

**RPO Technical Coordinating Committee**  
Hybrid Meeting with the Zoom Platform  
March 9, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Vicki Eastland                      Steve Williams                      Troy Wilson  
Chair, William High              Jane Pies (minutes)              Dylan Casper

**Remote Attendance:**

Aaron Bland              Chris Medlin              Darby Terrell  
Forrest Gilliam              Hannah Cook              Jodie Ferguson  
Christine Laport              Brendan Merithew              Chris Lee  
Nicki Robinson              Alexius Farris

**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.

<b>RPO Priority</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Costs</b>
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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.***