

Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting Minutes October 9, 2018 Land of Sky Regional Council

ATTENDING

Voting Members

- Matt Champion, City of Hendersonville
- Julie Mayfield, City of Asheville
- Matt Champion, City of Hendersonville
- Brian Burgess, Town of Mills River

Non-Voting

- Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
- Lyuba Zuyeva, FBRMPO
- Nick Kroncke, FBRMPO
- Janna Peterson, Henderson County
- Steve Williams, NCDOT
- Dan Baechtold, City of Asheville
- John Dockendorf, Village of Flat Rock

I. Welcome and Housekeeping

I-A // Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda

No Chair or Vice-Chair was present. Julie Mayfield volunteered to preside. Voting members and returning non-voting members gave their introduction. The Agenda was approved.

I-B // September 18, 2018 Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. John Dockendorf made a motion to pass the minutes as presented. Brian Burgess seconded. All approved.

II. Public Comment

None at this time.

III. Business

III-A // P 5.0 Update – Division Needs Points

Tristan Winkler gave an overview of how the MPO and Divisions were aligning points. Division 13 voiced concerns about funding projects solely in Buncombe County, and not distributing points among other counties. Tristan shared a chart showing the Division funding per Capita and Buncombe came in third among

Rutherford and McDowell county. He also noted that Buncombe and Madison are the only two counties in Division 13 experiencing growth, in addition to how funding a project in Buncombe will benefit commuters from other counties.

Tristan asked if the committee would be interested in allocating points for the Mars Hills greenway, Bailey Branch Greenway, and taking them away from a highway project. Lyuba mentioned that the Blythe St. project (Modernization) is not likely to be funded and Matt voiced there is not likely to be local support for the project at the time. Soco Road, 19/23 and Blythe St. were discussed as projects to move points from. John and Matt voiced that they wanted to pass the project onto the TCC and Board to make a decision about, versus overruling the Henderson County TAC.

Julie asked why Division 13 is not putting points on Bent Creek Greenway. Tristan clarified that their methodology limits them to putting points on four projects maximum. Steve Williams from Division 14 stated that 400 points can be put onto non-highway projects from their methodology.

Tristan mentioned that US 25/70 from Buncombe into Madison County was requested by the RPO to take 64 points to help fund the project. The intention is to make intersection improvements like a "superstreet". A brief discussion about what constitutes a superstreet took place and if traffic volumes warrant it on this corridor. Tristan noted there was 6 crashes over a 5 year period at or near these intersections. Concerns were voiced over the cost of the project and the number of people that will benefit, and the return on the investment isn't realized. One potential step forward would be looking at the worst intersection on this corridor and trying to address it in the next round. Overall consensus was that this project is not a concern at the MPO level at this time.

Discussion took place about how to have influence over the cross-sections and designs that NCDOT comes up with. Division 14 has been working closely with communities on design and it has been a successful approach. Julie wanted to know at what stage the locals can have influence, and if the Board and MPO Staff can review the plans as they come along. It was noted if a projects scope or cost drastically changes, NCDOT has a committee to review the project. The regional aspect of transportation was discussed, and decisions must be made with that approach in mind, instead of a fully "local-control" approach. A possible approach would be to supply a cross-section or a statement that states the intent of the project from the MPO Board perspective.

Tristan stated P6.0 workgroup is starting and welcomes any input. His approach is to lower the impact of cost/benefit given the terrain of this region. Look at seasonal

variation of peak AADT and how that impacts scores, in addition to simplifying the process.

III-B // Federal Performance Measures (PM2, PM3)

Lyuba Zuyeva brought up the MAP-21 requirements for performance measures and what Pavement and Bridge Conditions include (PM2). System Performance (PM3) such as travel time reliability was shown. The MPO has two options for adopting the measures: (1) adopt the NCDOT targets (2) MPO develops its own targets, requiring a large amount of staff time and input. Staff proposed to use NCDOT targets at this time and monitor data over time. Lyuba went over the targets that NCDOT has set, which goes from 2018 – 2021. The percent from the 2-year target to 4-year target decreases overall, meaning performance will likely decrease given the reality of what we expect to see at the state level, given likely funding.

The funding allocated towards maintenance and bridges was discussed, given that some bridges serve a minimal amount of traffic. Steve, NCDOT Division 14, mentioned that the Bridge performance and pavement conditions are data driven. It was discussed to bring someone in from Bridge maintenance to talk about that process.

It was recommended from this committee to support PM2 and PM3 NCDOT measures. Brian Burgess made the motion. Julie Mayfield seconded.

III-C // MTP 2045 – Vision, Goals and Objectives

Lyuba looked at the 'Objectives' section of the MTP. First, the Vision and Goals as drafted by this subcommittee and shown to TCC and Board were reiterated. Goal #3 of "Addressing Congestion and Bottlenecks" was discussed and how to incorporate goals of the CMP.

Lyuba went over different goals that other POs in the state have looked at and how that could fit our plan. SPOT 5 methodology was reviewed and scoring criteria used. Julie asked to look at the spreadsheet from the last MTP that had existing objectives and GrowWNC outcomes. It was discussed how to develop usable metrics for this MTP. Julie proposed adding an objective of increasing frequency or service hours for transit as a measurable outcome. Julie mentioned if discussion was still taking place about truck stop electrification and including that as a goal.

IV. Announcement, News, Special Updates

Tristan mentioned that the MPO staff will be giving a Greendrinks presentation about Congestion and Growth will be taking place this Thursday 10/11 in Hendersonville.

V. Topics for Next Meeting

Next Meeting: **November 13 at 9am**. No topics identified.

VI. Public Comment 2

No public comment at this time.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.