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## Technical Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes- March 12, 2015

**Meeting Date:**

**3/12/2015**

Representing	Voting TCC		Via Phone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of	Ken	Putnam	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asheville, City of - Transit	Yuri	Koslen	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black Mountain	Josh	Harrold	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buncombe County	Josh	O'Conner	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County	Autumn	Radcliff	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henderson County/Apple Country Tra	Matthew	Cable	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hendersonville, City of	Brendan	Shannahan	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maggie Vallev, Town of	Nathan	Clark	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mars Hill, Town of	Darhvl	Boone	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Mobility	Denise	Braine	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 13	Kristina	Solberg	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, Division 14	Wanda	Austin	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT, TPB	Brendan	Merithew	<input type="checkbox"/>

**13 Voting Members Present**

Non Voting At TCC			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Paul	Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Annie	Sarac	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FBRMPO/LOSRC	Tristan	Winkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FHWA	Mitch	Batuzich	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOSRPO	Vicki	Eastland	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain Mobility	Lyuba	Zuyeva	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NCDOT Traffic Engineering	Scott	Collier	<input type="checkbox"/>

**7 Non-Voters Present**

### 1. WELCOME

Josh O'Connor opened the meeting, introductions followed, and he asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.

***Ken Putnam motioned to approve the Agenda, Nathan Clark seconded, and as none were opposed, the Agenda was approved.***

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Josh O'Connor opened the public comment period and as there were no comments, the public comment period was then closed.

### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

Josh O'Connor asked for comments on the January Minutes, the TIP Amendments and Modifications, and the 5-Year Workprogram. No comments or discussion at this time.

***Josh O'Connor motioned to approve the Consent Agenda items, Yuri Koslen seconded, and the January Minutes, TIP Amendments and Modifications, and the 5-year Workprogram were then approved.***

### 4. REGULAR UPDATES

- NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates presented and available at [fbrmpo.org](http://fbrmpo.org). Transportation Planning Branch Updates provided by Brendan Merithew. He is working on a presentation to address questions that came up regarding the FBRMPO travel demand model, and will make the presentation at the next MTP, TCC and TAC meetings. For the sake of time during the meetings, the presentation will be brief; however, Brendan Merithew will make himself available for further discussion and questions regarding the model if anyone is interested.
- FHWA/FTA Updates from Mitch Batuzich covering STP Funds regarding bike facilities
- Subcommittee/Workgroup activity provided in Agenda packet. A tentative Complete Streets meeting date set for April 8<sup>th</sup> and the MTP Executive Committee meeting is set for April 8<sup>th</sup> at Buncombe County offices. Tristan Winkler also covered the 5310 Call for Projects, which is available on [www.fbrmpo.org](http://www.fbrmpo.org).
- Legislative updates from Paul Black included looking for ways to take some pressure off of the Divisions, making more projects eligible for regional funding based on function/volume and not just having a US or NC route. There is a set aside of federal TAP funds for small (under 5000) towns, but the cumbersome reporting requirements mean that small projects are not really feasible. The catch is that the small towns can't come up with the match for a larger project, and the money is sitting unspent. The state used to step in and fill this gap and by having state funds in the mix, we could get at these federal funds. STP-DA (along with directly allocated TAP) counted against the Division totals. In Divisions with big MPOs, this guaranteed the MPOs a portion of the Division money, and made areas outside the MPOs compete for even less money. The MPOs are asking that STP-DA and directly allocated TAP be excluded from STI, similar to CMAQ or Appalachian Funds.

### 5. BUSINESS (45-90 min)

#### A. MTP-Fiscal Constraint Draft (Highway)

Paul Black highlighted the sheet available in the Agenda packet. The MTP Executive Committee reviewed the document and it now needs to go before the Board. No further questions or discussion at this time.

#### B. 2035 LRTP Amendments for I-5504

***Nathan Clark motioned to forward the LRTP Amendments to the MPO Board, Ken Putnam seconded, and as there was no further discussion or objections, the LRTP Amendments were approved to forward to the MPO Board***

#### C. STP-DA Scoring Results

Tristan Winkler highlighted the following:

- Earlier Award to Buncombe County: The last round of STP-DA funding awarded a greenway study to Buncombe County. NCDOT was able to step forward and fund the majority of the study where there was potential co-location with I-26 as part of the I-4700 project. The remainder should remain funded with a new, smaller scope and amount.

- New Project Submittals: The MPO's Prioritization Subcommittee met on March 5, 2015 to determine selected projects for STP-DA and TAP funding which were then recommended by the subcommittee for approval by the MPO Board. Josh O'Connor asked for clarification regarding the Craven Street Bridge funds and Tristan Winkler answered that there is a three-month timeframe to decide and that the next highest scoring project is the Flat Rock Pedestrian Trails. That timeframe began on the date of the last Prioritization Subcommittee meeting.

***Yuri Koslen motioned to recommend the selected projects to the Board and reconfirm earlier award for the Bent Creek Greenway Study to Buncombe County, Denise Braine, seconded, and as all were in favor, the motion carried.***

D. Bylaw Amendment to Streamline Election of Officers

The Chair and Vice Chair asked staff to see if the election process in the Bylaws could be simplified. Staff recommended changes and Paul Black clarified those changes as presented in the Agenda packet.

***Denise Braine motioned to approve the streamlined Bylaws, Matt Cable seconded, and as none were opposed, the new Bylaws were so approved.***

E. Call for Nomination & Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Paul Black highlighted the duties needed to hold these positions and Josh O'Connor then called for nominations.

Denise Braine nominated Josh O'Connor as Chair, and Ken Putnam supported that nomination. With no further discussion or opposition, **Josh O'Connor** accepted the Chair seat for the MPO TCC. Josh O'Connor then nominated **Matt Cable** as Vice Chair and Autumn Radcliff seconded. With no opposition, Matt Cable accepted the position of Vice Chair for the MPO TCC.

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

- The MPO and RPO will be jointly conducting an update to the Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Plan (CPTHSTP) and will be kicking-off next week at the Haywood County CTAB and the following week at the Transylvania CTAB. Each meeting with stakeholders will be followed by a public meeting sometime in the weeks afterward.
- Public meeting regarding the Bent Creek section of the Plan on March 23, 4-6pm at the Arboretum
- Draft STIP forum on March 25, venue TBA
- Buncombe County outreach CTSP on April 7, 4:30-6:30 at the Fire and Police Training room
- Legislative meeting on March 27 at 8:30am in the LOS small conference room
- NCAMPO in Raleigh on April 29th

**The public comment portion was opened, and with no public comment at this time, closed. There being no further discussion or items, the meeting was then adjourned.**