

# RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

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Minutes from the RPO TCC August 10, 2023, Meeting

### **Remote and in Person Attendance:**

Chair William High	Vicki Eastland	Stephen Sparks	Jon Barsanti
Hannah Cook	Jodie Ferguson	Forrest Gilliam	Jane Pies (Minutes)
Asha Rado (Minutes)	Steve Williams	Dylan Casper	Alexius Farris NCDOT
RH Darnell	Tristan Winkler	Chris Medlin	Daniel Metcalf
Darby Terrell	Emily Brewer		

### **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**

William High called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00am, 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**

***Forrest Gilliam moved to approve the agenda and the consent agenda including the May 2023 minutes, the Letter of Support for NCDOT Div. 13 Protect Grant, and the modification to the May 2023 attendance to include Forrest Gilliam. Jodie Ferguson seconded, and the motion passed upon a roll call vote.***

### **RPO BUSINESS**

#### [LOSRPO FY 2024 PWP Amendment](#)

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division, the division that administers the Rural Planning Organizations, (RPO's) provided each RPO with a 15% funding increase to take effect July 1, 2023, SFY 2024. This amendment to the PWP is a reflection of this increase in funding.

[LOSRPO FY 2024 PWP Amendment](#)

Vicki Eastland presented.

**Steve Williams moved to recommend the LOSRPO FY 2024 PWP to the RPO Board for approval. Jodie Ferguson seconded the motion which passed upon a roll call vote.**

[LOSRPO Prioritization 7.0 DRAFT Submittal List](#)

Prioritization the process that NCDOT follows to determine most capital improvement projects utilizing both NCDOT state funds and NCDOT’s allotted federal funds in the development of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The prioritization process is governed by the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) Law of 2013. STI provides the framework for a more transparent data driven process utilizing local input from MPO’s, RPO’s and NCDOT Divisions. Prioritization 7.0, P7.0 (aka SPOT 7.0) indicates it is the seventh iteration of the prioritization process. RPO staff has met with TCC and TAC reps from each county, along with MPO staff and NCDOT division. Carryover projects were reviewed as were projects lists from previous rounds. Based on input from these meetings, the LOSRPO DRAFT P7.0 Project was developed. There are still a few non-Highway projects to be added to the list, but the list will be complete before it is advertised for public comment.

<https://landofskyrpo.org/prioritization/>

Current schedule for P7.0.

<b>P7.0</b>	<b>Schedule.</b>
<b>Prioritization Task</b>	<b>Estimated Date</b>
Prioritization Workgroup meets <b>Done</b>	October 2022 - June, 2023
NC Board of Transportation Adopts Methodology <b>Done</b>	June, 2023
SPOT Online Go-live Project submittal window opens	July 2023 – September, 2023
NCDOT Data Review and Scoring (Partner Rev. Feb 2024)	October 2023 – March, 2024
Project Prioritization Public Survey	Winter - Spring 2024
Alternate Criteria Deadline/LOSRPO Local Input Point Methodology Due	April, 2024
DRAFT Statewide Programmed Projects and SPOT Scores Released	End of April 2024

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Regional Impact Local Input Points Window	May - July, 2024
DRAFT Regional Impact Programmed Projects Released	August, 2024
Division Needs Local Input Points Window	September – November, 2024
Program Division Needs Projects	December 2024 – January, 2025
DRAFT 2026-2035 STIP Released	End of January, 2025

**Steve Williams moved to recommend the draft list of Prioritization 7.0 to the Board for approval. Jodie Ferguson seconded the motion which passed upon a roll call vote.**

Discussion occurred. Jodie Ferguson inquired if approving this, it will not hinder other projects and Vicki Eastland responded that it would not. Vicki Eastland also shared that projects not on the list but that are needed may sub in or ask division partners if they can be added in. There is still time for additions and edits if needed.

Division 13 wants to change the alternate criteria deadline listed above as it is due September not April.

Jon Barsanti presented on Park & Ride as well as Park & Pool, many of these current locations are underutilized and there is potential to work with other regions as well as work with schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 &14  
 NCDOT Transportation Planning Division  
 NCDOT IMD  
 Staff Updates

Hannah Cook/Steve Williams  
 Daniel Sellers, PE  
 Alexius Farris  
 Vicki Eastland

8/31/23 FBRMPO/RPO Hellbender Regional Trail Forum -AVL 9-12 (8-9 network/coffee) @ Smoky Park Supper Club Greenway Walk 12:30-210/  
 LOSRPO/MPO Rural Roadway Safety Presentation (FHWA, NCDOT to present) Oct 11

8/15/23 LOS BBQ

**ADJOURNMENT William High adjourned the meeting at 10:53 AM as there was no further business.**