

FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

August 7, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

Agenda

- 1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING (5 min)**
 - A. Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda** Josh O’Conner
 - B. June 12, 2018 Minutes** Josh O’Conner

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 3. BUSINESS (60-90 min)**
 - A. P 5.0 Update** MPO Staff
 - B. Regional Trail Discussion** MPO Staff
 - C. MTP 2040 Modifications** MPO Staff
 - D. MTP 2045 Kick-Off** MPO Staff
 - E. Subcommittee Bylaws Update** MPO Staff
 - F. TDM Grant Continuation** MPO Staff

- 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES (3 min)**

- 5. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING? (3 min)**

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT 2**

- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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 on US 25/70 that crosses over from Buncombe into Madison County.

Tristan reviewed the MPO priorities as compared 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 Divisions is not planning to put points on. Tristan mentioned that the Division 14 may be hesitant to put points on projects in Henderson County. There was further discussion regarding the differences in priorities for local government MPO members and NCDOT Division. Julie expressed an interest in reaching out to NCDOT 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 to review preliminary Division points assignment. US 19 (Dellwood Road) is one of those projects where the Division would like to assign points but the MPO is not assigning them. Vaidila commented on the apparent disconnect between Division priorities versus local jurisdictions input. Tristan asked for any changes to the MPO points assignment. Tristan noted that fiscal realism is being taken into account. Julie asked how the subcommittee would feel about adding US 19 Dellwood 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 forwarded 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 explained that the request coming from NCDOT to "swap" STBG-DA and state-controlled STBG funds for several projects is intended to protect a large portion of state-controlled STBG funds from a rescission expected to occur in FY 2020 by drawing down as much of the funding as possible sooner. Any STBG-DA funds utilized for a state project will be replaced with state STBG funds for another

project in the FBRMPO region. This way the region and the state retain the most STBG funding possible. NCDOT would be more likely to receive allocation bonuses from FHWA.

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 crossing county lines that have been previously discussed in this subcommittee. She presented multiple maps and population charts showing the increase in urban area population and the increase in geographic spread of new household locations. Typical elements of an express bus were covered, highlighting the difference between local/city bus and commuter-style express bus service. The potential next steps were highlighted. Julie expressed a support for the 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 23rd 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.

Item 3A:

P 5.0 Updates- Final Regional Impact Local Input Point Assignment

No updates have been received from NCDOT as of yet.

If there is no update by tomorrow's meeting, MPO staff will briefly discuss the general timeline and strategy for assigning Division Needs points.



Item 3B:

Regional Trail Discussion

Continuation of an informal discussion from the June meeting.



Item 3C:

MTP 2040 Modifications

Very Brief Overview

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is a long range, fiscally constrained transportation plan for the French Broad River MPO planning area for the next 25 years. MTP 2040 was adopted by the French Broad River MPO Board in September of 2015 and last amended in May 2018. MTP 2040 documents are available on the FBRMPO website at <http://www.fbrmpo.org/metropolitan-transportation-plan-mtp/>

The current list of modifications is to address the following small changes to the project lists and project dossiers for the MTP document that need to be made:

I-26 Widening, project I-4400/I-4700: update the future cross-section description to match the current design documents and to indicate eight lanes (vs. six lanes) from US 25 exit (Exit 44 at Mountain Home Road/Fletcher) to I-40 (MTP project ID's BUNC-1A-H, BUNC-1B-H and HEND-1C-H)

BUNC-BP-19, Black Mountain Riverwalk Greenway Phase 2: remove this project, this is a duplicate of BUNC-BP-6 already included in the MTP

Action: Recommend for FBRMPO Board adoption the MTP Modifications



Item 3D:

MTP 2045 Kick-Off

MPO staff will present on the MTP 2045 kick-off, an overview of the work timeline, and getting started on the vision and goals of the plan.

The schedule for the MTP 2045 will be made available.



Item 3E:

Subcommittee Bylaws & Roster Update

The following clause has been added to the subcommittee bylaws per discussion from the June meeting:

Article III - Members

Section 4. Proxy Voting and Alternate Members

All members of the Prioritization Subcommittee may appoint someone to vote in their place should the subcommittee member be absent. Alternate members must be on the TCC or Board (as primary or secondary members) but do not need official appointment to the subcommittee by the TCC and Board. Committee member absence rules from Article V, Section 2 still apply- attendance from proxy/alternate members do not count as attendance of the primary subcommittee member.

Current bylaws for the Prioritization Subcommittee are available here: http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Prioritization_Bylaws.pdf



Item 3F:

TDM Grant Continuation

The Regional TDM Program was launched in 2016. FBRMPO Board has most recently approved three years of MPO PL funds funding for the TDM Program, to match NCDOT grant and not to exceed 75,000 per year, for FY's 2017-2019. The Regional TDM Program has been successful in community, local business and stakeholder outreach and generating additional support for transportation alternatives through events such as Strive (previously Strive not to Drive). NCDOT annual funding has been increasing slowly from year to year. For FY 2018-2019, MPO funding for the TDM program is at \$46,350, with an equal amount coming from NCDOT grant funding.

Going forward, MPO staff would like recommend approving an on-going set-aside for TDM Program, to match the amount of NCDOT grant and not to exceed \$75,000 per year, of MPO STBG-DA funds flexed to PL funding.

Staff Recommendation: Discuss and recommend for FBRMPO Board approval ongoing continuation of FBRMPO funding for the Regional TDM Program, to match NCDOT grant.

