

RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

February 13, 2020 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

Minutes

Attendance:

Jodie Ferguson	Vicki Eastland	Zia Rifkin	Steve Williams
Stephen Sparks	Stephen Sparks	Hannah Cook	Matt Cable
William High	Troy Wilson	April Alm	Garrett Higdon
Chris Medlin	Lonnie Watkins	Amy Barcomb	Mac Morrow
Kate Hayes			

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Vice Chair Jodie Ferguson called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00am, welcomed everyone in attendance, and requested introductions. She communicated that the agenda was presented for approval with no modifications requested.

William High moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mac Morrow seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

ADOPTION OF THE PREVIOUS TCC MINUTES

William High moved to approve the September 9, 2019 TCC minutes as presented. Mac Morrow seconded and as all were in favor, the motion carried.

RPO BUSINESS

P6.0 Update/DRAFT LOSRPO DRAFT Highway Project List: Vicki Eastland shared that NCDOT has released an updated schedule for P6.0 that moves several key dates for the process including that the project submittal date. The project submittal window now closes April 30th, LOSRPO is approving the DRAFT Projects at their February 2020 TCC/TAC meetings with the final list approved at the March TCC/TAC meetings.

In this round of prioritization, Land of Sky RPO has 16 new project submittals for each mode of transportation. In addition to new submittals, Land of Sky RPO has five carryover highway projects, three in Transylvania Co. and two in Madison Co. Land of Sky RPO Staff has held meetings with staff and elected officials from each RPO county to gather input on the Draft LOSRPO Spot 6.0 Project Submittal List. This list represents the Highway Projects; there are bicycle and pedestrian projects in Transylvania County/City of Brevard and remaining Bike/Ped slots. There may be Public Transit Projects in Madison and Transylvania County. Land of Sky RPO will continue to enter projects into the SPOT Online tool for testing, and work with NCDOT Division 13/14 staff as well as SPOT office staff to improve submitted projects. The final list will come back

before the TCC/TAC at the March meetings. The Draft LOSRPO P6.0 Highway Project list can be viewed at <http://landofskyrpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/LOSRPO-DRAFT-Submittal-List.pdf>.

William High moved to recommend the Draft Highway Project List submittal to the LOSRPO TAC for consideration of approval. Amy Barcomb seconded and the motion carried upon a vote.

Draft LOSRPO Planning Work Program (PWP): Vicki Eastland shared the draft FY 2020/2021 LOSRPO PWP with the TCC. She noted most of the projects are ongoing including the CTP update in Transylvania Co. She also reviewed new projects planned for FY20/21 including potentially beginning the CTP update in Madison Co. Additionally, the PWP allocates funding for staff support including working with transit providers and working with the MPO for the update of the rural areas of Buncombe and Haywood Counties.

Steve Williams moved to recommend the LOSRPO PWP for FY2020/2021 to the TAC for consideration of approval. April Alm seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

LOSRPO 2020 Meeting Schedule: Vicki Eastland shared that during calendar year 2020, meeting cycles are planned for February, March, June and August with the TCC meeting on the second Thursday of each meeting month and the TAC meeting on the fourth Thursday. Additionally, a joint meeting of the TCC and TAC is planned for November 19, 2020. Vicki Eastland noted that the June meeting cycle could potentially be canceled if no revisions are necessary to the PWP.

Informational only- no action required.

Elect New LOSRPO TCC Chair and Vice Chair: Vicki Eastland shared that because LOSRPO TCC Chair Forrest Gilliam is no longer with Madison County. The TCC needs to hold an election of officers. At their last election of officers, the TCC elected Forrest Gilliam, Madison County as Chair and Jodie Ferguson, Haywood County as Vice-Chair. The term is two years with the ability to serve two consecutive terms. Vicki Eastland opened the floor for nominations of the TCC's officers.

Jodie Ferguson communicated that she would be willing to continue as Vice Chair. William High shared his willingness to volunteer for the Chair position.

Steve Williams moved to install William High as the TCC Chair. Amy Barcomb seconded and the motion carried upon a vote.

Presentation: NC Moves 2050 Plan Update: The NC MOVES 2050 Plan is the required statewide transportation plan update. The previous plan was called, "the 2040 Plan" The purpose of the plan is to establish a long-term transportation vision for NC and an outline of specific goals and strategies for how that vision would be achieved. The plan takes into consideration current and future growth, funding and technologies to develop a transportation plan that would be efficient and reliable.

Informational item only- no action required.

REGULAR UPDATES

NCDOT Division 13 and Division 14 Updates

TPB Updates

Legislative Updates

Staff Updates

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Jodie Ferguson adjourned the meeting, as there was no further business.