

Meeting Agenda

RPO Technical Advisory Committee

September 26rd, 2019 – 11:30 French Broad Room (Large) Conference Room

Land of Sky Regional Council

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

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| A. Welcome and Introductions | Charlie Landreth |
| B. Ethics Statement & Agenda Approval/Modifications | Charlie Landreth |

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES

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| Minutes from the RPO TAC February 28th, 2019 Meeting | Charlie Landreth |
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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

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| A. LOSRPO Letters of Support for Rural Transit Providers FTA
5310 Elderly and Persons Living w/ Disabilities Applications
NCDOT PTD | Vicki Eastland |
| B. Regional Trail Work Group Update | Tristan Winkler |
| C. NCDOT I-26 Communications Plan | David Uchiyama |
| D. Complete Streets Policy Update | Vicki Eastland |
| E. 2020 – 2029 STIP and SPOT6.0 Timeline updates | Vicki Eastland |
| F. NCDOT Preliminary Engineering Project Suspension List | Steve Williams |

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REGULAR UPDATES

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| A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates | Mark Gibbs/Brian Burch |
| B. Staff Updates and Housekeeping | Vicki Eastland |

7. ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING

Charlie Landreth

Upcoming Meeting

Land of Sky RPO TAC & TCC – Combined Meeting on November 21, 2019

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Item 1B: Ethics Statement

ETHICS AWARENESS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER

(To be read by the Chair or his or her designee at the beginning of each meeting)

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes – May 23, 2019

Attendees:

Vicki Eastland
 Steve Williams
 Troy Wilson
 Stephen Sparks
 Wanda Austin
 Brownie Newman

Matt Wechtel
 Charlie Landreth
 Erica Anderson
 Tristan Winkler
 Hannah Cook
 Nick Kroncke

Jason Chappell
 David Wasserman
 Kevin Ensley
 Mark Gibbs
 Ritchie Rozzelle

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Landreth called the meeting to order, welcomed attendees and requested introductions. He read the Ethics Statement, and requested, if there were any conflicts, which would preclude TAC members from voting on business items, to state such for the record, and to refrain from participating in the matter.

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the agenda as presented. Kevin Ensley seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2019 LOSRPO TAC meeting. Steve Williams seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

BUSINESS

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Presentation: David Wasserman, PE, NCDOT STIP Western Region Manager, shared with the LOSRPO TAC about the State Transportation Improvement Program. He presented information about the funding distributions in the Draft 2020-2029 STIP. The Draft STIP is scheduled to be adopted by the Board of Transportation at their September 2019 meeting. He shared about the STI law and how it sets the framework for prioritization and project submittal. The funding comes from state dollars, where the legislature appropriates funds for various uses, on an annual basis in the budget. Funds are allocated between highway maintenance, transit and project development, among other uses. A little over \$1 billion is received annually from Federal highways, too.

Developing the STIP means looking into the future: fees are expected to grow slightly as are other funding sources. After 2020, funding scenarios would probably change due to changes in the funding structure. Expenditures in the STIP include highway funds and preliminary engineering (PE) funding, among other funding categories. Some funds are used for mitigation and transition projects. Funding is also allocated for the three project tiers: Statewide, Regional Impact, and Division Needs. Funding is further defined in the project tiers. After all funding obligations are met, the remaining funds are available for projects submitted by the transportation Planning regions and the NCDOT divisions.

Mr. Wasserman shared that the STIP has many types of projects including Statewide Mobility, Regional Impact, and Division Need, selected through the prioritization process. It is roughly an even split between highway and non-highway projects in the STIP; however, funded highway projects account for approx. 90% in terms of the level of dollars committed. Challenges are being seen across the state with cost increases for committed projects. NCDOT is working on improving cost estimation for projects.

Informational Item. No action required.

So Your Project is Funded, Now What? – Steve Williams shared a presentation on the process that happens once a transportation project is funded by NCDOT. The presentation is available from LOSRPO or Steve can share it with you.

Informational only – no action needed.

LOSRPO FY 2020 Planning Work Program Approval – Vicki Eastland shared that the FY 2019-2020 Draft PWP has been submitted to NCDOT TPD for review. The Draft was approved by NCDOT and then by the LOSRPO TCC at their May 9 meeting. She noted

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that this is the second year with the format, which shows the breakout of direct charges to the RPO, travel and indirect. The funds shown for each line item of work should more accurately reflect the funding spent on specific tasks. For the most part, the PWP is set up as a continuation of ongoing work RPO staff performs each year. The total PWP for FY 19/20 is \$132,969.

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the LOSRPO FY 2019-2020 Planning Work Program (PWP). Jason Chappell seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

SPOT5.0 and SPOT6.0 Update: Vicki Eastland provided an update for the upcoming schedule for Prioritization 6.0 timeline and next steps for LOSRPO. Key dates include local meetings to select project submittal (June-August 2019); Draft projects submittal list (September 2019); project prioritization public survey (winter/spring 2019/2020); draft statewide programmed projects and SPOT scores released (July 2020); LOSRPO local input point methodology due (July 31, 2020); local input points for Regional Impact projects due (October 30, 2020); local input points for Division Needs projects due (January 29, 2021); and, draft 2022-2031 STIP released (April 2021). These changes mean that there could be a joint TCC/TAC meeting in November.

