

RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
October 9th, 2014 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky
Agenda

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Welcome and Introductions
Agenda Approval/Modifications

Josh Freeman
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the RPO TCC July 29th Meeting

4. RPO BUSINESS

A. Remainder of 2014 and 2015 meeting schedule
B. FY 14-15 Work Plan Review
C. SPOT4 DRAFT Timeline
D. Announcement, News, Updates

Vicki Eastland
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<Brief intermission for FBRMPO members to join>

5. REGULAR UPDATES (Jointly with French Broad River MPO)

A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates
B. Transportation Planning Branch Updates
C. Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports,
Staff Updates and Housekeeping Staff
D. Legislative Updates

Brendan Merithew

Paul Black

ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

Land of Sky RPO TCC – Thursday December 11th 2014- 11:00 AM (if calendar approved)

**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

LAND OF SKY

RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

Land of Sky RPO 2014-2015 Meeting Schedule

Land of Sky RPO TCC – 2nd Thursday at 10:00 a.m. (unless otherwise noted)

October 9, 2014

December 11, 2014 (Second Thursday 11:00, joint with RPO TAC)

March 12, 2015

June 9, 2015

September 10, 2015

December 10, 2015 (Second Thursday 11:00, joint with RPO TAC)

Land of Sky RPO TAC – 4th Thursday at 12:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

October 23, 2014

December 11, 2014 (Second Thursday, joint with RPO TCC)

March 26, 2015

June 25, 2015

September 24, 2015

December 10, 2015 (Second Thursday, joint with RPO TCC)

Staff Recommended Action-

Discuss and approve the DRAFT LOSRPO meeting schedule

Item 4b: LOSRPO FY 2015 Planning Work Program Review

Review of the current fiscal year Planning Work Program (PWP). The program specific work plans are presented here as reference.

Work Tasks

- 1415-000 General Activities are the basic requirements the RPO staff must complete for NCDOT.
- 1415-001 Madison County Site visualizations: Madison County is interested in developing a site utilization plan for a high priority site near I-26. LOSRPO Staff will be partnering with Kerr-Tarr RPO Director for visualization expertise.
(No in kind work - hired a consultant to work with Town of Mars Hill, Madison Co and the RPO to complete this task)
- 1415-002 Transylvania County Park & Ride/Transit: RPO staff anticipates working with the City of Brevard, Transylvania County, and Transylvania Transit on researching and developing implementation measures to provide multi modal access into and out of the County.
(Possible RPO Staff assistance on City of Brevard Bike/Ped Plan update)
- 1415-003 Freight Across Appalachia - Staff will work with Mountain Area Workforce Development and other partners across the region to look at freight issues in the region and how to best position our region to maximize its potential in this rapidly changing landscape.
- 1314-001 Seniors in Coordinated Planning - Staff will be working with the Land of Sky Area Agency on Aging and French Broad Rover MPO to develop and execute an integrated workshop centered around active aging and transportation options. Carried over from Fiscal Year 13-14
(Held ½ day workshop, possibly hold a second next year)
- 1314-002 SPOT 3.0/STIP development. Staff will continue working with TCC and TAC member to provide meaningful feedback on STIP and refine future prioritization methodology. Continuation of FY 13-14 work plan. *(Ongoing)*
- 1314-003 FBRMPO CTP - Staff will work with FBRMPO staff on development of an area wide CTP and ensure continuity with RPO area CTP's. Delayed from FY 13-14. *(Ongoing)*

Staff recommended action:

