

Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Minutes April 10, 2018 Land of Sky Regional Council Offices

ATTENDING

Voting Members

- Josh O'Conner, Buncombe County
- Matt Champion, City of Hendersonville
- Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
- Vaidila Satvika, City of Asheville
- John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock
- Elizabeth Teague, Town of Waynesville

Non-Voting

- Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
- Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO
- Nick Kroncke, FBRMPO
- Ritchie Rozzelle, FBRMPO
- Daniel Sellers, NCDOT TPD
- Steve Williams, NCDOT Division 14
- Brendan Merithew, NCDOT Division 13
- Cole Hood, NCDOT Division 13
- Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County

I. Welcome and Housekeeping

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

Josh O'Conner, Subcommittee Chair, presided. Voting members and returning non-voting members gave their introduction. The Agenda was approved.

I-B // February 6, 2018 Minutes

The minutes from February 6th meeting were reviewed. Julie Mayfield made a motion to pass the minutes as presented. John Dockendorf seconded. All approved.

II. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

III. Business

III-A // SPOT (P) 5.0 Update

Tristan Winkler updated the group on the funded projects in the Division Needs tier of the P (SPOT) 5.0 process. Funded projects include: I-40 I-240/US74 Interchange Upgrade, Asheville

Regional Airport Terminal Expansion North and South, I-40 Exit 55 (Porters Cove Rd) Interchange Improvement.

Elizabeth Teague and Julie Mayfield asked questions about specific project details pertaining to Porters Cove Rd and I-240/US74 interchange.

Unfunded projects include four sections of I-26/Future I-26, seven section of I-40, and one section of US 23/74 in Haywood County.

Tristan updated the group on the SPOT public input survey. There continued to be a high response rates across most counties, compared to past years' efforts.

Regional Tier funding levels have been released. Region G will get \$244,818,00 in funding, while Division 13 gets \$27,524,00, and Division 14 gets \$152,315,000.

Elizabeth Teague asked, regarding the Buncombe County Liberty Rd project, why there additional projects proposed while the interchange improvement is funded. Tristan responded that the additional projects are related to a greater I-40 widening project.

III-B // STBG & TAP CALL FOR PROJECTS

With \$21 million to program, Tristan Winkler provided the group with two Scenario options, detailed in the agenda packet. One scenario kept 20% as a set-aside for potential cost overruns, another scenario allocated as much of the funding as possible directly to projects. Tristan recommended the latter scenario, noting that NCDOT has warned of a potential recession in the next few years- leaving funding "in reserve" could mean more could be rescinded.

Vaidila Satvika noted that City of Asheville will not be able to provide additional funding toward the Johnston School Rd sidewalk project, if funded.

Lyuba Zuyeva noted that this is the first time Town of Mills River has applied for this funding.

A Scenario C was proposed by City of Asheville, funding Town Branch but not French Broad River West, freeing up funding for three sidewalk projects.

Daniel Sellers asked how much funding the MPO receives for STBG in total, with the further question of how surplus funds would impact rescission.

Vaidila Satvika made a motion to support Scenario B, but to amend to not fund French Broad River West Greenway and instead shifting funding to fund all sidewalk projects. The motion was seconded by John Dockendorf.

Elizabeth Teague asked whether the reserved \$1 million that this change will create could be put toward another project, like the Black Mountain Riverwalk Greenway Phase II project. Tristan replied that the project was already receiving the amount requested and that any additional funds would require additional local match.

Lyuba asked about the scope of the Black Mountain Riverwalk project. Tristan replied that additional funding, if approved, would go toward additional greenway length.

The motion passed unanimously.

III-C // MTP Amendments

Tristan Winkler introduces two areas of amendments to the MTP, one related to increasing transportation resiliency and another related to increasing tourism mobility options and access.

Total Transportation Improvement Project Funding projected for 2016-2040 is \$3,332,000,000.

Julie Mayfield asked for background on the overall projects related to I-40 widening, including Porters Cove Rd. Lyuba and Tristan explained that the Liberty Road interchange design had already assumed I-40 would be widened because that was a project in the previous LRTP.

Tristan Winkler informed the group of Vehicle Miles Traveled data for Region B counties.

Vaidila Satvika asked whether VMT data can be made available at a more localized level. Daniel Sellers replied to the affirmative. MPO staff offered to connect City of Asheville staff to the correct DOT employee.

IV. Announcement, News, Special Updates

Lyuba announced that there will not be an MPO Board Meeting in April. Tuesday May 8 will be the next Prioritization meeting. MPO Board meeting will be May 10. A new meeting location for the Prioritization meeting will be announced.

Daniel Sellers updated that the next round of performance measures are expected to be approved within the month and then sent to MPO for adoption.

V. Topics for Next Meeting

Next Meeting: May 10 at 9am.

SPOT and MTP Amendment Updates.

VI. Public Comment 2

No public comment at this time.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.