Discussion occurred about the benefits of having a joint meeting. Vicki noted that the RPO now has 16 submittal spots for the STIP due to a slight increase in population in the planning region.

Informational only – no action needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hannah Cook provided Division 13 updates.

Steve Williams provided Division 14 updates.

Ritchie Rozzelle provided an update on the Strive initiative during the month of May in the region.

ADJOURNMENT

Brownie Newman moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt Wechtel seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Staff recommended action:

Review and approve LOSRPO TAC meeting minutes from May 23rd, 2019.

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4. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS

Item 4A: LOSRPO Letters of Support for Rural Transit Providers FTA 5310 Elderly and Persons Living w/ Disabilities Applications NCDOT PTD Vicki Eastland

NCDOT Public Transit Division (PTD) requires public transit providers and not for profit agencies to reach out to their MPO/RPO planning partners for letters of support for their applications for Federal Transit Agency (FTA) Section 5310 funds. The (FTA) **Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for seniors and Individuals with Disabilities** provides funds for programs and projects aiming to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding mobility options.

Staff Recommendations:

Review and approve the DRAFT letters of recommendation for FTA 5310 funds.

Item 4B: Regional Trail Update Tristan Winkler

Tristan Winkler, FRBMPO Director will provide a brief presentation to the group on a regional trail concept being developed by a Regional Trail Workgroup made up of representatives from local governments and non-profits from across the state. The Regional Trail Plan is anticipated to document a vision of a connected trail system, based on local plans, as well as a brand.

Staff Recommendations

No action required Information only.

Item 4C. NCDOT I 26 Communication Plan David Uchiyama

There are currently several projects programmed to widen I-26 from Hendersonville to Weaverville. Disruptions from construction are expected as with any major transportation improvement project. NCDOT staff will explain the plan to communicate upcoming construction activities on the I-26 corridor and efforts to mitigate traffic disruptions.

Staff Recommendations:

Informational only, no action required

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Item 4D. NCDOT Complete Streets Policy Update

Vicki Eastland

The NC Board of Transportation recently passed an update to its Complete Streets Policy. The complete policy documentation is attached. One of the most exciting aspects of the new policy is the inclusion of alternate modes with the construction of highway projects and the updated cost share.

6.1 Complete Street Cost Share

The table below illustrates the funding responsibilities for Complete Streets incorporating bicycle and pedestrian and roadway public transportation facilities.

Complete Streets Cost Share			
Facility Type	In Plan	Not in Plan, but Need Identified	Betterment
Pedestrian Facility	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Bicycle Facility	NCDOT pays full	NCDOT pays full	Local
Side Path	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Greenway Crossing	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Bus Pull Out	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local
Bus Stop (pad only)	NCDOT pays full	Cost Share	Local

Bicycle and pedestrian and public transportation facilities that appear in a state, regional or locally Adopted transportation plan will be included as part of the proposed roadway project. NCDOT will fully Fund the cost of designing, acquiring right of way, and constructing the identified facilities.

The NCDOT Complete Streets Policy can be viewed on the LOSRPO website
[http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/Complete Streets Policy.pdf](http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/Complete%20Streets%20Policy.pdf)

Staff Recommendations:

Informational only, no action required

Item 4E: 2020 – 2029 STIP and SPOT6.0 Timeline updates

Vicki Eastland

The **2020-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)** was developed between 2017-2019 through NCDOTs prioritization process, SPOT 5 or P5.0. The STIP is made up of highway and non-highway projects that use state or federal transportation funds. Some projects are carried over from the previous STIP and others are a result of P5.0. The entire LOSRPO STIP can be viewed here
http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/LOSRPO_2019STIP.pdf

The full statewide document can be viewed on the NCDOT website
<https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/Transportation/stip/Documents/2020-2029-final-stip.pdf>

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SPOT6.0 Updates

Vicki Eastland

NCDOT has released an updated schedule for P 6.0 that moves several key dates for the process. Here is a table of Key Dates in the process:

Prioritization Task	Estimated Date
Local Meetings to select project submittals	September 2019- January 2020
DRAFT Projects Submittal list	February, 2020
Final Project List Approved by LOS TAC	March 2020
Project Prioritization Public Survey	Summer – Fall 2020
DRAFT Statewide Programmed Projects and SPOT Scores Released	End of February 2021
LOSRPO Local Input Point Methodology Due	March 1st, 2021
Local Input Points for Regional Input Projects Due	May 28th, 2021
Local Input Points for Division Needs Projects Due	October 29th 2021
DRAFT 2023-2032 STIP Released	February 2022

Staff Recommendations:

No action required Informational only.

Item 4F: NCDOT Preliminary Engineering Project Suspension List

Steve Williams

Other NCDOT Cash Balance Updates: NCDOT has suspended work on a number of projects due to concerns of maintaining a minimum cash balance. More than 900 projects across the state are impacted. Projects impacted in our region include (incomplete sentences are from the NCDOT memo):

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Div	County	Project ID	Description
13	BUNCOMBE	A-0010AA	I-26 (US 19-23)FROM SR 1781 (BROADWAY STREET) - EXIT 25
13	BUNCOMBE	A-0010AB	I-26 (US 19/23)FROM US 25 TO SR 2007 (MARS HILL HIGHWAY)
13	BUNCOMBE	A-0010AC	I-26(US 19/23)FROM SR 2207 (MARS HILL HIGHWAY) TO SOUTH OF S
13	BUNCOMBE	U-6173	US 25/US 70 FROM NORTH OF SR 1584 (TILLERY BRANCH ROAD) TO S
13	BUNCOMBE	I-4759	Convert grade separation to an interchange and construct two lane roadway on I-40 at SR 1228 (Liberty Road) from US 19-23/NC 151 to SR 1224 with part on new location
13	BUNCOMBE	I-6054A	I-40 BUNCOMBE & HAYWOOD COUNTIES FROM US 74(SMOKY MOUNTAIN E
13	BUNCOMBE	I-6054B	I-40 BUNCOMBE & HAYWOOD COUNTIES FROM NC 215 (CHAMPION DRIVE
13	BUNCOMBE	I-5889B	I-40 BUNCOMBE COUNTY Roadway Rehabilitation I-40 from MP 46
13	BUNCOMBE	U-5973	US 19 BUSINES AND SR 1740 (NEWSTOCK ROAD) CONSTRUCT INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
13	BUNCOMBE	U-5972	NC 63 (NEW LEICESTER HWY)NC 63 (NEW LEICESTER HIGHWAY) FRM N
13	MADISON	B-5895	REPLACE BRIDGE 67 OVER FRENCH BROAD RIVER ON US 25/US 70
13	MADISON	BR-0089	Replace Bridge 560015 on NC212 over Shelton Laurel Creek
13	MADISON	R-5837	US 25, FROM US 25/70 BUSINESS (NORTH MAIN STREET) TO SR 1143
13	MADISON	R-5924	US 25/ 70 FROM EAST OF SR 1392 (SKYWAY DRIVE) TO US 25/70 BU
14	HAYWOOD	B-3186	REPLACE BRIDGE 155 & 158 OVER RICHLAND CREEK ON US 23-74 NBL
14	HAYWOOD	B-5541	REPLACE BRIDGE 236 OVER SR 1513 ON I-40
14	HAYWOOD	B-5898	REPLACE BRIDGE 168 OVER US 19 AND US 23 ON US 23/US 74
14	HAYWOOD	B-5982	US 74 REPLACE BRIDGE 430095 OVER SOUTHERN RAILROAD.
14	HAYWOOD	BR-0022	Bridge 430122 on US 19,23,74 SBL over NC 209
14	HAYWOOD	I-5834	I-40 FROM MILE MARKER 27 TO MILE MARKER 34. PAVEMENT REHABIL
14	HAYWOOD	I-5924	I-40 - HAYWOOD COUNTY FROM MILEMARKER 15 TO MILEMARKER 20.5.
14	HAYWOOD	I-5928	I-40 - HAYWOOD COUNTY FROM MILEMARKER 34 TO BUNCOMBE COUNTY

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14	HAYWOOD	I-6051	I-40 HAYWOOD COUNTY FROM MILEMARKER 20 TO MILEMARKER 27. PAV
14	HAYWOOD	R-5921	RUS 276 (JONATHAN CREEK) FROM US 19 TO I-40 UPGRADE. MODERNI
14	HAYWOOD	U-6159	US 276 (RUSS AVENUE) FROM US 23-74 (GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN EX
14	HAYWOOD	U-6160	US 19 (SOCO ROAD) FROM SR 1304 (FIE TOP ROAD AT GHOST TOWN I
14	HAYWOOD	U-6172	US 23/US 74 GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS EXPRESSWAY FROM SR 1777 (
14	TRANSYLVANIA	R-2409D	US 64 FROM NC 107 AT CASHIERS TO US 178 AT ROSMAN
14	TRANSYLVANIA	R-5763	SR 1540 (WILSON ROAD) FROM SR 1504 (OLD US 64) TO US 276 UPGRADE
14	TRANSYLVANIA	R-5799	INTERSECTIONS OF US 64, US 276 and NC 280 CONSTRUCT
14	TRANSYLVANIA	R-5800	US 64 FROM US 276, FORTUNE COVE ROAD TO US 64 BUSINESS
14	TRANSYLVANIA	R-5882	US 64 (SOUTH BROAD STREET) TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY AT US 64 BUSINESS
14	TRANSYLVANIA	R-5919	US 178 (EAST MAIN STREET) AT SR 1156 (MAIN STREET) IN ROSMAN

Staff Recommendations:

No action required information

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. REGULAR UPDATES

- A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates
- B. Staff Updates

NCDOT Staff
Vicki Eastland

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

7. ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING

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