

# RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

## RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

June 9th, 2016 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

### Agenda

#### 1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Welcome and Introductions  
Agenda Approval/Modifications

Josh Freeman  
Josh Freeman

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### 3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes from the RPO TCC February 11, 2016<sup>th</sup> Meeting

#### 4. RPO BUSINESS

A. Approve Edits to LOSRPO  
Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
B. Approve LOSRPO DRAFT Regional  
Assignment of Local Input Points  
C. Review LOSRPO Public outreach  
Strategy for SPOT4.0

Vicki Eastland  
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Vicki Eastland

#### 5. REGULAR UPDATES

A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates  
B. Transportation Planning Branch Updates  
C. Legislative Updates  
D. Staff Updates and Housekeeping

Division Staff  
Pam Cook  
Vicki Eastland  
Vicki Eastland

#### ADJOURNMENT

#### Upcoming Meetings

Land of Sky RPO TAC – Wednesday June 22<sup>th</sup> 2016- 2:30 PM Following LOSRC Council meeting Blue Ridge (NEW) Conference Room

Land of Sky RPO TCC- September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016-10:00 AM LOSRC French Broad (Large) Conference Room

LAND OF SKY

# RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

## 6. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES

A. LOSRPO February 11<sup>th</sup> TCC meeting minutes

### **RPO Technical Coordinating Committee**

February 11th, 2016 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance:**

Sara Nichols	Erica Anderson	Denise Braine	Brendan Merithew
Vicki Eastland	Zia Rifkin	Mark Burrows	Kris Boyd
Daniel Cobb	Joel Setzer	Chris Craig	Karen Kiehna
Kristina Solberg			

#### **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**

Mark Burrows called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00am; he welcomed everyone in attendance and introductions followed. He communicated that the Agenda needed to be approved with no modification requested.

***Kris Boyd moved to approve the Agenda without modification. Joel Setzer seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

***Denise Braine moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the October 08, 2015 meeting. Kris Boyd seconded and as all were in favor the motion carried.***

#### **RPO BUSINESS**

Approve LOSRPO FY 2017 Planning Work Program (PWP): Vicki Eastland shared that she has sent the Planning Work Program (PWP) to NCDOT and it has been approved. The PWP is funded at the same level as last year which includes NCDOT funds plus local match funds. The large percent of the funding will be going into the CTP update as that will take up a considerable amount of LOSRPO staff time.

Discussion occurred regarding when the CTP update process would begin.

Denise Braine shared that the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) had just awarded Buncombe County Transportation grant funding for a study to look at Park and Ride options as those relate to Mountain Mobility services, and mentioned this might be useful with the work being done with Transylvania and Madison Counties researching Park n Ride connections to transit options. Vicki Eastland communicated that she could meet with the consultant for that study to discuss the Park and Ride program. Brendan Merithew shared that the TPB would follow up with more info on CTP's.

**Joel Setzer moved to approve the PWP as submitted and to forward that on to the LOSRPO TAC for consideration. Kris Boyd seconded and the motion carried upon a vote and without further discussion.**

Approve LOSRPO Prioritization Methodology: Vicki Eastland shared that the draft Prioritization Methodology was reviewed in October 2015 by both the RPOTCC and the RPOTAC, it was then sent to NCDOT SPOT office, reviewed and conditionally approved by the NCDOT Methodology Review Committee in December 2015. The Methodology has been advertised in the Mountain Express and placed on the RPO's website since January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and has received no public comments to date. Vicki Eastland requested approval to send the proposed methodology on to the LOSRPO TAC for final approval. Copies of the full methodology were made available at today's meeting. Mark Burrows shared his surprise that there were no public comments so far. Vicki Eastland shared that the methodology has been tested and allows for flexibility based on public input and/or the TAC's discretion.

**Karen Kiehna moved to accept the recommendation that the proposed LOSRPO Prioritization Methodology be forwarded to the TAC for their consideration. Denise Braine seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.**

Review changes to LOSRPO 2016 Meeting Schedule: Vicki Eastland shared that the LOSRPO meeting schedule for 2016 was being presented for information only as there have been a couple of date changes. She noted the NCAMPO Conference (May 11 - 13, 2016) which has necessitated changing the TCC's May meeting date to the 19<sup>th</sup>.  
**No action required.**

CTP 101 Presentation: Brendan Merithew shared that the Comprehensive Transportation Plan 30 year horizon provides the basis for long-range transportation planning which is multi-modal (Bicycle/Pedestrian/Rail/Transit/Highway with consideration for Aviation and Ferry, if applicable). The CTP is not a fiscally constrained plan and no funding is programmed into the CTP. The CTP covers a 30 year timeframe and projects in the CTP can trickle in and become part of the STIP.

Major milestones for development of the CTP includes the formation of the Steering Committee to develop the vision for the plan; conducting needs assessments throughout the LOSRPO region; analysis of alternatives; the development of the final plan and plan adoption. The timeframe for the entire process is 12-18 months and is dependent on the needs of the RPO region.

The CTP 101 presentation can be found at the following link:

[http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/CTP\\_Introduction\\_Presentation\\_NCDOT\\_TPB.pdf](http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/CTP_Introduction_Presentation_NCDOT_TPB.pdf)

Joel Setzer requested that the current CTP be posted on the LOSRPO website. Brendan Merithew commented that Vicki Eastland will be conducting the needs assessments for the LOSRPO counties.

Discussion occurred about how the CTP process drives scoping of projects- which is one of the main things the document is meant to do.

Vicki Eastland shared that we do have the FBRMPO CTP kicking off which will necessitate the for need rural representation on the MPO's Steering Committee for the plan update.

**Information only. No action required.**

## **REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 Division 14 updates  
Transportation Planning Branch Updates (None)  
Legislative Updates  
Staff Updates and Housekeeping

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vicki Eastland announced that the LOSRPO TCC and TAC meetings for March may be cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Vicki Eastland welcomed Sara Nichols.

Mark Burrows thanked everyone for attending today's LOSRPO TCC meeting.

**Joel Setzer moved to adjourn the meeting. Kris Boyd seconded and the meeting was adjourned.**

Staff recommended action:

Review meeting minutes and approve

### **A. Item 4a: Approve Edits to LOSRPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

RPO staff reviewed the LOSRPO MOU Amendment, dated 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2008, as well as the MOU template provided by NCDOT TPB. RPO staff made edits and revisions, mainly to address Term Lengths for LOSRPO TAC members.

**Amended  
Memorandum of Understanding  
For  
Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuing  
Transportation Planning  
and the Establishment of a  
Rural Transportation Planning Organization  
For**

The County of Buncombe and the participating municipalities therein; the County of Haywood and the participating municipalities therein; the County of Madison and the participating municipalities therein; the County of Transylvania and the participating municipalities therein; and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) (hereinafter collectively, “the Parties”).

**Witnesseth**

**Whereas**, on January 15, 2003, the Parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding which created the Land-of-Sky Rural Transportation Planning Organization (hereinafter, “RPO”); and

**Whereas**, on June 20, 2008, the Parties amended the Memorandum of Understanding creating the Land-of-Sky Rural Transportation Planning Organization (hereinafter, “RPO”); and (Added for reference to MOU amendment 2008)

**Whereas**, and the RPO provides rural areas the opportunity to work in partnership with the NCDOT toward development of sound, short and long-range transportation planning for rural areas; and

**Whereas**, and the Parties have agreed to amend the original Memorandum of Understanding

**Now, therefore**, the following Amended Memorandum of Understanding is made on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**Section 1.** It is hereby agreed, that the County of Buncombe and the participating municipalities therein; the County of Haywood and the participating municipalities therein; the County of Madison and the participating municipalities therein; the County of Transylvania and the participating municipalities therein and the NCDOT intend to establish and participate in a RPO created for the general purposes and responsibilities outlined in the following:

1. To develop long-range local and regional multi-modal transportation plans in cooperation with the French Broad River MPO and the North Carolina Department of Transportation;
2. To provide a forum for public participation in the rural transportation planning process;
3. To develop and prioritize suggestions for transportation projects that the Rural Transportation Planning Organization believes should be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program;
4. To provide transportation-related information to local governments and other interested organizations and persons;
5. To conduct transportation related studies and surveys for local governments and other interested entities/organizations;
6. To undertake mutually agreed upon transportation related tasks to enhance transportation system development, coordination and efficiency.

