



French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization

Minutes from the TCC meeting, October 11, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Meeting Date:

10/11/2018

Representing	VotingTCC		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"/> Asheville, City of - Transit	Jessica	Morriss	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Jonathan	Kanipe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain, Town of	Jessica	Trotman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Josh	O'Conner	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Canton, Town of	Jason	Burrell	<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"/> Madison County	Forrest	Gilliam	<input checked="" 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"/> Wavnesville, Town of	Elizabeth	Teague	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 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"/> LOSRC	Erica	Anderson	<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"/>

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Lonnie	Watkins	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Troy	Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 Non-Voters Present			

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Chairman Josh O’Conner opened the meeting and introductions followed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman O’Conner requested approval for the Consent Agenda consisting of the September 2018 TCC minutes, the STBG-DA to 5307 Flex Resolution for ART Buses; the Resolutions of Support for Bike/Ped Planning Grant Applications: Fletcher Application; and, the Resolutions of Support for NCDOT Statewide 5310 Call for Projects Applications: Haywood Public Transit and Madison Transportation Authority. He requested approval of the Agenda, as well.

Matt Cable moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Jason Burrell seconded, and the motion carried as all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John DeGellecke, a resident of Henderson County and Secretary of the Triple Creek Property Owners Association, commented on the NC 191 project. He urged the TCC to consider reevaluating the project now that the Balfour Parkway is removed from the STIP, and to communicate that consideration to the Henderson County TAC.

Tristan Winkler commented that the way projects are scored in STI/SPOT Prioritization does not account for roads that do not currently exist. He also noted that Mr. DeGellecke raised a good point about how projects change between submittal through SPOT and final design. He also noted that as roadway projects are going to design in our region, some of the elements previously expected from projects sometimes are left out. This might need to be a future conversation for MPO TCC and Board. Daniel Sellers noted that FWHA is pushing back against NCDOT when projects change. Dan Baechtold noted that during the prioritization process, projects are prioritized with consideration for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Tristan Winkler noted that the MTP shows projects very generally and does not mandate a specific design. Lyuba Zuyeva communicated that the NC 191 project has independent utility without the Balfour Parkway project.

REGULAR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Regular updates included NCDOT Divisions 13 and 14, and TPB updates. MPO Subcommittee, staff and legislative updates were presented, too.

BUSINESS

Performance Measures Targets- PM 2 and PM 3; Updating Coordination Agreement

Lyuba Zuyeva provided an overview of the current set of Performance Measures Targets under consideration, as required by the federal regulations (23 CFR Part 490), updated after the passage of MAP-21 and the FAST Act. States and MPOs are required to set targets for interstate and non-interstate National Highway System (NHS) pavement condition, NHS bridge condition, travel time reliability, freight reliability, and emissions reduction (collectively these sets of targets have been called PM2 and PM3). The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has established targets for the performance measures noted above and has coordinated the establishment of targets with the 19 MPOs in the state through a series of work group meetings, webinars, and email communications between the winter of 2017 and spring of 2018. The NCDOT has officially established targets and transmitted those to FHWA in May 2018. Federal regulations require MPO's to support the State's targets for each measure, or to establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its targets to FHWA.

Lyuba Zuyeva shared that MPO staff recommend agreeing to support NCDOT targets for PM2 and PM3 performance measures. In addition, she communicated that performance measures must be adopted by the MPO by mid-November. Overall, the nation is not doing a great job keeping up with infrastructure maintenance, which the performance measures are meant to address. Lyuba Zuyeva communicated that the TCC and Board are also being asked to approve making a modification to MTP 2040 plan to reflect the newly-adopted PM2 and PM3 targets, including the Transit Asset Management targets approved at the September FBRMPO Board meeting. In addition, staff are recommending an approval for an updated NCDOT-FBRMPO-City of Asheville Performance Measures Coordination Agreement, which pertains to information and data sharing related to performance measures as NCDOT has an updated template.

Discussion occurred regarding how the MPO would meet the expectation of meeting performance targets through transportation investment programs improvements. Tristan Winkler noted that pavement condition has been made more of a factor when approving highway projects. NCDOT staff shared that all RPOs and MPOs must support changes to the state's targets.

Daniel Sellers moved to recommend for FBRMPO Board approval PM2 and PM3 performance measures adoption, a modification of MTP 2040 to reflect the new targets, and an updated tri-party agreement between the MPO, NCDOT, and the City of Asheville for Performance Measures coordination and data sharing. Steve Williams seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

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

Tristan Winkler provided an overview of the STI/ SPOT 5.0 Prioritization Process and the current stage of the process. Tristan Winkler noted that the MPO Board will need to assign local points for Division Needs Tier projects. In addition, draft points are open to public comment from October 3 to October 24. The LOSRPO has requested the MPO receive points to put onto the US 25/70 superstreet project in Buncombe/Madison counties. Final local input point would be approved by the MPO Board in October.

Tristan Winkler shared that this is the last time that the MPO would need to take action for this round of prioritization, SPOT 5. Division Needs projects have been put out for public comment. He also noted that the most successful projects are those that the respective NCDOT Division puts points on, in addition to

MPO or RPO points. He reviewed the projects in the Division Needs Tier that have received preliminary local input points from the MPO. Tristan Winkler also noted an issue with the MPO accepting points from the RPO (at their request) for the US 25/70 superstreet project in Buncombe and Madison counties. He also noted that there have been several serious accidents on the street over the past few years. He communicated that the Prioritization Subcommittee has suggested that this project should be re-submitted next year.

Brendan Merithew shared that the Division 13 put the full 100 points on the superstreet project and is supportive of the project. Tristan Winkler noted that points were applied to this project by the MPO in the Regional Impact Tier, too. Forrest Gilliam shared that Crossroads is Madison County's highest priority; however, US 25/70 roadway currently has dangerous intersections, especially on the Buncombe County side. The County would like to see the project move forward. He also communicated that the County would support the MPO accepting those points from the RPO. Vicki Eastland shared that one of the RPO's scoring criteria is for safety. She also noted that in consideration of cascading this project, the goal was to get it into the STIP and start a more detailed study of intersection improvements needed.

Forrest Gilliam moved to accept the points from the RPO for the superstreet project. Brian Burgess seconded the motion to start the conversation.

Discussion occurred about which projects could be vulnerable if those do not receive points and Tristan Winkler shared that the Tunnel Road project could be in jeopardy. Additional discussion followed about US 25/70 superstreet treatment; Brendan Merithew shared that the superstreet project was not submitted as a feasibility study.

Upon a vote the motion carried without further discussion.

Tristan Winkler shared that there is another project in Madison County, which is a greenway project in Mars Hill. The town is ready to build this greenway and is seeking funding. He communicated that there may be some discussion with Haywood County about moving points one of their projects to the Mars Hill greenway.

Dan Baechtold moved to recommend for FBRMPO Board approval final points assignment for Division Needs Tier projects as discussed. Matt Champion seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Express Bus and Regional Transit Feasibility Study for FY 2020- Expected MPO Dues Increase

Lyuba Zuyeva shared background factors for a Regional Transit Feasibility Study for FY 2020, which included regional commute patterns that show fewer people are able to live and work in the same county, while population growth is continuing at a high rate (Buncombe and Henderson Counties are the fastest growing counties in the MPO region). This was a follow-up to the June agenda item--with June presentation slides posted at http://fbrmpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/RegTransit_FeasibilityStudy_June2018.pdf. At the June meeting, the FBRMPO Board gave preliminary approval to moving forward with the idea of a Regional Transit Feasibility Study in

FY 2020. Today's discussion is focused on what effect funding this study would have on MPO dues for the seven MPO dues-paying jurisdictions, if the study were to move forward in FY 2020.

Lyuba Zuyeva indicated that the Regional Transit Feasibility Study was discussed at the Regional Transit Operators Meeting on October 2nd, and the group had some concerns with the timing of asking for local match. Now appears to be a good time to discuss this study prior to local government members beginning budgetary discussions in January 2019 for FY 2020. One of the issues that local transit operators are facing is spare capacity for taking people into Buncombe County for medical trips—it is possible that the study could also consider medical-purpose vanpool routes. Lyuba Zuyeva shared two different scenarios for dues-paying governments: Scenario 1 breaks up the local dues impact by population, and, Scenario 2 divides the impact equally among the dues-paying jurisdictions.

Discussion occurred if the MPO has the funding to take on this study and it was shared that the MPO has the federal portion of the funds necessary to undertake the study. Elizabeth Teague shared that Waynesville would be interested in learning more about the proposed dues increase for the study. Matt Cable shared that part of the reasoning for the two different scenarios goes back to the corridor study dues increase. Forrest Gilliam shared that Madison County has budget constraints and has struggled with maintaining a County Planner and a County Transportation Coordinator. He suggested that it would be a good idea for MPO staff to present to the county on this prior to the county's budget process. Autumn Radcliff shared a concern that many jurisdictions do not understand where their MPO dues go and perhaps it would be advantageous to pull back this idea till a future year. Lyuba Zuyeva shared that the MPO is absorbing into the regular MPO budget the cost of Land Use Forecast Study for the region (\$60,000), but a study over \$100,000 is too big to be absorbed into the regular budget. Autumn Radcliff shared that it may lead to much more success, if the MPO could set aside funding a little bit at a time to build up the funding for these types of region-wide studies. Matt Cable shared that every jurisdiction has representatives on the MPO TCC and Board and it may be a good idea to walk folks through where their dues actually go and to provide a comparison of where other, similar MPOs are with their funding and what they are able to accomplish.

Autumn Radcliff moved to recommend that this information be presented to the MPO Board with pros and cons. Janna Peterson seconded the motion.

Upon a vote the motion passed.

Congestion Management Process Draft Review

Tristan Winkler provided an overview of Congestion Management Process (CMP) –this is a federally-required documented process for urbanized areas that are designated as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) or urbanized areas with population over 200,000 residents. Federal CMP process requirements include looking at alternatives to building new Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) roadway capacity, in order to promote efficient use of public infrastructure and to maximize benefits from long-term transportation investments. These strategies may include transportation demand management strategies, traffic operational improvements, public transportation improvements, ITS technologies, or,

where necessary, adding system capacity. A copy of the draft CMP is available on the MPO's website: http://www.fbrmpo.org/draftcmp_2018/.

Tristan Winkler shared that the CMP is the first step in the general process of analyzing congestion and provides the expectations for addressing that congestion. He reviewed the general approach for congestion management and how this applies in the MPO region, which is to feed into the SPOT and TIP. Today's presentation provides a first review of the draft CMP. The final document will come back to TCC and Board in November for adoption.

Brian Burgess moved to move this item to the Board for first review. Elizabeth Teague seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

WTS (Women in Transportation) WNC Chapter is hosting a lunch and learn on Access Management at Land of Sky on November 2, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John DeGellecke commented that the Triple Creek group is asking for the Highway 191 project to be reevaluated so that acquisition of property in the Triple Creek Subdivision would not be necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

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