

# RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

## RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

October 8th, 2015 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

### Minutes

#### **Attendance:**

Josh Freeman	Joel Setzer	Rick Tipton
Brendan Merithew	Vicki Eastland	Zia Rifkin
Kris Boyd	Erica Anderson	Mark Burrows
Denise Braine	Karen Kiehna	Lyuba Zuyeva
Elizabeth Teague	Jeff Wells	David Foster

#### **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**

Josh Freeman called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00am and introductions followed.

#### Agenda Approval/Modifications

**Erica Anderson moved to accept the agenda without modification. Joel Setzer seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Josh Freeman called for any public comment. Hearing none; he closed the public comment period.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Mark Burrows moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the RPO-TCC August meeting. A second was provided by Joel Setzer and the motion carried upon a vote.**

#### **RPO BUSINESS**

#### Review Changes to LOSRPO SPOT 4.0 DRAFT Project List

Vicki Eastland presented the changes to the SPOT 4.0 Draft Project List. She shared that the changes were very minor and presented for TCC members' information only as the TAC will be reviewing the list at the end of this month. Vicki Eastland proceeded to outline those modifications with the TCC.

#### Adopt LOSRPO 2016 Meeting Schedule

Vicki Eastland shared the proposed LOSRPO TCC meeting schedule for 2016. She communicated that going forward; there is a need to talk with the TAC folks as there has been an issue with having quorum at those meetings. Some TAC members have noted conflicts with the current meeting time and a discussion may be undertaken to determine if the meeting time should be changed to allow for better attendance.

Denise Braine asked if the TAC members had alternates and it was shared that not all of them do but that would be addressed including the ethics requirements to be a voting member.

**Mark Burrows moved to accept the LOSRPO 2016 meeting schedule as presented. The motion was seconded by**

**Joel Setzer and was approved upon a vote and without further discussion.**

#### LOSRPO DRAFT Prioritization Methodology

Vicki Eastland shared the LOSRPO will receive 1100 local input points to assign for both regional impact projects and division needs projects which was the same as last year. She explained the proposed assignment of points, and shared both the Highway and Bike and Pedestrian Project scoring tables. Discussion occurred about the data used for existing employment and projected job growth. Vicki Eastland shared that job centers are not the only important criteria used for rural areas. Existing jobs and projected job growth will be scored as well as critical destinations (Critical education, health care, grocery/retail, recreation/entertainment destinations) will be taken into account as well. Mark Burrows requested lowering both the existing jobs and projected jobs to a maximum of 25 in the 5 point category. The procedure to score safety was discussed, it was decided that the Safety Score provided by the SPOT office would be used and the could also function as a means of tie breaking in the event projects scored the same.

**Joel Setzer moved to approve the proposed Prioritization Methodology with the modifications to adjust criteria as well as the safety methodology as discussed and to forward those to the LOSRPO TAC for consideration. Karen Kiehna seconded and as all were in favor the motion carried without further discussion.**

#### **REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates

Transportation Planning Branch Updates

Subcommittee/Workgroup Reports and Staff Updates and Housekeeping

Legislative Updates

Lyuba Zuyeva announced that Lauren Blackburn will be in town prior to the Statewide Bike Summit taking place on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Josh Freeman shared that Brevard has broken ground on a new greenway section and has also officially began the process to look at improvements to Ecusta Road.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the LOSRPO TCC, Denise Braine moved for adjournment and the meeting stood adjourned.