

**Land of Sky RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
Minutes for July 29, 2014**

Attendees:

Erica	Anderson	Daniel	Cobb	Karen	Kiehna
Wanda	Austin	Scott	Collier	Julie	Mayfield
Paul	Black	Vicki	Eastland	Martha	Ramsey
Kris	Boyd	Josh	Freeman, Chair	Annie	Sarac
Denise	Braine	Forrest	Gilliam	Joel	Setzer
Mark	Burrows	Chris	Hnatin	Artie	Wilson

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Josh Freeman called the meeting to order and introductions followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes from the RPO TCC May 8, 2014 Meeting

Forrest Gilliam motioned to approve the May 8th minutes, Denise Braine seconded, and the minutes were so approved.

Chris Hnatin then indicated the correct spelling of his name.

With the spelling correction of Chris Hnatin's name, Martha Ramsey motioned to approve the corrected minutes, Artie Wilson seconded, and the motion was approved.

BUSINESS

Prioritization Draft Ranked list

Vicki explained the tier list and the 100 maximum points distributed. A question arose if there is an action item or motion requested and to so note on the Agenda.

LOSRPO remaining point to assign

Discussion began on current points such as Sharp Town Road. A chart was presented on screen and Artie Wilson suggested 25 to Hart and 25 to Everett Farm.

Artie Wilson motioned to distribute 25 points to Hart and 25 to Everett Farm, Denise Braine seconded, and then Kris Boyd asked Forrest Gilliam to clarify. Forrest Gilliam replied that he wants 25 points to Spring Creek and 25 to Hart.

Artie Wilson amended his motion approve distribution of 25 points to Spring Creek, and 25 to Hart, Denise Braine seconded, and as there were none opposed, the motion carried.

Vicki Eastland then explained the I-26 Jonathan Creek split between the MPO and RPO leaving RPO with 21 points, and that the RPO only has 8 projects in the Regional tier. The City of Brevard does not want to assign points to the Proposed Brevard Bypass, leaving only 7 Regional tier projects. This leave the RPO with 421 points remaining to assign to FBRMPO projects.

Kris Boyd motioned to accept the Regional Impact list, Forrest Gilliam seconded, and as there were none opposed, the motion carried.

Allocation of points to MPO

Vicki Eastland indicated that the emailed packet contains a chart for review of proposed projects from the FBRMPO to assign RPO points to. She also indicated that Madison County and the Town of Marshall are interested in the future I-26 projects north of the I-240 connector, as it impacts many individuals commuting from their area. The Brevard Road

project to from the Blue Ridge Parkway south to Long Shoals Road in Division 13 would be another good project due to the Job growth as well as the development of various multi-family housing projects in that area. The project ends at the Parkway, going north the rest of the corridor to be improved to I-240. Vicki Eastland suggests assessing points as follows; 100 for Canton Roundabout, 100 for the Brevard Road project, and 100 on A10A, leaving 121 points to be assigned. Denise Braine said that Buncombe County favors getting I-26 project going and to put as many points on whatever sections as possible to help as this is a regional impact for everyone. A question arose as to which I-16 projects and Denise Braine responded that Buncombe County supports all 26 projects. Vicki Eastland suggested the first 300 on the above three and split the remaining 121 on I-26. Clarification was attempted regarding 191 to receive 21 points, A10A is all three pieces at 100 each, Roundabout 110 to receive 100 points.

Julie Mayfield said her organization watches 191 closely and described invasive plant species and endangered species in a wetland along that location. She asked if there is room to widen the road, maybe up to Clayton Road. That concern will have to be vetted before the project moves forward. Kris Boyd questioned if RPO can ask NCDOT for information if a particular project is worth the points invested or will the points be wasted or will the project ever happen. Joel Setzer responded that projects scored high in quantitative data, (SPOT Score) the more likely it will have a chance to get funded. More discussion followed on the project's chances of scoring. Paul Black reviewed the cascade vote from the MPO and said the MPO didn't end up scoring the A10A. Joel Setzer asked how to use the points to get what you want funded, or to use the points to make a statement.

The RPO is trying to declare draft intention of placing points for public view and receiving comments. Then if a need to return based on public comment, it can be done.

Josh Freeman summarized the allocation as follows: 100 to 191; 100 to 26(A10A); 100 to Haywood County Roundabout; and 100 to A10B and 21 points to A10C.

Denise Braine motioned to approve the above allocation, Artie Wilson seconded, and as there was no further discussion and none were opposed, the motion carried.

REGULAR UPDATES

NCDOT Divisions 13 and 14

- [Division 13 projects.](#)
- [Division 14 projects.](#)

Transportation Planning Branch

Pam Cook introduced Brenden Merithew and that the Travel Demand Model is almost complete.

Subcommittees, Staff updates

Vicki Eastland indicated no new information from the subcommittees. Tristan Winkler will be assuming the role of MPO Planner on August 18th.

Legislative updates

Paul Black discussed the proposed sales tax cap bill and the passing of a short-term federal transportation bill. Map 21 funded through May, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES

Denise Braine stated that the transit funds available through the 5310 funding pot could affect Madison and Transylvania Counties, Haywood County has received 5310 funds as well as Buncombe. At this time there is not a designated recipient for those funds and will need to be obligated before the monies are lost. The 5307 (Urbanized Area Formula Grants) funds are also available and there is a meeting to discuss methodology for those funds on September 4th.

Josh Freeman stated that this is Artie Wilson's last meeting and added that on behalf of the RPO, his service has been a great advocate for Transylvania County and he will be missed. Artie Wilson added that he appreciated everyone coming together to make things happen and Mark Burrows will take Mr. Wilson's place.

As there was no further discussion, Artie Wilson motioned to adjourn, Martha Ramsey seconded, and as all were in favor, the meeting was concluded.

Next RPO TCC meeting is on September 11, 2014