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LOSRPO Combined TCC and TAC Meeting

Hybrid Meeting with the Zoom Platform

November 21st, 2024

Minutes

Attendance in Person for the Board and TCC:

Kevin Ensley (Haywood Commission)
Vicki Eastland (LOSRPO)
Steve Williams (NCDOT Div 14)
Hannah Smith (NCDOT Div 13)
Asha Rado (LOSRC, Minutes)
Daisy O'Connor (FBRMPO)

Matt Wechtel (Madison County)
William High (Buncombe County)
Wanda Payne(NCDOT Div 14)
Daniel Sellers (NCDOT TPD)
Hannah Bagli (FBRMPO)
Tristan Winkler (FBRMPO)

Attendance Remote via Zoom:

Aaron Bland (City of Brevard)
Darby Terrell (Transylvania County)
Jodie Ferguson(Haywood County)
Chuck McGrady(NCDOT BOT Div 14)
Erica Anderson(LOSRC)
Stephen Sparks(NCDOT)
Suzette Morales(FHWA)

Larry Chapman(Transylvania County)
Forrest Gilliam (Town of Marshall)
Mac Morrow (City of Brevard)
Abby Norton(Town of Hot Springs)
Troy Wilson (NCDOT)
William Beatty (FHWA)
Cody Weddle(NCDOT)

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Kevin Ensley called the meeting to order at 1202PM and welcomed attendees

Roll was called and quorum was announced.

Approval of LOSRPO TCC August 2024 Minutes, and Agenda Modifications

August 2024 TCC Meeting Minutes : https://landofskyrpo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-08-08_RPOTCC_Draft-Minutes.pdf

Aaron Bland moved to approve the August 2024 meeting minutes and the agenda modifications. Forrest Gilliam seconded the motion and it passed upon a roll call vote.

Board Ethics Statement, Approval of August 2024 Meeting Minutes and Agenda Modifications:

Chair Kevin Ensley read the Ethics Statement, and inquired if there were any conflicts, which could preclude TAC members from participating in and voting on any business items, to state such for the record, and to refrain from participation in the matter. No conflicts were heard from the TAC members.

Matt Wechtel moved to approve the modified agenda and the August 2024 meeting minutes. Steve Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously upon a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

LAND OF SKY RPO TAC BUSINESS

Item 4A: 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,

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RPO staff will contact RPO leadership to discuss potentially skipping a meeting cycle if RPO business can meet deadlines and requirements.

Information Only.

Item 4B: 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.

The final Division Needs point assignment deadline is November 29th.
The list is available on the RPO website. (www.landofskyrpo.org)



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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.

No discussion occurred.

Forrest Gilliam Moved to recommend to the Board to approve the Local Input Points Assigned. Steve Williams seconded the motion and it passed upon a roll call vote.

Matt Wechtel Moved to approve the Local Input Points Assigned. Mac Morrow seconded the motion and it passed upon a roll call vote.

4C. 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

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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 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

No discussion occurred.

Aaron Bland Moved to recommend to the Board to approve the PROTECT Regional Planning Grant Application for LOSRPO/FBRMPO Joint Application. William High seconded the motion and it passed upon a roll call vote.

Matt Wechtel Moved to approve the PROTECT Regional Planning Grant Application for LOSRPO/FBRMPO Joint Application. Mac Morrow seconded the motion and it passed upon a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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5A: JOINT LOSRPO FBRMPO UPDATES

- A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates
- B. Transportation Planning Division
- C. FHWA/FTA Updates

Tim Anderson/Wanda Payne or designee
Daniel Sellers
Suzette Morales/William Beatty

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kevin Ensley moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:50PM.

Upcoming Meetings

**Land of Sky RPO TCC – Meeting on Thursday January 9th, 2025 – 10:00AM LOSRC
Offices and Zoom**

**Land of Sky RPO TAC – Meeting on Thursday January 16th, 2025 – 11:30 AM Land
of Sky Regional Council and Zoom**