the necessary transparency to see how the MPO, local governments and transit agencies are using federal transportation planning funds. The UPWP is developed by MPO staff in consultation with partner agencies and input from local stakeholders. It may be amended to account for changes in funding or project needs. Transportation feasibility and planning studies in our region that utilize federal transportation dollars and are not programmed in the TIP have to be programmed as part of the UPWP. The MPO Board approved the draft UPWP for FY 2018 in January.

The current UPWP version for FY 2018 includes some minor corrections including: updating the planning study amounts for Asheville Bike Share Study and Biltmore Avenue Feasibility Study to show 100% of the study costs for FY 2018; updating the language describing the regional land use data update approach; correcting FY to FY 2017-2018; and correcting 104(F) PL funds reference to 104(D) PL funds. The updated UPWP draft is posted at

http://fbrmpo.org/wpcontent/uploads/2017/03/FY18_FBRMPO_UPWP_March2017.pdf.

Lyuba Zuyeva communicated that MPOs are required to certify to the FHWA and the FTA on an annual basis that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal requirements.

Josh Harrold moved to recommend that the MPO Board review and approve the FY 2017-2018 UPWP, the updated 2018-2022 calendar, and the self-certification. Vaidila Satvika seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Jobs Access Reverse Commute (JARC) Transit Funding Call for Projects

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that JARC (Jobs Access Reverse Commute) is a type of public transportation funding geared towards transportation for low-income individuals to access jobs and job training; transit capital and operating expenses are eligible, with an appropriate local match required (20% for capital/50% for operating). More information about JARC can be found on the MPO website

(<http://www.fbrmpo.org/jarc/>). The FBRMPO has previously approved keeping a 10% JARC set-aside as part of the 5307 funds allocated to the Asheville Urbanized Area. The Board has again re-affirmed a 10% JARC set-aside as part of the new FTA Section 5307 funding allocation formula in February of 2017. As part of the 5307 funding allocation formula agreement, Haywood County's share of 5307 funds during the first year are to be added to the JARC funding set-aside, with the right of first refusal for those funds going to Haywood County applicants. MPO staff recommend including two years' worth of funding (FY 2016 and FY 2017) in the current JARC call for projects and modifying the 5310 Selection Committee meeting schedule to include JARC projects selection during the first week of May 2017. A brief overview of the timeline for the spring 2017 JARC call of projects was also provided. This call for projects schedule is somewhat compressed because some of the agencies in our region have transit projects funded with JARC funds that expire at the end of the current fiscal year.

Vaidila Satvika moved to recommend for the MPO Board to approve a timeline for JARC call for projects for the spring of 2017; and to recommend for the MPO Board to approve a modification to the 5310 call for projects timeline to allow the JARC and 5310 Selection Committee to review both sets of projects during the week of May, 2017. Ken Putnam seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Division 14 New Project Development and Scoping Process

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that with the release of the NCDOT 2018-2027 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), seventeen projects have been programmed for implementation in the FBRMPO region. Division 14 Project Development Engineer, Brian Burch, provided a presentation on the process that Division 14 uses to help bridge projects from planning into implementation while taking into account local concerns and expectations.

Brian Burch explained the steps that NCDOT undertakes once a project is funded in the STIP/TIP. Projects in the first five years of the STIP/TIP are in the "deliverable" section and do not have to go back through

any prioritization process. Projects in the last five years of the STIP/TIP are considered to be in the “developmental” section and will go through the prioritization process again. He stressed the importance of checking how well a project scores and assigning local input points in SPOT. Placement in the first five years of the STIP means that a project can move from concept to design-- then construction, and finally, maintenance and operation.

Discussion occurred that STBGP-DA funds could be utilized by jurisdictions to fund feasibility studies in the MPO region.

No action required at this time.

Access Management Brief Overview

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that there are several roadway projects that include access management elements funded for construction and advancing through design in our region, including: Russ Avenue in the Town of Waynesville, New Leicester Highway Access Management in the City of Asheville and NC 191 from US 25 in Hendersonville to NC 280 south of the Town of Mills River. MPO staff wanted to highlight some of the elements, pros and negatives of access management for the TCC.

Tristan Winkler communicated that the region’s Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) has many access management projects. According to the FHWA, access management is the proactive management of vehicular access points to land parcels adjacent to all manner of roadways. Benefits of access managements include safety improvements; other potential benefits include pedestrian and freight safety, etc. Access Management also can reduce conflict points at intersections. More access points equal more conflict points and ultimately more crashes. Another benefit of access management is an increase in roadway capacity. While businesses are often wary of access management changes, studies have determined that after access management treatments are completed, most businesses did not suffer a loss of business due to the changes. Some types of businesses are more likely to be negatively affected than others. Discussion occurred regarding local land use controls and their interaction with access management. Rick Tipton shared that it is difficult to do access management in an area with established businesses. The presentation can be found at the following link: http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Board_03232017_Updated.pdf

No action required at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

Lyuba Zuyeva announced that the new Board Member Orientation is planned for March 15 at 1:00pm at Land of Sky offices. Lyuba Zuyeva reminded the TCC that no TCC or MPO Board meetings would be held in April. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that staff have received a request to share an Outlook calendar invite for the Board and TCC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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