

# **Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Minutes June 12, 2018 Land of Sky Regional Council**

## **ATTENDING**

### **Voting Members**

- Josh O'Conner, Buncombe County
- Matt Champion, City of Hendersonville
- Vaidila Satvika, City of Asheville
- Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville

### **Non-Voting**

- Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
- Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO
- Nick Kroncke, FBRMPO
- Autumn Radcliff, Henderson County
- LeRoy Roberson, Town of Waynesville
- Ritchie Rozzelle, LOSRC
- Jessica Trotman, Town of Black Mountain

## **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 // May 8, 2018 Minutes**

The minutes from May 8th meeting were reviewed. Julie Mayfield made a motion to pass the minutes as presented. Vaidila Satvika seconded. All approved.

## **II. Public Comment**

Ritchie Rozzelle thanked all members for any contribution to Strive week in May and said many events were held that overall had great success.

## **III. Business**

### **III-A // P 5.0- Final Regional Impact Point Assignment**

Tristan Winkler mentioned that the MPO Board cascaded different projects than what was submitted by the Prioritization subcommittee. Tristan went over the projects that points were put on. He clarified that the MPO is not putting points on all the projects. This is due to the funding available versus the amount of points available. If more points were put onto projects, it would "water down" the

effectiveness of the projects submitted. It was noted that the RPO plans on allocating points to the MPO for SPOT # H171587, the "superstreet" project in Buncombe and Madison county.

Tristan mentioned that today's focus is to line up the MPO priorities with the Division 13 and 14 priorities. The Tunnel Road, Fairview Road, NC-280 and I-26 in Henderson County are mentioned as projects that the Division is not planning to put points on. Tristan mentioned that the Division may be hesitant to put points on projects in Henderson County. Julie asked for clarification about the conflict between DOT and the local jurisdiction(s) regarding local investment in corridor and regional projects. There was discussion regarding the frustration regarding priorities between the locals and DOT. Julie expressed interest in reaching out to DOT to discuss this conflict before the next Board meeting. Discussion continued regarding NC-191 and other projects that impact regional connectivity. It was noted that Divisions 13 and 14 have public comment periods that are currently open.

Tristan continued by showing projects that the Divisions are putting points on that the MPO is not. US 19 (Dellwood Road) is one of those projects that was reviewed. Vaidila made a mention that the disconnect is clear given Division priorities versus local jurisdictions input, given the written description of projects. Tristan asked for any changes to what the MPO is putting points on. Discussion took place separately into small groups. Tristan noted that an artificial cap on funding is taking place. Julie asked how the subcommittee would feel about adding US 19 to the projects sent to the Board. Lyuba noted this would be an exception to the methodology given the nature of putting additional points on projects versus what is fiscally available. LeRoy asked for clarification about where the Balfour Parkway money will be allocated. Tristan noted it will be in the Division needs tier which will be decided in the fall. Julie asked if Matt and Autumn would be interested in meeting with Division 13 before the MPO Board meeting.

*It was decided that the project list as presented would be the list given to the TCC and Board.*

### **III-B // STBGDA- BLACK MOUNTAIN REQUEST**

Tristan noted that the Black Mountain Riverwalk Greenway is being split into two projects for the TIP. He said that Black Mountain asked for additional funding, which is available, and needs approval.

*Julie made a motion to take the recommended item to the Board. Vaidila seconded. All approved.*

### **III-C // STBGDA- NCDOT REQUEST FOR FLEXING**

Tristan noted there is likely to be less funding in FY 2020 from NCDOT. The way projects are programmed won't change but it is more likely that more programs get added through STBGDA.

NCDOT would be more likely to receive allocation bonuses from FHWA given a greater percentage of funding being programmed and authorized.

*Julie made a motion to take the recommended item to the Board. Vaidila seconded. All approved.*

### **III-D // SUBCOMMITTEE BYLAWS DISCUSSION**

Moved to a future meeting given time constraints. A brief discussion did take place about who a proxy voting member could be.

### **III-E // REGIONAL TRANSIT DISCUSSION**

Lyuba started a presentation by mentioning the commuter patterns over county lines that have been discussed in this subcommittee. She presented multiple maps and population charts showing the increase in urban area population. Typical elements of a express bus were covered, highlighting the difference between city bus and commuter style express buses. The potential next steps were highlighted. Julie thought this was a great idea but mentioned that the elected officials need to be on-board from the beginning, given that a previous similar study did not have traction from the beginning. Vaidila mentioned collaboration between the City of Asheville and the surrounding counties. Autumn echoed what Julie stated and wanted to get elected officials in the loop before jumping into the study. A group discussion followed the best way to allocate funding and what the study could like for the jurisdictions. Julie asked the MPO to setup a discussion between elected officials, MPO staff and jurisdictions to discuss the viability of such a study. Lyuba mentioned the study wouldn't take place until 2020 and would likely stretch over two fiscal years.

### **III-F // REGIONAL TRAIL DISCUSSION**

Moved to a future meeting given time constraints. An informal discussion did take place.

### **III-G // CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP**

There is a CMP workshop scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-4PM at Land of Sky Regional Council.

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

Nothing at this time.

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

Next Meeting: **August 7 at 9am.**

No topics identified.

## **VI. Public Comment 2**

No public comment at this time.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned.