

Meeting Agenda

RPO TCC and Board Joint Meeting
 November 21st, 2024 –12:00 French Broad Room (Large) Conference Room
 Land of Sky Regional Council or Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85289293744>
 Meeting ID: 852 8929 3744
 Call-In: (312)6266799

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

A. Welcome and Introductions Kevin Ensley

2. Approval of LOSRPO TCC Previous meeting minutes and Agenda Modifications

Minutes from the RPO TCC August 8th, 2024, Meeting Darby Terrell
 Approval of the Agenda
[2024-08-08_RPOTCC_Draft-Minutes.pdf](#)

3. Ethics Statement Approve Minutes Previous TAC meeting, agenda modifications

Minutes from the RPO TAC August 15th, 2024, Meeting Kevin Ensley
 Approval of the Agenda
[2024_8_15_DRAFT.RPO_TAC_Minutes.pdf](#)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

A. LOSRPO 2025 Meeting Schedule Vicki Eastland
 B. LOSRPO P7.0 Division Needs Local Input Points Vicki Eastland
 C. LOSRPO and FBRMPO Resolution of support for
 PROTECT Regional Planning Grant Application Vicki Eastland

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

6. JOINT LOSRPO FBRMPO UPDATES

A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates Tim Anderson/Wanda Payne or designee
 B. Transportation Planning Division Daniel Sellers
 C. FHWA/FTA Updates Suzette Morales

7. ADJOURN LOSRPO MEETING

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Upcoming Meeting
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Item 1B: Ethics Statement

ETHICS AWARENESS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER

(To be read by the Chair or his or her designee at the beginning of each meeting)

In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

6. LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS Items

A. LOSRPO 2025 Meeting Schedule

The Land of Sky RPO 2025 meeting schedule is available on the LOSRPO website.

[2025 LOSRPO TCC/TAC Meeting Schedule.pdf](#)

The meeting days and time will not change, second Thursday at 10AM for TCC and third Thursday at 11:30 for TAC. If there is no pressing business for any scheduled meeting date, RPO staff will contact RPO leadership to discuss potentially skipping a meeting cycle if RPO business can meet deadlines and requirements.

Staff Recommendation: Information only

B. LOSRPO P7.0 Division Needs Local Input Points

NCDOT Strategic Office of Prioritization, NCDOT Divisions, RPO's and MPO's across the state are well into Prioritization 7, P7 or SPOT 7. Quantitative scores were released May 24th as well as the DRAFT Statewide Programed Projects. The DRAFT Regional Impact Local Input Point assignment was completed during the August LOSRPO TCC and TAC meeting cycle. The Division needs Local Input Point assignment list was developed based on the adopted LOSRPO Local Input Point methodology. LOSRPO staff along with NCDOT Division staff and RPO county representatives met prior to Hurricane Helene to establish local priorities. Due to storm damage and ongoing recovery efforts, the LOSRPO TCC and TAC October meetings were canceled. The DRAFT Division Needs Project list was advertised, and Public Comment Period has been held from October 27th to November 20th

There have been no comments received as of the drafting of this agenda.

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The final Division Needs point assignment deadline is November 29th.

The list is available on the RPO website. (www.landofskyrpo.org)

How STI Works

Funding Tier	Statewide Mobility	Regional Impact	Division Needs
Percent of Available STI Funding	40%	30%	30%
How the funds are Distributed	Across the State all Statewide Projects Compete (There are no Statewide Eligible Projects in Transylvania County)	Regional Competition Split Between 7 Regions (2 NCDOT Divisions) (Amount Based Population)	Projects Compete Within Divisions. Funds Split Equally Between 14 NCDOT Divisions.
Quantitative Score	100% of Total Score	70% or 70 Points of Total Score	50% or 50 Points of Total Score
RPO Score	0%	15% 100 RPO LIP = 15 total points	25% 100 RPO LIP = 25 total points
Division Score	0%	15% 100 Division LIP = 15 total points	25% 100 Division LIP = 15 total points
Eligible Projects	Interstates, US 23/74 Haywood Co.	US and NC Highways, anything not funded in Statewide Mobility that is Cascaded.	Secondary Roads, Public Transit, Stand-alone Pedestrian/Bike Projects, Statewide Mobility or Regional Impact Projects that is Cascaded.



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Division Needs Scoring		
Criteria	Max. Score Possible	Scoring Methodology
SPOT Quantitative Score	50	Actual SPOT quantitative score from NCDOT
County Ranking	50	#1 Priority = 50 points #2 Priority = 45 points #3 Priority = 40 points #4 Priority = 35 points #5 Priority = 30 points #6 Priority = 25 points #7 Priority = 20 points #8 Priority = 15 points #9 Priority = 10 points #10 Priority = 5 points
Total	100	

Available Funding for Prioritization 7.0

Division 13: -\$133,000,000.00

Division 14 -\$35,000,000.00

Draft NCDOT 2026-2035 STIP Release Schedule for January 2025.

NCDOT Board of Transportation to Consider Final STIP June 2025.

Staff Recommendation: LOSRPO TCC and TAC Approve Local Input Points assigned.

C. PROTECT Regional Planning Grant Application, LOSRPO/FBRMPO Joint Application

What is the PROTECT Program?

Per USDOT: The **P**romoting **R**esilient **O**perations for **T**ransformative, **E**fficient, and **C**ost- Saving **T**ransportation (**PROTECT**) Discretionary Grant Program is a competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides over \$1.4 billion over five years through this program to fund projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail.

What would the RPO be applying for in the PROTECT program?

The LOSRPO, in coordination with the FBRMPO, will apply for a **Regional Resiliency Improvement Plan (RIP)**. The area will cover both Land of Sky RPO and French Broad River MPO, to encompass the five-county (Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, and

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Transylvania) area. The FBRMPO will be the applicant in coordination with LOSRPO. The plan would intend to accomplish:

- Assessment of vulnerability of transportation assets
- Study the potential severity of the impact of weather events to accessibility
- Prioritization of resilience projects
- Consideration of policies to implement resilience improvements
- Community engagement & education
- Would include facilities not included in the State's RIP (secondary routes, municipal assets, and private assets.)

About the PROTECT NOFO

- Applications are due February 24, 2025
- 0% local match required for planning grants

Staff Recommendation: Consider Support for MPO/RPO Application for a Five-County Resilience Improvement Plan

Public Comment

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