



French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
 Minutes from the TCC meeting, September 20, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Meeting Date:

09/20/2018

Representing	Voting TCC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apple Country Transit	Janna	Peterson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Dan	Baechtold	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Jonathan	Kanipe	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain, Town of	Jessica	Trotman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat Rock, Village of	Pat	Christie	<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"/> Haywood Public Transit	Chuck	Norris	<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"/> Maggie Valley, Town of	Ron	Hancock	<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"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waynesville, Town of	Elizabeth	Teague	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodfin, Town of	Ben	Dannemiller	<input type="checkbox"/>
19 Voting Members Present			

Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of- Transit	Kimille	Miller	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA	Mike	Dawson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Mobility	William	High	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Steve	Cannon	<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"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Lonnie	Watkins	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Non-Voters Present			

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Vice Chair Autumn Radcliff opened the meeting and introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Radcliff requested approval for the Consent Agenda consisting of the August 2018 TCC minutes and Prioritization Subcommittee Bylaws Changes (Proxy Vote). She requested approval of the Agenda, as well.

Dan Baechtold moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Elizabeth Teague seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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

BUSINESS

Prioritization Subcommittee Appointment from TCC

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the FBRMPO Prioritization Subcommittee includes four members from the MPO TCC and three members from the MPO Board. The subcommittee currently has an open seat in response to which two nominations have been received: Jessica Morriss- City of Asheville and Brian Burgess- Town of Mills River. The subcommittee also acts as the steering committee for many of the MPO's initiatives and makes recommendations to the MPO Board. The MPO Board would have final approval of the committee member selected by the TCC to serve on the Prioritization Subcommittee.

Discussion occurred regarding the makeup of the subcommittee. Vice Chair Radcliff noted that the subcommittee makes recommendations for MPO TCC and Board consideration, and does not make a final vote on any issues. Non-voting members are welcome to attend.

Elizabeth Teague moved to recommend for FBRMPO Board approval for Brian Burgess to serve on the Prioritization Subcommittee. Eric Rufa seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

STI/SPOT 5.0 Prioritization- Division Needs Projects MPO Draft Points

Tristan Winkler shared that NCDOT released a draft list of projects funded in the Regional Impact Tier at the end of August, which includes NC 280 (Boylston Hwy.), I-26 Connector Section A through West Asheville, I-40 from Exit 44 to Exit 37 (study only for now), and I-26 widening from US 64 south to US 25 in Flat Rock. He also shared that the MPO currently has to assign points for Division Needs Tier projects. MPO staff have been holding county-specific meetings with local government staff and Henderson County TAC. A draft MPO points assignment would need to take place in September, in order to post the project list for public comment and come back for final approval during the October meeting cycle. Tristan Winkler reviewed the priority projects for Buncombe County, which include three bike/ped and two highway

projects. He also reviewed projects requested to cascade from the Regional Impact Tier including US 25A (Sweeten Creek Road) north of I-40, US 70 (Tunnel Road), US 74A (Fairview Road), NC 81 (Swannanoa River Road), and US 19/23B (Weaverville Highway). He shared that the general process is the assignment of draft local points, advertising the list for public comment and adopting final MPO points. Under the FBRMPO methodology, points are applied to projects until no points remain or until estimated funding is exhausted.

Dan Baechtold communicated that Swannanoa River Road should have greater priority and could be switched out with the Fairview Road project. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the Bailey Branch Greenway in Mars Hill is not on the current list but does have a local support from the Town.

Brian Burgess moved to recommend FBRMPO Board approval of draft points assignment for Division Needs Tier projects with the change noted for Swannanoa River Road and Fairview Road projects, to be posted for public comment prior to final approval in October. Jonathan Kanipe seconded and the motion carried as all were in favor.

TIP Amendments and Modifications

Nick Kroncke shared a brief overview of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) proposed amendments and modifications including construction for Patton Avenue/New Leicester Highway intersection delayed from FY 2018 to FY 2019, the addition of bridge replacements, combining I-4700 sections A and B into one project I-4700 (I-26 widening in Buncombe) expediting the French Broad River Greenway West construction and delaying Town Branch Greenway construction. He noted that on the transit side, the Black Mountain Trailblazer has funding reprogrammed for FY 2019.

Dan Baechtold moved to recommend FBRMPO Board adoption of the TIP Amendments. Ben Donnemiller seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Transit Asset Management Plan and Targets Adoption

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that under the FAST Act, FTA was mandated to develop rules for tracking transit state of good repair (Transit Asset Management, or TAM). The TAM Final Rule 49 USC 625 became effective October 1, 2016. Under the TAM Final Rule, FTA established four performance measures to approximate the state of good repair for categories of capital assets. Calculating performance measures helps transit agencies to quantify the condition of their assets, and prioritize areas that need improvement. There are four key areas of asset categories: rolling stock, equipment, facilities, and fixed guideway infrastructure. She noted that fixed guideway really does not apply in the FBRMPO region. Transit agencies in the FBRMPO region had the option of participating in a group Transit Asset Management Plan and targets establishment through NCDOT, or establishing their own targets. The City of Asheville transit system (ART) has developed its own Transit Asset Management Plan and its own TAM targets. Additionally, the following transit agencies in the planning region have participated in NCDOT Group TAM Plan including Buncombe County- Mountain Mobility, Apple Country Transit (WCCA), Mountain Projects (Haywood Public Transit) and Madison County Transportation Authority. The MPO is being asked to support the TAM targets based on both plans applicable to agencies in our region.

Jonathan Kanipe moved to recommend FBRMPO approval for the Transit Asset Management Targets. Matt Cable seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

MTP 2045: Public Outreach Plan

Nick Kroncke shared that the kickoff was in August for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2045 and he presented the draft Public Outreach Plan document, which is driven by the Public Involvement Policy (PIP) that includes a 30 day public comment period for the draft MTP. The steering committee for the MTP would be the Prioritization Subcommittee. MPO staff are gathering a robust list of Stakeholders in the region that would include transportation users among other groups. In addition, he noted that MPO staff are currently working with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on the public outreach strategy.

No action needed informational item only.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

Women in Transportation is planning a meet and greet for Jessica Morriss and Mark Gibbs for Wednesday, September 26. There is also a field trip to Cumberland Gap Tunnel planned for Friday October 12. NCDOT bike/ped planning call for projects currently open. Municipalities applying for the grant must have a resolution of support from the FBRMPO.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No none made any public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Radcliff adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.