



Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes – March 26, 2020

Attendees:

Chair Matt Wechtel
Vicki Eastland
Zia Rifkin
Maureen Copelof
Erica Anderson
Jason Chappell

Brian Burch
Mark Gibbs
Troy Wilson
Hannah Cook
Stephen Sparks
Daniel Sellers

Steve Williams
Brownie Newman
Lonnie Watkins
James Upchurch

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Matt Wechtel called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30am and welcomed attendees. He read the Ethics Statement, and inquired 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. He requested approval of the agenda, at this time.

Brownie Newman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jason Chappell seconded, and the motion carried without further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments received.

APPROVAL OF TAC MINUTES

Jason Chappell moved to approve the minutes from the February 27, LOSRPO TAC meeting. Maureen Copelof seconded, and the motion carried without further discussion.

BUSINESS

Prioritization 6.0 LOSRPO Project Submittal List

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. Due to Transylvania County's decision to withdraw one of their carryover projects from P6.0, they are getting an additional submittal in its place (Old Rosman Highway). The updated list distributed for the meeting shows the non-highway projects as well as highway projects. Both the TCC and TAC approved the Draft Highway Projects list at their February meetings. There was an advertisement in the March 4 Mountain Express to open the public comment period. At this time, we have received no public comments on the Draft List. RPO staff continues to enter projects into the SPOT Online

tool working with NCDOT Divisions 13 and 14 staff as well as SPOT office staff to improve submitted projects. The project list can be viewed at <http://landofskyrpo.org/prioritization/>

Vicki Eastland reviewed the project submittal list with LOSRPO TAC members by sharing her screen. She notes that the public involvement plan requirements have been met for the project submittal list for this round of prioritization.

Jason Chappell moved to approve LOSRPO P6.0 Project List for submittal in this round of prioritization. Maureen Copelof seconded, and the motion carried without further discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments received.

REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCDOT Division 13 (Hannah Cook) & 14 Updates (Steve Williams, Lonnie Watkins)

TPD Updates (James Upchurch, Daniel Sellers)

Staff Updates (Vicki Eastland)

ADJOURNMENT

Brownie Newman moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Chappell seconded, and the meeting adjourned.