**Section 2.** It is hereby further agreed that transportation plans and programs and land use policies and programs for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) will be coordinated by the Land-of-Sky Regional Council, an agency selected on behalf of participating local governments and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, to be the administrative entity and to serve as the lead local planning agency for coordinating rural transportation planning in the four county planning area. The RPO hereby authorizes Land-of-Sky Regional Council to be the recipient of any funds appropriated to the RPO by the North Carolina Department of Transportation pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 136-213(c). The Land-of-Sky Regional Council will develop annual budgets, and will maintain qualified staff for the RPO, subject to the review of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (see Section 3).

**Section 3.** Establishment of Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). A Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) is hereby established with the responsibility for serving as a forum for cooperative transportation planning and decision making for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO). The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) shall have the responsibility of keeping the local elected governing boards of the status and requirements of the transportation planning process; assisting in the dissemination and clarification of the decisions, inclinations, and policies of the local elected governing boards and the NCDOT; and helping ensure meaningful public participation in the rural transportation planning process.

1. The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will be responsible for carrying out the following:

- A. Establishment of goals, priorities, and objectives for the transportation planning process;
  - B. Endorsement, **review and recommendation** of changes to adopted Transportation Plans for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization;
  - C. Endorsement, review, and approval of a Planning Work Program (PWP) for transportation planning which defines work tasks and responsibilities for the various agencies participating in the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO);
- Endorsement, review, **recommendation** and approval of transportation improvement projects which support and enhance both regional and local transportation within the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO).
- 2. The membership of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee shall consist of the following:
    - A. One County Commissioner representing the County of Buncombe; and one municipal elected official to represent any participating municipal governments;
    - B. One County Commissioner representing the County of Haywood, and one municipal elected official to represent any participating municipal governments;
    - C. One County Commissioner representing the County of Madison, and one municipal elected official to represent any participating municipal governments;
    - D. One County Commissioner representing the County of Transylvania, and one municipal elected official to represent any participating municipal governments;
    - E. One **or more** members from the North Carolina Board of Transportation representing Division 13 or 14.
  - 3. The County Commissioners representing each County on the TAC shall be selected every ~~one~~ **two** years by the Board of County Commissioners of each County in regular session. The municipal member representing the participating municipal governments from each County on the TAC shall be selected every ~~one~~ **two** years from among all eligible municipalities during a caucus. All terms of appointment to the TAC shall be for ~~one~~ **two years**. Reappointment is possible. One alternate may be designated for each TAC member providing they meet the same criteria as the original appointee.
  - 4. An RPO TAC membership roster will be compiled, and updated at least annually, listing each attendee and alternate, if applicable, for each member county or municipality. The members of a county or municipality member who fails to send the appointee or alternate to two consecutive RPO meetings will be designated as a vacant seat and will not count towards quorum. Attendance at future meetings will reinstate the member.
  - 5. A quorum is required for the transaction of all business, including conducting meetings or hearings, participating in deliberations, or voting upon or otherwise

transacting the public business. A quorum consists of 51% of the members of the TAC, plus as many additional members as may be required to ensure that 51% of possible votes are present. The TAC will meet as often as it is deemed necessary, appropriate, and advisable. On the basis of majority vote of its membership, the TAC may elect a member of the committee to act as chairperson with the responsibility for coordination of the committee's activities.

6. The Executive Director of Land-of-Sky Regional Council will provide staff to the TAC.

**Section 4.** Establishment of the Rural Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). A Rural Technical Coordinating Committee shall be established with the responsibility of general review, guidance, and coordination of the transportation planning process for the Rural Transportation Planning Organization (RPO) and the responsibility for making recommendations to the respective local, state, and federal governmental agencies and the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) regarding any necessary actions relating to the continuing transportation planning process.

