



**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
Minutes from the Governing Board meeting on March 22, 2018

**Attendance**

**Meeting Date:**

**3/22/2018**

Representing	VotingTAC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Gwen	Wisler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Fran	Cogburn	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain, Town of	Larry	Harris	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Jasmine	Beach-Ferrara	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Brownie	Newman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat Rock, Village of	John	Dockendorf	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haywood County	Michael	Sorrells	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	William	Lapsley	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurel Park, Town of	George	Banta	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mills River, Town of	Brian	Caskey	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Transit Providers	Adam	Charnack	<input type="checkbox"/>

Alternates/Agencies and Other Non Voting At TAC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Zia	Rifkin	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA	Mike	Dawson	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Ritchie	Rozzelle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRPO	Vicki	Eastland	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT TPB	Daniel	Sellers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Brendan	Merithew	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Cole	Hood	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Chris	Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Steve	Cannon	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Brian	Burch	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Lapsley called the meeting to order, read the Ethics Statement and inquired if there were any conflicts of interest to note for today's meeting. None was heard. He requested that introductions be made. The agenda was presented for approval with no modifications requested.

***Brownie Newman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Fran Cogburn seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.***

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Lapsley called for any public comment. Bill Burchill, a resident of Henderson County commented that the proposed Balfour Parkway project has had inadequate input from the public and he was critical of the project. He distributed information to Board members, which included an analysis of the project. He shared that his property would be impacted by this project should it be approved and an information request has been sent to NCDOT.

Bill Erickson commented that he opposes the Balfour Parkway project and he noted that at least 19 properties would be affected, which not counting governmental public entities, have 12 private owners. He distributed information to Board members and shared his vision for an alternate project to the north.

Al Koch commented that there is a need to get a project for a left-turn lane at NC 191 and Long Shoals Road. He urged Board members to put this small project on the list. Cole Hood shared that NCDOT is working to get this project out to let.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

***Fran Cogburn moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the February 2018 minutes, the Update to the Committee Meeting Calendar-Moving TCC and Prioritization to 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September; and, the STBG Flex to FTA 5307 for TA-6702 project (Asheville Transit vehicles). John Dockendorf seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

## **REGULAR UPDATES**

- Brendan Merithew provided Division 13 updates and Steve Williams provided Division 14 updates.
- Daniel Sellers provided Transportation Planning Branch updates.
- Mike Dawson provided FHWA updates.
- FBRMPO Committee & Workgroup Updates
  - Prioritization Subcommittee did not meet in March, next meeting scheduled for April 10.
  - Transit Operators Workgroup - Urban Transit (5307) subrecipients meeting was held on Thursday, March 8; subrecipient agreements are being finalized and the City of Asheville is working on putting together a Transit Asset Management Plan to include urban-funded transit vehicles in the region.
  - Citizens' Advisory Committee - Meeting was held on March 1 to review the SPOT Prioritization survey draft; next meeting scheduled for June 6.
- Lyuba Zuyeva made the following announcements: There would be no TCC and Board

meetings in the month of April. The next TCC meeting is May 10 and the Board will meet May 24. She also announced that there was a "Coffee with a Transportation Planner" event held in Arden the day before and a new board member orientation was held on March 16.

- Lyuba Zuyeva provided legislative updates including that the federal government is operating under a continuing resolution through March 23. At the federal level, there is a "dig once" bill being considered that would require that broadband infrastructure be included when federally-funded transportation projects get underway.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **UPWP for FY 2019, Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification**

Lyuba Zuyeva indicated that the UPWP is the MPO's budget for the next fiscal year and details the transportation planning tasks that will be carried out in the next year. The Special Studies are included in the UPWP as is the Corridor Studies Pilot Project in Buncombe County. The UPWP also includes public transportation planning work undertaken by planning staff with the City of Asheville and Henderson County and funded with FTA 5303 and FTA 5307 sources. A previous draft of the UPWP for FY 2019 was approved by the MPO Board in January. The current version includes newly-selected planning studies. As part of UPWP approval, the MPO Board is also asked to adopt the five-year calendar and the self-certification statement.

***Mike Sorrells moved to adopt the UPWP for FY 2019, the Five-Year Calendar and Self-Certification. Brian Caskey seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

### **TIP Amendments and Modifications**

Tristan Winkler shared a very brief overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) including that it is the document, which is fiscally constrained and reflects the programmed transportation projects in the planning region for the next 10 years. The TIP must match the STIP at the state level. He noted that the TIP Amendments presented today included: 1) Accelerate Right of Way from FY 20 to FY 19 for NC 191 Widening in Henderson County; 2) Delay construction on Russ Avenue project in Waynesville from FY 18 to FY 19; 3) Increase funds flexed from STBG to Planning for MPO Planning purposes; 3) Delay Right of Way to FY 18 and Construction to FY 19 on Riverside Drive Greenway; 5) Add Asheville Transit Vehicle and Hybrid Bus Battery projects; 6) Modify Buncombe County Transit Funding Amounts; and, 7): Modify Henderson County Transit Funding.

***John Dockendorf moved to adopt the recommended TIP Amendments as presented. Brownie Newman seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

### **Performance Measures Coordination Agreement between FBRMPO, NCDOT, and the City of Asheville**

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the coordination agreement is required by MAP-21 and the FAST Act. She shared background on the performance measures. The legal team for the City of Asheville has reviewed the agreement and found no issues. More performance measures will be coming forward. All parties are expected to adopt the agreement by May 20, 2018.

***Brownie Newman moved to adopt the Coordination Agreement. Mike Sorrells seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

## **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2040 Amendment**

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that this amendment to the MTP 2040 is required by the FAST Act. After May 27, 2018, the MTP must be in compliance with the FAST Act in order for any future TIP amendments to come forward for approval. She noted that resiliency and stormwater and tourism are new planning factors that have to be considered in the MTP. Other additions include modifying the public and stakeholder involvement section to ensure intercity bus consideration (Greyhound bus services). However, changes will not be very significant, overall. She communicated that the i-40 widening west of Asheville also needs to be included in the MTP for the Liberty Road Interchange project to continue to move forward. The full amendment will be brought back in May.

***Informational item, no action required.***

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On April 16 a public input meeting is scheduled for the I-26 (I-4400/I-4700) project.

The NCAMPO conference is happening the last week of April in Durham.

Brian Burch introduced Chris Lee who is replacing Jonathan Woodard as the District 14 engineer.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Sorrells moved to adjourn the meeting, Brownie Newman seconded and the meeting stood adjourned.