

**French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
 Minutes from the Governing Board meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Meeting Date:**

**1/29/2015**

Representing	VotingTAC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Jan	Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Marc	Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain	Margaret	Tuttle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Brownie	Newman	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat Rock, Village of	Don	Farr	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fletcher, Town of	Eddie	Henderson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurel Park, Town of	J. Carev	O'Cain	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCBOT, Division 13	David	Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wavnesville, Town of	LeRoy	Roberson	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weaверville, Town of	Douglas	Dearth	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodfin, Town of	Jerry	VeHaun	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>11 Voting Members Present</b>			

Alternates/Agencies and Other Non Voting At TAC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biltmore Forest, Town of	Johnathan	Kanipe	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Ellen	Frost	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Annie	Sarac	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Paul	Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA	Earl	Dubin	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mills River, Town of	Jeff	Wells	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Paul	Sprouse	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Ricky	Tipton	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Kristina	Solberg	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Ed	Green	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Brendan	Merithew	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transylvania County	Jason	Chappell	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WNC Alliance	Julie	Mayfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>14 Non-Voters Present</b>			

**WELCOME**

Jan Davis called the meeting to order at 12:34, introductions followed, and Mr. Davis asked for comments or approval of the Agenda.

***Eddie Henderson motioned to approve the Agenda, Don Farr seconded, and as none were opposed, the Agenda was approved.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Jan Davis asked for comments or changes to the November 20<sup>th</sup> minutes. Paul Black highlighted items in the TIP Amendments and Modifications.

***Jerry Vahaun motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items, Eddie Henderson seconded, and as all were in favor, the Consent Agenda was approved.***

**REGULAR UPDATES**

- NCDOT Division Updates: Ricky Tipton provided Division 13 updates and mentioned a public comment opportunity on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 4pm -7pm at High Tech

Center in Waynesville. He also pointed out the [Watch For Me NC](#) campaign. Ed Green highlighted projects from Division 14, including rehab on I-40 tunnels work to begin in several months, New Balsam Rest Area work is 31% complete, repaving of I-40 from mm 34-36 is 68% complete, and Howard Gap Road from Bridge 334 to Jackson Road work is 72% complete.

- Transportation Planning Branch Updates: Brendan Merithew reported that there are plans to have the CTP coincide with the MTP.
- FHWA Updates: Earl Dugan updated the members on a proposed rulemaking on performance measures and asset management.
- Subcommittee Updates: Paul Black and Tristan Winkler highlighted committee activity available in the Agenda packet. There is an MTP Executive Committee meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- Legislative Update: Paul briefly mentioned the consolidation of planning statutes 153-A (County) and 160A (City/Town/Village).

### **BUSINESS**

- NCDOT presented on Bridges and Structural Deficiency. The PDF is here. Some discussion followed about funding, considering decreased transportation taxes and lower revenue from gasoline. A question arose about the primary driver for increased cost of construction and David Brown responded that it is the higher materials fees and the cost of transporting the materials.
- Draft STIP and MTP update provided by Paul Black. Discussion followed about safety improvements, especially on Merrimon Avenue. Paul Black added that U4013 looked at the entire corridor and those projects were feasible. No further questions or comments.
- Tristan Winkler highlighted the STP-DA set aside request and that the transit operators' group met and concluded that there is a shortfall on rural funding and, therefore, a need to seek urban monies. Applied for a TDM grant on January 9<sup>th</sup> to use STP-DA funds to match TDM grant.

***Jerry Vehaun motioned to approve the \$37,000 portion, Marc Hunt seconded, and the motion carried.***

***Don Farr motioned to approve the \$72,000 portion, Jerry Vehaun seconded, and with all in favor, the motion carried.***

- Tristan Winkler updated the members on the MTP public outreach status.
- Jan Davis referred to the UPWP in the Agenda packet and asked for discussion.

***Jerry Vehaun motioned to approve the Draft UPWP for FY2015-16, Eddie Henderson seconded, and as were none opposed, the motion carried.***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, UPDATES**

No further updates.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jan Davis adjourned the meeting at 2:01pm.