1. The TCC shall be responsible for development, review, and recommendation for approval of the PWP for the RPO, the Transportation Improvement Program requests, and revisions to the Transportation Improvement Program.
2. Membership of the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) shall include technical representatives from all local and state government agencies directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process for the RPO planning area. Initially, the membership shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:
  - A. The Manager, Assistant Manager, Planner, Clerk, or Engineer from each of the four counties of the RPO planning area or his/her designated staff representative.
  - B. The Chief Administrative Official, City Planner, City Engineer, or City Clerk from each municipality in the RPO planning area that is a member of the RPO, or his/her designated representative.
  - C. All Division Engineer(s) for the RPO planning area, serving the Division of Highways, North Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.
  - D. Manager, Transportation Planning Branch, North Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.

- E. Regional Traffic Engineer, Division of Highways, Traffic Engineering Branch, North Carolina Department of Transportation, or his/her designated representative.
  - F. A Transportation Planner for the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) (as advisory, non-voting).
3. Membership of the TCC may be altered on the basis of a majority vote of its membership and approval of the TAC of the RPO. One alternate may be designated for each member providing they meet the same criteria as the original appointee. Membership may be further defined in the duly adopted bylaws. An RPO TCC membership roster will be compiled, and updated at least annually, listing each attendee and alternate, if applicable, for each member county or municipality. The membership of a county or municipality member who fails to send the appointee or alternate to two consecutive RPO meetings will be designated as a vacant seat and will not count towards quorum. Attendance at future meetings will reinstate the member.
4. A quorum is required for the transaction of all business, including conducting meetings or hearings, participating in deliberations, or voting upon or otherwise transacting the public business. A quorum consists of 51% of the members of the TCC, plus as many additional members as required to ensure that 51% of possible votes are present. The TCC shall meet when it is deemed necessary, appropriate and advisable. The TCC will be staffed by Land-of-Sky Regional Council staff. The TCC shall by majority vote of its membership elect one member to serve as a Chairman with the responsibility for coordinating the committee's activities. ~~Membership of the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee may be altered on the basis of a majority vote of its membership and approval of the TAC of the RPO.~~

**Section 5.** It is further agreed that all participating agencies will assist in the rural transportation planning process by providing planning assistance (where possible), data, and inventories in accordance with the approved PWP.

**Section 6.** Each county and its RPO member jurisdictions shall have the support of the RPO staff in developing local transportation projects and priorities. Each member agrees to coordinate its transportation plans with those of other RPO members. Additionally, by consensus, the RPO may identify projects of a regional nature for development and presentation to NCDOT for consideration.

**Section 7.** Each member of both the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee and the Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee shall normally have one (1) vote in the deliberations of the TAC and TCC except when a weighted vote is called. A weighted vote may be called by any

member. In weighted voting procedures, each person entitled to vote shall have one (1) vote, except each county member shall cast two (2) votes.

**Section 8.** Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding may terminate their participation in the continuing transportation planning process by giving 90 days written notice to the other parties prior to the date of termination.

**Section 9.** Municipalities desiring to join the RPO following the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding must do so no later than 90 days after the date given below in Section 10, by submitting a fully-executed Municipal Statement of Adoption. Any municipality desiring to join the RPO after the initial 90-day period must notify the lead planning agency and the other members of the RPO in writing of its intent to join, and provide each with a copy of a fully-executed Municipal Statement of Adoption. New memberships will become effective on July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**Section 10.** This Amended Memorandum of Understanding supersedes and replaces any prior memorandum(s) of understanding between the Parties regarding the RPO.

**Section 11.** In witness whereof, the parties have been authorized by appropriate and proper resolutions, and /or legislative authority to sign this Amended Memorandum of Understanding, this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY**

This **“THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY RPO,”** is hereby adopted by the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Buncombe County

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board

**HAYWOOD COUNTY**

This **“THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY RPO,”** is hereby adopted by the Haywood County Board of Commissioners, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Haywood County

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board

**MADISON COUNTY**

This **“THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY RPO,”** is hereby adopted by the Madison County Board of Commissioners, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Madison County

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board

**TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY**

**This “THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY RPO,”** is hereby adopted by the Transylvania County Board of Commissioners, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Transylvania County

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board

**CITY OF BREVARD**

This **“THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY RPO,”** is hereby adopted by the City Council for the City of Brevard, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

City of Brevard

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board

**TOWN OF ROSMAN**

This **“THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY RPO,”** is hereby adopted by the Town of Rosman Board of Alderman, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Town of Rosman

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board

**TOWN OF MARSHALL**

This **“THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY RPO,”** is hereby adopted by the Town of Marshall Board of Alderman, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Town of Marshall

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board

**TOWN OF HOT SPRINGS**

This **“THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY RPO,”** is hereby adopted by the Town of Hot Springs Board of Alderman, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Town of Hot Springs

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk to Board

**LAND OF SKY REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**This, “THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE, COMPREHENSIVE, AND CONTINUING TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION IN THE LAND OF SKY AREA,”** is hereby adopted by the Board of the Land of Sky Regional Council This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016. By the adoption of this resolution, the LOSRC also agrees to serve as administrative entity for the Land of Sky RPO and to receive such funding that is forthcoming.

Land of Sky Regional Council

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

**NC Department of Transportation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Staff recommended action:

Review and discuss edits as needed. Recommend changes if needed. Recommend for RTAC review and approval.

**A. Item 4b: Approve LOSRPO DRAFT Regional Impact Assignment of Local Input Points**

- B. LOSRPO staff has held staff level meetings in all counties with representatives from all LOSRPO member governments, NCDOT staff and FBRMPO staff. RPO staff completed scoring of all REGIONAL IMPACT PROJECTS and applied LOCAL INPUT POINTS based on Local Priority Rank and the LOSRPO Adopted Scoring Methodology. RPO staff shared DRAFT Local Input Points assignment list with LOSRPO TAC/TCC members via email and advertised the LOSRPO DRAFT Regional Impact Assignment of Local Input Points for public comment and public hearing in the June 1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Mountain Express and placed on the LOSRPO web site.

LOSRPO Regional Impact Preliminary Rank	SPOTID	Project Category	Improvement Type	Specific Improvement	TIP #	Route Number	Route Name	From/Cross Street	To	Description	First MPO/RPO	First MPORPO %	County	Division	Local Priority Rank	NCDOT SPOT 4.0 Regional Impact Score	NCDOT SPOT 4.0 Division Needs Score	LOSRPO Total Score	LOSRPO Priority Points	
<b>R-7</b>	H141279	Regional Impact	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		US 276	Jonathon Creek Road	US 19	I 40	Install paved shoulders on the median and outside shoulders with rumble strips. Construct or upgrade left turn lanes at various crossovers.	Land-of-Sky RPO	79%	Haywood	14	1	<b>22.82</b>	<b>16.36</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>79 RPO Pts Donate 21 Pts to MPO Total 100</b>	
<b>R-6</b>	H090857-A	Regional Impact	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		NC209		SR 1501 (Sillers Cove Road)	SR 1334 (Max Patch Road)	Highway 209 - Silvers Cove Road (SR 1501) to SR 1334 (Max Patch Road) (at Ferguson's Store) - Upgrade, Widen, and Guardrails	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Haywood	14	2	<b>24.61</b>	<b>19.62</b>	<b>68.5</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>R-13</b>	H090857-B	Regional Impact	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		NC209		SR 1334 (Max Patch Road)	Madison County Line	Highway 209 - SR 1334 (Max Patch Road) to Madison County Line - Upgrade, Widen, and Guardrails	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Haywood	14	3	<b>11.94</b>	<b>10.17</b>	<b>66.7</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>R-15</b>	H090092-A	Regional Impact	Modernization	Modernize Roadway	R-2426	NC208		US 25/70	NC 212	US 25/70 to NC 212. Upgrade Two Lane Roadway.	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Madison	13	3	<b>9.76</b>	<b>7.92</b>	<b>56.4</b>		
<b>R-14</b>	H090092-B	Regional Impact	Modernization	Modernize Roadway	R-2426	NC208		NC 212	Tennessee State Line	NC 212 to Tennessee State Line. Upgrade Two Lane Roadway.	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Madison	13	5	<b>11.11</b>	<b>9.22</b>	<b>41.6</b>		
<b>R-11</b>	H090157	Regional Impact	Modernization	Modernize Roadway	R-2589	NC 209		NC 63 at Trust	US 25/70 in Hot Springs	NC 63 at Trust to US 25/70 in Hot Springs. Upgrade Two Lane Roadway.	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Madison	13	4	<b>15.19</b>	<b>12.18</b>	<b>62.2</b>		
<b>R-10</b>	H111159-A	Regional Impact	Capacity	Widen Existing Roadway		US 25		NC 251	Smith Hollow Rd (SR 1393)	US 25/US 70 - Widening (Marshall) from NC 251 to Smith Hollow Road (SR 1393)	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Madison	13	2	<b>17.84</b>	<b>13.46</b>	<b>67.5</b>		<b>100</b>

LOSRPO Regional Impact Preliminary Rank	SPOTID	Project Category	Improvement Type	Specific Improvement	TIP #	Route Number	Route Name	From/Cross Street	To	Description	First MPO/RPO	First MPORPO %	County	Division	Local Priority Rank	NCDOT SPOT 4.0 Regional Impact Score	NCDOT SPOT 4.0 Division Needs Score	LOSRPO Total Score	LOSRPO Priority Points
R-8	H111159-B	Regional Impact	Capacity	Widen Existing Roadway		US 25		Smith Hollow Rd (SR 1393)	North Main Street (US 25/US70 Bus)	US 25/US 70 - Widening (Marshall) from Smith Hollow Road (SR 1393) to North Main Street (US 25/US70 Bus) Incorporate Complete Streets Elements	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Madison	13	6	20.33	15.84	62.9	100
R-12	H111159-D	Regional Impact	Construct Auxillary Lanes or Other Operational Improvements	Add 2 turn lanes		US 25		Long Branch Rd (SR 1582)		US 25/US 70 - Add turn lanes at Long Branch Rd (SR 1582)	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Madison	13	No Points assigned, SPOT Safety Project	13.73	8.99	42	No Points assigned, SPOT Safety Project
R-3	H111159-C	Regional Impact	Capacity	Widen Existing Roadway		US 25		North Main Street (US 25/US70 Bus)	Brush Creek Rd (SR 1143)	US 25/US 70 - Widening (Marshall) from North Main Street (US 25/US70 Bus) to Brush Creek Rd (SR 1143)	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Madison	13	1	31.01	24.5	79.4	100
R-4	H129070-D	Regional Impact	Modernization	Modernize Roadway	R-2409D	US 64		Indian Creek Road (East end of R-2409C)	East of the east intersection with Flat Creek Valley Road (SR 1147)	Widen, Realign and Climbing Lanes	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Transylvania	14	3	26.65	18.67	78.8	100
R-9	H090858	Regional Impact	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		US 178		SR 1156 (Main Street) in Rosman	South Carolina State Line	Widen, Realign, and Climbing Lanes	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Transylvania	14	5	18.73	15.09	77.7	100
R-2	H150541	Regional Impact	Access Management	Modernize Roadway		US 64/276		N. Caldwell St	Approx 550' North of Allison Rd (termination of existing median)	Convert TWLTL to Median and general Access control. Build to Complete Streets standards. Include Pedestrian and Bicycle accommodations	Land-of-Sky RPO	100%	Transylvania	14	1	40.58	30.54	80.8	100

LOS RPO Regional Impact Preliminary Rank	SPOTID	Project Category	Improve ment Type	Specific Improvement	TIP #	Route Number	Route Name	From/Cross Street	To	Description	First MPO/RPO	First MPORPO %	County	Division	Local Priority Rank	NCDOT SPOT 4.0 Regiona l Impact Score	NCDOT SPOT 4.0 Division Needs Score	LOS RPO Total Score	LOS RPO Priority Points
<b>R-1</b>	H150552	Regional Impact	Upgrad e at Grade Intersec tion	Safety Improvement		US 64/NC 280	Asheville Hwy	US 64/US 276/NC 280		Safety Improvements, including Bike and Pedestrian Crossing accommodations	Land-of- Sky RPO	100%	Transylvan ia	14	2	<b>43.97</b>	<b>32.77</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>R-5</b>	H150557	Regional Impact	Access Manage ment	Modernize Roadway		NC 280	Asheville Hwy	Deavor Road	Hudlin Gap Road	Install Median in existing 4 lane roadway and general access management to increase safety.	Land-of- Sky RPO	100%	Transylvan ia	14	4	<b>26.16</b>	<b>18.47</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>100</b>

Staff recommended action:

Approve DRAFT assignment of Local Input Points for LOSRPO TAC to hold Public Hearing on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

**A. Item 4c: Review LOSRPO Public outreach Strategy for SPOT4.0**

The LOSRPO SPOT4.0 Public Outreach Strategy consists of:

**-An ad in the Mountain Xpress:**

LAND OF SKY  
**RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
A PROGRAM OF  
**LAND OF SKY**

**PRIORITIZATION OF  
TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) will adopt the final set of Regional Impact transportation project priorities for the 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at their meeting on June 22<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The public is invited to provide input from June 1<sup>st</sup>-June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.

- A Draft of the 11 Regional Impact projects chosen and a survey is posted at [www.landofskyrpo.org](http://www.landofskyrpo.org)
- Written comments may be submitted from June 1-June 22, 2016 to [rpo@landofsky.org](mailto:rpo@landofsky.org) or by phone to 251-6622.
- Comments may be submitted in person during the RPO TAC public hearing on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 PM, Land of Sky offices, 339 New Leicester Hwy, Asheville 28806

*It is the policy of the Land of Sky RPO to ensure that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and other Civil Rights Laws and authorities.*

Documents located on the LOSRPO website:

<http://www.landofsky.org/rpoprioritization.html>

**-A survey on Survey Monkey of the DRAFT REGIONAL IMPACT Projects assigned Local Input Points:**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/survey-taken/?sm=DnfCLDcsHSo8awgDrsC9f8eVuMKv7BAfVghzDLwgeQgnhnSAmJRLZbGwPBOaOfbl1Kog8jES9k\\_2FhFsFnajSUZg\\_3D\\_3D](https://www.surveymonkey.com/survey-taken/?sm=DnfCLDcsHSo8awgDrsC9f8eVuMKv7BAfVghzDLwgeQgnhnSAmJRLZbGwPBOaOfbl1Kog8jES9k_2FhFsFnajSUZg_3D_3D)

- An ArcGIS Online map of the LOSRPO Regional Impact Projects:

<http://ncarc.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=1ed1d0e490dc4568a691d637a3cac421>

**-A list of the DRAFT Regional Impact Projects Local Input assignments:**

[http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/DRAFT\\_LOSRPO\\_Regional\\_Local\\_Input\\_Assignment\\_SPOT4.pdf](http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/DRAFT_LOSRPO_Regional_Local_Input_Assignment_SPOT4.pdf)

Staff recommended action:

FYI only

## **7. REGULAR UPDATES**

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| A. NCDOT Division 13 and 14 updates       | Division Staff |
| B. Transportation Planning Branch Updates | Pam Cook       |
| C. Legislative Updates                    | Vicki Eastland |
| D. Staff Updates and Housekeeping         | Vicki Eastland |

## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Land of Sky RPO TAC – Wednesday June 22<sup>th</sup> 2016- 2:30 PM Following LOSRC Council meeting Blue Ridge (NEW) Conference Room**

**Land of Sky RPO TCC- September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016-10:00 AM LOSRC French Broad (Large) Conference Room**