



Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Minutes – February 24, 2016

Attendees:

Vicki Eastland
Joel Setzer
Ed green
Mike Sorrells

Brendan Merithew
Zia Rifkin
Wayne Brigman
Jason Chappell (ph)

Ricky Tipton
Brownie Newman (ph)
Charlie Landreth (ph)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Brownie Newman called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. He read the Ethics Statement, asked if there were any conflicts, and members responded that there were none. He then reviewed the Agenda and no modifications were proposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Jason Chappell moved to approve the minutes from October 21, 2015, Mike Sorrells seconded, and as all were in favor, the minutes were then approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment period was opened, and as there were none at this time, nor through Facebook or email, the public comment period was closed.

BUSINESS

Approve LOSRPO FY 2017 Planning Work Program (PWP): Vicki Eastland provided an overview of the PWP based on ongoing and anticipated work tasks. She shared that it has been approved by NCDOT and the TCC and is recommended for TAC approval. Since the Transylvania CO. and the rural areas of the MPO counties CTP updates will require a significant amount of staff time to update this year more funds have been allocated to that task. Funds have also been allocated to administration which includes support for the Ethics requirements. A chart was provided in the agenda packet that shows how the RPO's funds will be allocated. Vicki Eastland shared that the LOSRPO has the same funding as the previous year; and as there are quite a few things in the developmental stages right now there may be a need to shift some funding at a later date.

Mike Sorrell moved to approve the FY2017 PWP. Charlie Landreth seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Adopt LOSRPO Prioritization Methodology: Vicki Eastland shared the Prioritization Methodology was reviewed and approved by the TCC at the February meeting. It has been advertised for public comment but none has been received to date. Chairman Newman opened the Public Hearing for the Methodology. No public comments were heard. Chairman Newman closed the hearing.

Jason Chappell moved to approve the Prioritization Methodology as presented. Mike Sorrells seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Review Changes to LOSRPO Meeting Schedule for 2016: Vicki Eastland reviewed the 2016 meeting schedule. The January meeting cycle was canceled due to weather and lack of quorum. If there is nothing that comes up that need immediate attention the March meeting cycle will be canceled. She also noted that the TCC meeting in May will be held on the 19th as the original meeting date conflicted with a conference that RPO staff will be attending. Vicki Eastland shared that the intent before the May meeting is to send out the draft prioritization points for review.

Information only.

CTP 101 Presentation: Brendan Merithew with the TPB provided the presentation which can be found at the following link:

http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/CTP_Introduction_Presentation_NCDOT_TPB.pdf. He shared that the Comprehensive Transportation Plan is a long-range, multi-modal transportation plan that is not fiscally constrained and which represents consensus on the future transportation system needed to support anticipated growth and development. The CTP provides a 20-30 year vision and can hopefully feed the STIP. The CTP process is facilitated through the appointment of a committee, who creates a vision for the plan, conducts needs assessments, analyzes alternatives and develops the final plan which is then adopted by the counties and municipalities in the RPO region. Finally, the CTP is adopted by the LOSRPO TAC and NCDOT.

Discussion occurred regarding how the CTP committee is formed and it was shared that the counties/municipalities decide who should sit on the committee (staff, maybe elected officials), such decisions are left to the region that the CTP is developed for. Vicki Eastland shared that some TCC and TAC members could sit on the committee.

REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ricky Tipton provided Division 13 updates and Ed Green provided Division 14 updates. Brendan Merithew had no other TPB updates.

Vicki Eastland provided Legislative updates.

Staff Updates and Housekeeping were provided by Vicki Eastland.

Adjournment

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned.