



French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization
Minutes from the TCC meeting, November 15, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Meeting Date:

11/15/2018

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"/> Asheville, City of - Transit	Jessica	Morriss	<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"/> 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	Brian	Burch	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Daniel	Sellers	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodfin, Town of	Ben	Dannemiller	<input type="checkbox"/>
15 Voting Members Present			



Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville on Bikes	Clark	Mackey	<input type="checkbox"/>
<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"/> Citizen	Mariana	Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen	Daniel	Watson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizen	George	Webb	<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 14	Chris	Lee	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Troy	Wilson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaughn and Melton	Joel	Setzer	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 October 2018 TCC minutes, the 2019 Meeting Calendar, the CAC Committee New Member Approval (Jay Orfield), and the Resolution of Support for NCDOT Statewide 5310 Call for Projects application from Apple Country Transit. He requested approval of the Agenda, as well.

Autumn Radcliff moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Brian Burgess seconded, and the motion carried as all were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

George Webb, a resident of the City of Asheville, commented that he lives in South Asheville and drives Hendersonville Road, where traffic is often backed up. He raised the point that for the Congestion Management Process (CMP), NCDOT numbers are being used, which do not seem to be reflective of the level of traffic on the roadway.

BUSINESS

Congestion Management Process Adoption

Tristan Winkler reviewed Congestion Management Process briefly. A Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a federally required, documented process for urbanized areas with over 200,000 residents. The CMP process requires that alternatives to building new Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) roadway capacity be examined in order to promote efficient use of public infrastructure and to maximize benefits from long-term transportation investments.

Tristan Winkler shared a short summary of the CMP current draft and noted that the draft document has been posted on the MPO website at http://www.fbrmpo.org/draftcmp_2018/ for public comment, where it has received a few public comments to date. He also reviewed changes that have been made to the CMP since the previous draft was presented in October, including the addition of more detail on National Performance Measures, the addition of Biltmore Avenue as a “Destination Corridor” at the request of the City of Asheville; the addition of Land Use Recommendations; clarification on research involving transportation network connectivity; and, a map of all “Walkable Urban Places” in the region. Tristan Winkler explained the difference between mobility and destination corridors. Tristan Winkler explained the link between destination corridors in the CMP and areas of the region considered to be “Walkable Urban Places”, where more density, transit and promoting active transportation and other TDM strategies could be the focus. Other strategies to reduce congestion include providing better roadway network connectivity. Tristan Winkler reviewed growth and congestion patterns and how shifting some of the trips to other modes could promote better use of the infrastructure and reduce the strain on the roadways.

Brian Burgess moved to recommend for MPO Board approval the Congestion Management Process document. Matt Champion seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

WNC Regional Trail Concept Overview

Tristan Winkler reviewed the WNC Regional Trail Concept (Hellbender Trail), which is a high-level concept plan for a 146-mile regional greenway network, consisting of greenway and multi-use path sections that are taken from other existing plans around the region, with an addition of three new links (Clyde to Waynesville in Haywood County, Downtown Canton, and Weaverville to Mars Hill in Madison County) that are not currently in any local plans. He explained that the Regional Trail concept has been discussed at the Prioritization Subcommittee, as well as with local staff since the summer. Every local government in the MPO region has had at least one staff member consulted about the idea. Tristan Winkler communicated that MPO staff are requesting direction with regards to further studying this concept in-house to develop a concept plan, design guidelines and policy recommendations to encourage the development of the Regional Trail. The focus of the trail concept is to provide a longer greenway network connecting the region to support economic development, tourism and also transportation and public health for local residents. Tristan Winkler shared the US 19/23 roadway project as an example of implementing one of the future links of the Regional Trail network and he noted the cost effectiveness of building a multi-use path at the same time as the roadway project is being constructed. With all of the local plans already adopted in the region, only 17 miles of the regional trail concept are not included in plans at this time. MPO staff have brainstormed different ideas for branding and he shared that the Hellbender trail is the conceptual name. Tristan Winkler shared that the next step is to develop a steering committee and to review how funding could be made available for implementation. He noted that the local match required for bike ped projects often is a barrier for smaller governments and the goal is to develop a way to assist with that expense.

Autumn Radcliff shared that the steering committee needs to be approved by the Board to generate buy in. Chairman O'Conner suggested that potential applicants for the steering committee could be routed through the Prioritization Subcommittee. Tristan Winkler indicated that staff will bring committee roster to the next Prioritization Subcommittee meeting. Lyuba Zuyeva communicated that the goal today is to receive approval for the Regional Trail Concept Framework and to set up the steering committee to further study the concept.

Brian Burgess moved to approve the WNC Regional Trail concept framework and to recommend that the Prioritization Subcommittee undertake the review of potential members for the steering committee for the WNC Regional Trail. Ben Dannemiller seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

French Broad River MPO Board members joined the TCC members for regular updates and information items.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

An orientation is tentatively planned for new board members on March 15, 2019. Anyone interested in learning more about the transportation planning process is invited to attend.

Land of Sky Regional Council is holding a holiday open house on December 5 beginning at 2pm. The NCAMPO conference is coming up in April 2019 so there will not be an MPO TCC/Board meeting cycle that month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments received.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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