



French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
 Minutes from the TCC meeting, August 9, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Meeting Date:

08/09/2018

Representing	Voting TCC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apple Countrv Transit	Peterson	Janna	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Dan	Baechtold	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of - Transit	Jessica	Morriss	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Adrienne	Isenhower	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain, Town of	Jessica	Trotman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Josh	O'Conner	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fletcher, Town of	Eric	Rufa	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Haywood County	Jodie	Ferguson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Matt	Champion	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land of Sky RPO	Vicki	Eastland	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mills River, Town of	Brian	Burgess	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Mobility	Matt	Cable	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Brendan	Merithew	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Steve	Williams	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Daniel	Sellers	<input type="checkbox"/>

16 Voting Members Present

Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bell Engineering	Dana	Bolden	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen	John	DeGelleke	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Davenport	Lori	Boyer	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Zia	Rifkin	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Lyuba	Zuyeva	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Nick	Kroncke	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA	Mike	Dawson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRC	Ritchie	Rozzelle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Mobility	William	High	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Stephen	Sparks	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Chris	Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>

12 Non-Voters Present

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Chairman O’Conner opened the meeting and introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman O’Conner requested approval for the Consent Agenda consisting of the June 2018 TCC minutes;. He also requested approval of the Agenda, as well.

Brian Burgess moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Vicki Eastland seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John DeGelleke, President of Triple Creek Property Association, commented on NC 191 project. He shared the concerns of the association with the proposed NC 191 project as it currently stands. He stated that the association was asking for a reduced footprint outside of Mills River for the proposed project.

REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Regular updates included NCDOT Divisions 13 and 14, TPB updates, and FHWA/FTA updates. MPO Subcommittee and Staff updates were also presented.

Lyuba Zuyeva shared legislative updates including that BuildNC Bond program that was signed into law in June 2018 and will allow quicker drawdown of NCDOT funding. At the federal level, no federal budget as of yet. The Senate has reviewed the minibuss spending bill which would include Transportation funding, but it has not been approved by the House yet.

Lyuba Zuyeva further shared the I-26 Connector should have a final environmental report available towards the end of 2018. Coffee with at Transportation Planner to take place in Waynesville on 8/21 from 10 to 11:30am. Also noted that Mountain Mobility Trailblazers are now fare-free.

BUSINESS

MTP Modifications: I-26 Widening

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a long-range, fiscally constrained transportation plan for the FBRMPO planning area for the next 25 years. MTP 2040 was adopted by the FBRMPO in September of 2015 and last amended in May 2018. The MTP is available on the MPO’s website: <http://www.fbrmpo.org/metropolitan-transportation-plan-mtp/>. The current list of modifications addresses several minor changes to the project lists and project dossier maps for the MTP document including the I-26 Widening Project, to update the future cross-section description to match the current design documents and to indicate eight lanes (versus six lanes) from US 25 at I-26 Exit 44 to I-40; Black Mountain Riverwalk Greenway Phase 2 is being removed from the MTP as a duplicate project—was previously already included in the MTP. In addition, Daniel Sellers explained that recent planning studies in the region have resulted in several additional modifications that are proposed to the roadway network in Transylvania County and to the transit network in the Asheville region to be utilized in the Regional Travel Demand Model.

Vicki Eastland moved to recommend for FBRMPO Board adoption the MTP 2040 modifications including Regional Travel Demand Model roadway network modifications. Mike Champion seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

I-26 Connector Resolution

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that as previously discussed during the May 2018 FBRMPO Board meeting, The City of Asheville and Buncombe County requested support from the FBRMPO for a resolution that would direct NCDOT to ensure ongoing coordination and opportunity for local government input as I-2513 (I-26 Connector) project designs are further refined prior to construction as part of design-build process.

Discussion occurred about the design-build process, which could impact several elements that are important to the City of Asheville with regards to redevelopment along Patton Avenue. The resolution is meant to address urban redevelopment potential concerns faced by municipalities.

Chairman O'Conner communicated that he was inclined to wait until final language was provided on the resolution.

Dan Baechtold moved to recommend for FBRMPO Board approval of the I-26 resolution. Jessica Morriss seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Continuation of Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program Funding

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that this resolution would provide a stable funding resolution for the ongoing operation of the TDM program. Ritchie Rozzelle, TDM Coordinator for the transportation regions shared a brief presentation with the TCC on the recent TDM projects. Ritchie Rozzelle communicated that the purpose of TDM is to provide alternatives to the single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) mode. In addition, TDM is meant to address transportation alternatives for workforce commuters and the aging communities, among others. The TDM program provides public engagement and messaging through its website www.gomtn.org. Ritchie Rozzelle communicated that initiatives for TDM include the Strive initiative, which is an ongoing and expanding project to provide active transportation alternatives to the aging communities, transit riders and improve bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure access. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the funding resolution for TDM includes 50% of total funding, to be matched by an NCDOT grant for which Land of Sky Regional Council has to re-apply every year. Ritchie Rozzelle would continue to work to meet the TDM program goals going forward.

Dan Baechtold moved to recommend for FBRMPO Board approval ongoing continuation of FBRMPO funding for the Regional TDM Program, to match NCDOT grant funds. Eric Rufa seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

MTP 2045 Plan Update

Tristan Winkler shared that each MPO must prepare a long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) at least every five years, in accordance with federal law, and the plan has to be fiscally constrained. Development of the MTP 2045 will have to be complete by September of 2020 and includes five primary tasks including a review of the MPO's vision/goals, reviewing current transportation network and its deficiencies, examination of planned/trending regional growth, and the inclusion of a fiscally constrained

project list; all of which would become part in the final MTP 2045. Lyuba Zuyeva reviewed suggested changes for the MTP 2045 vision and goals.

No action needed, informational item.

STI-SPOT 5.0 Prioritization Update

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that MPO staff submitted Regional Impact Tier project points into the STI/SPOT system in July based on the MPO Board vote. Division Needs local input meetings should be scheduled in September and additional outreach to jurisdiction staff would be ongoing. Also, in September, the MPO meeting cycle will be off due to the state's planning conference, which would move the board meeting to the third Thursday of that month.

No action needed, informational item

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

Proposed TIP Amendments would be considered during the September meeting cycle.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No none made any public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O'Conner adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.