

# **Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Minutes June 6, 2017**

## **Land of Sky Regional Council Offices**

### **ATTENDING**

-Josh O'Conner, Buncombe County  
-Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville  
-Josh Harrold, Town of Black Mountain  
-Jerry VeHaun, Town of Woodfin  
-Matt Champion, City of Hendersonville  
-Vaidila Satvika, City of Asheville

### **Non-Voting**

-Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO  
-Vicki Eastland, LOSRPO  
-Ritchie Rozzelle, LOSRC  
-Elias Mathes, City of Asheville  
-LeRoy Roberson, City of Waynesville  
-Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County  
-Ed Greene, NCDOT Division 14  
-Cole Hood, NCDOT Division 14  
-Brendan Merithew, NCDOT Division 13

### **I. Welcome and Housekeeping**

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

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

#### **I-B // April Minutes**

Minutes from April 11, 2017 were approved.

### **II. Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

### **III. Business**

#### **III-A // DRAFT SPOT 5.0 Submittal List, Tristan Winkler**

Tristan Winkler informs the Committee of additions, edits and corrections to the SPOT 5.0 proposed project list.

Because TCC and MPO Board meetings are cancelled for June, this was the last opportunity to review the list of SPOT projects. It will go out for public comment and be back for review and approval by TCC and MPO Board in August.

Vaidila Satvika asked what types of Complete Streets elements are up for consideration for the U6046 Swannanoa River Rd project. A cross-section of this roadway (a two-lane with bike lanes and sidewalks, with turn lanes at intersections) is attached to the project.

Julie Mayfield asked for further details on the NC 151 project. Tristan spoke to the increased traffic congestion shown on the Travel Demand Model at the intersection of 151 and Pisgah Hwy.

Matt Champion asked for further details on I4400BA I-26/64 interchange project, and whether it will be broken out in the STIP. It did not score well enough to be funded in the last round. It should be added to the carry-over list due to its association with other funded sections of the project.

Julie Mayfield made a motion to approve this project list. Matt Champion seconded. The motion passes.

### **III-B // Draft 2018-2027 TIP Updates, Tristan Winkler**

Tristan Winkler noted that originally the Draft TIP was set to be adopted in June. There is a hold on this approval because some changes are coming to the TIP project, centered around NCDOT's effort to spend through a cash balance and a change to the reserves maintained. Division 14 updated that this could result in roughly 100 new projects added to the TIP, statewide. This new TIP should be voted on by the State Board of Transportation in July or August, 2017.

Tristan stated that when the updated TIP Project List is released, it will be circulated to the Sub-Committee and publicly.

### **III-C // STBGP-DA Replacement Project, Tristan Winkler**

In a previous meeting, in discussion of projects, the sub-committee had identified \$1 million for the Beaucatcher Greenway project. FHW has stated that this project is ineligible for funds. City of Asheville has asked to replace this project with the acquisition of two new replacement transit vehicles at a total cost of \$930,000, with \$744,000 coming from STBGP-DA funding, which would still leave a funding balance of over \$200,000.

The options offered for consideration are to approve City of Asheville's replacement project, decline this project, or re-open the call for projects for all local governments.

Julie Mayfield made a motion to approve the addition of this replacement project.

Josh Harrold asked whether any other municipality has asked to add projects. There have been no other such requests.

Jerry VeHaun asked about previous discussion of this project. MPO staff has had some conversation with COA staff to identify this project as eligible.

Vaidila Satvika informed the group that the hope is to use this funding to acquire electric transit vehicles with the intent of building an EV bus fleet.

Josh Harrold asked for further details on the option to re-open the call for projects. Discussion ensued.

Julie Mayfield makes a motion to re-open the project proposal process through July.

Jerry VeHaun seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

## **IV. Announcement, News, Special Updates**

Josh Harrold has accepting a new job in Lewisville, NC, and will be leaving the

## **V. Topics for Next Meeting**

Next Meeting: August 8 at 9am

Results for call for STBGP-DA projects.

Final SPOT Project Lists

CMP items

**VI. Public Comment 2**

No public comment at this time.

**VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.