

LAND OF SKY

RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

May 11, 2023 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council and Zoom Platform.

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Agenda

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome and Introductions,

William High

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Consent Agenda

- A. Agenda Approval/Modifications/Minutes from the
RPO TCC March 9, 2023, Meeting

William High

4. RPO BUSINESS

- A. Recommend LOSRPO PWP to TAC for Adoption
B. LOSRPO Public Involvement Plan Edits
C. Prioritization 7.0 Presentation

Vicki Eastland
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Hanna Cook, PE/Steve Williams, PE
Divisions 13 and 14 Planning Engineers

5. REGULAR UPDATES

- A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates
B. Transportation Planning Division Updates
C. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Updates
D. Staff Updates

Division Staff
Daniel Sellers
Alexius Farris
Vicki Eastland

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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3. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the RPO TCC March 9, 2023, TCC Meeting

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

Hybrid Meeting with the Zoom Platform

March 9, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes

Attendance:

Vicki Eastland
Chair, William High

Steve Williams
Jane Pies (minutes)

Troy Wilson
Dylan Casper

Remote Attendance:

Aaron Bland
Forrest Gilliam
Christine Laport
Nicki Robinson

Chris Medlin
Hannah Cook
Brendan Merithew
Alexius Farris

Darby Terrell
Jodie Ferguson
Chris Lee

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

William High called the meeting to order at approximately 10:02am, welcomed everyone, and roll was called. A quorum was announced to conduct business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair High opened the floor for public comment. No public comments were received.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jodie Ferguson moved to approve the agenda, including the Resolution of Support for CMAQ, and the consent agenda including the February 2023 minutes. Steve Williams seconded, and the motion passed upon a roll call vote.

RPO BUSINESS

LOSRPO CPR Project list

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division, (TPD) is the division that is administering the Rural Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) call for projects. Applications are due March 17th. Applications are submitted by LOSRPO on behalf of the local entity applying. TPD has requested a prioritized list from each RPO. LOSRPO currently has three CRP projects. One of which has design and engineering complete and up to date cost



estimates and has local matching funds. There are two additional projects in different phases of design.

RPO Priority	Project Name	Submitter	Status	Costs
1	Tannery Park Greenway	Brevard	Construction Ready	\$660,000.00
2	TIMS Transit Shelters 2 shelters	Transylvania County	In development	Unknown
3	US 64 Ped crossing and sidewalks	Brevard	In development	Unknown

Future CRP funds will be programed on a rolling call. RPO staff will continue to work with members to develop projects for submission. The priority list is subject to change based on project readiness and the constructability of new projects added to the list.

Steve Williams moved to recommend Tannery Park Greenway as Priority 1 to the Board due to constructability status. Hannah Cook moved to second the motion which passed upon a roll call vote.

LOSRPO DRAFT FY 2024 PWP

LOSRPO staff has developed the DRAFT LOSRPO Planning Work Program, (PWP) and submitted the FY 2024 Draft PWP to NCDOT TPD for review. Like most years, the PWP is a continuation of ongoing RPO projects. The Transylvania County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is nearing completion and should be adopted in FY 2024. There is a sizable percentage of the planning funds in the General Transportation category, LOSRPO staff serve on a few statewide work groups and committees, as well as ones with more regional significance, this is also the category that special studies such as the upcoming Safe Streets 4 All Regional Action Plan and other general planning activities fall into. SPOT 7.0 will account for much funding this calendar year and next requires a significant amount of funding in Prioritization. Data Collection,

Project Development and Admin make up the bulk of the remaining funding except for RPO Direct charges, Travel, and indirect funds.

Vicki Eastland presented. This month this item is information only. Action must be taken in the May 2023 meeting.

Prioritization 7.0 Carryover Projects

Because Prioritization 6.0 (SPOT6.0) was cancelled, and because it has been such a long gap for submitting projects for consideration for funding. Each Submitter, MPO's, RPO's and Division's will be able to designate 2 additional projects for CARRYOVER in Prioritization 7.0. Below is additional information from the SPOT Office on guidance for this.

Based on Workgroup consensus on February 14th, all organizations may designate 2 projects as Carryovers for P7 that were **newly** submitted in P6.

Each submitting organization is free to designate 2 alternative projects from **within their area** as the Carryovers for their organization (regardless of the submitter), if the projects are in the "P6 New Submittals" tab. This means that organizations may designate a variety of projects as their 2 Carryovers, including:

- The initially designated projects (highlighted in yellow)
- A lower scoring Highway project that they submitted.
- A Non-Highway project that they submitted.
- A project of any mode that is in their area but submitted in P6 by a different organization.

Based on the list, the two projects NEW to SPOT6.0 are

- H192420, US 276/US 64 (Asheville Hwy) at SR 1512 (Ecusta Road) Upgrade Intersection, remove full access to and from Ecusta Road, make Ecusta Road right in right out only. Submitted by Division 14.
- H191972. US 25/70 as NC 213 Convert intersection of US 25/70 and NC 213 to a roundabout or convert interchange to a quadrant w/grade separation (eliminating ramp (s) south of US 25/70. Submitted by Division 13.

Staff Recommendations:

Review and discuss options, recommend designating these two projects as LOSRPO 2 additional Carryover Projects.

Steve Williams moved to recommend to the Board to designate these two projects as LOSRPO 2 additional carryover projects (H192420 and H191972). Jodie Ferguson seconded the motion which carried upon a roll call vote.

REGULAR UPDATES

NCDOT Division 13 &14 updates given.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division updates given.

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division updates given.

Staff Updates given

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair High opened the floor a second time for public comment. No public comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT

William High adjourned the meeting at 10:51AM as there was no further business.

RPO BUSINESS

Item 4A: LOSRPO DRAFT FY 2024 PWP

LOSRPO staff has developed the DRAFT LOSRPO Planning Work Program, (PWP) and submitted the FY 2024 Draft PWP to NCDOT TPD for review. The DRAFT PWP was shared with LOSRPO TCC and TAC members at the March 2023 meetings. There have been no changes to the DRAFT PWP. The DRAFT PWP can be viewed on the RPO web site.

[LOSRPO DRAFT 2024 PWP](#)

Funding is distributed across the following categories.

- Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)
- General Transportation category, which includes special studies both statewide and regional, such as the upcoming Safe Streets 4 All Regional Action Plan, this category also includes statewide subcommittees RPO staff serves on
- Prioritization 7.0 SPOT 7.0 will
- Data Collection
- Project Development
- Admin
- RPO Direct charges, Travel, and indirect funds.

Staff Recommendation, Recommend the RPO PWP to the TAC for their adoption.

Item 4B: LOSRPO Public Involvement Plan Edits

The Land of Sky RPO maintains a Public Involvement Plan PIP that guides public involvement of LOSRPO Rural Transportation planning activities.

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The LOSRPO PIP was last updated in May of 2015. The PIP was reviewed and there are a few minor edits. These edits do not impact the length of public comment windows or the means that comment will be collected. The changes include removing a planning document that the RPO does not maintain, removing some confusing language, and removing language stating that the RPO will put copies of CTPs in local libraries. The changes can be reviewed in the marked-up PIP.

Any changes to the PIP must be advertised and require a 28-day comment period. This will be presented to the TAC at their May 18th meeting and come back for adoption in August.

Staff Recommendations:

Review and discuss, recommend Edits to the LOSRPO TAC for adoption at the August meeting.

Item 4C: Prioritization 7.0 Presentation

NCDOT Division staff will do a presentation to the group on the Prioritization Process.

Educational only, no action required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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