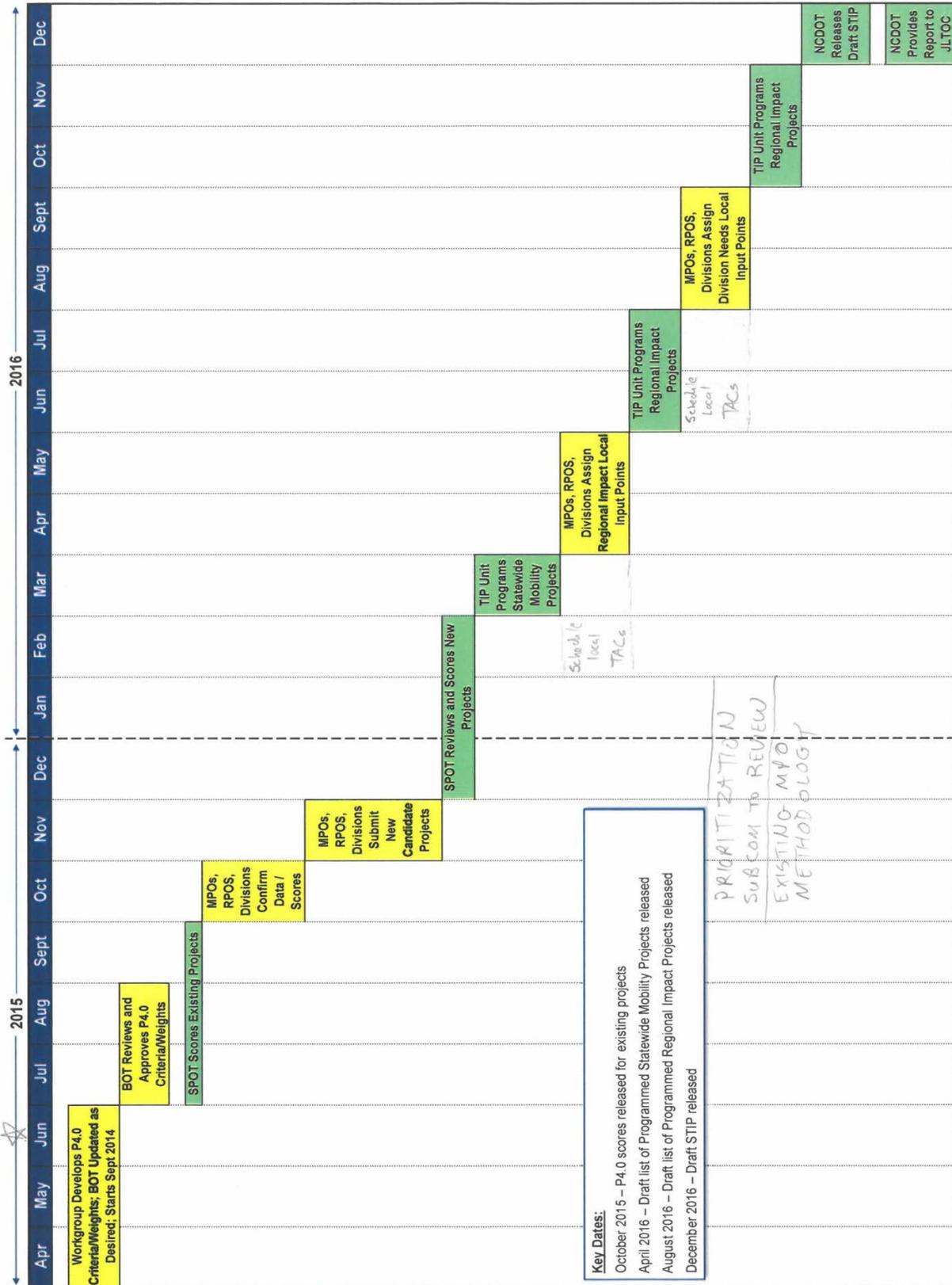
FYI Only

Item 4c: SPOT4 DRAFT Timeline

July 29, 2014

Prioritization 4.0 Tentative Schedule
DRAFT - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

3.0 2.11
 ↓ Adopted



Key Dates:
 October 2015 – P4.0 scores released for existing projects
 April 2016 – Draft list of Programmed Statewide Mobility Projects released
 August 2016 – Draft list of Programmed Regional Impact Projects released
 December 2016 – Draft STIP released

PRORITIZATION
 SUBCOM TO REVIEW
 EXISTING MPO
 METHOD BLOGY

Schedule
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Notes:
 Green Box = Decisions / Approvals
 Yellow Box = NCODT Work Tasks

Staff recommended action:

- Currently FYI only
- In the spring we will form Prioritization work group to review LOSRPO Methodology and make changes as needed and review data from SPOT4 work group.

Item 4d: Announcements, News, Special Updates

- WNC Stormwater Conference Oct 14-15th NC Arboretum
- Friends of the River Banquet Oct 14th. Deadline to register Oct 10th
- NCDOT 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Initiative deadline to apply December 4th, 2014. For more info <http://bit.ly/pgi-overview>
- LOSRPO TAC meeting 10/23 at 12:00 PM