



Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Minutes – June 22, 2016

Attendees:

Brownie Newman
Vicki Eastland
Ed Green
Mike Sorrells

Pam Cook
Zia Rifkin
Jason Chappell
Rick Tipton

Charlie Landreth

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Brownie Newman called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. He read the Ethics Statement, asked if there were any conflicts, and members responded that there were none. He then reviewed the Agenda and no modifications were proposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mike Sorrells moved to approve the minutes from February 24, 2016, Charlie Landreth seconded, and as all were in favor, the minutes were then approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public comment period was opened, and as there were none at this time, nor through Facebook or email, the public comment period was closed.

BUSINESS

Approve Edits to the LOSRPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Vicki Eastland shared that the standing MOU (which was an amended MOU authorized in 2008) has been under review the past few months. She reviewed proposed changes for the current MOU which include adding another NCDOT Division 14 representative to the RPO and to change the current one-year membership term to two or three years (depending on the appointing jurisdiction's term cycle.)

Discussion occurred regarding a three-year appointment term. It was determined that the term limits would be left as proposed at two or three years depending on the member jurisdiction's term cycle. Charlie Landreth encouraged that the MOU should set term limits. Mike Sorrells commented that when there are off year elections, appointments are not made.

Charlie Landreth moved to approve the revisions to the MOU as presented. Mike Sorrells seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Open Public Hearing for Assignment of Regional Impact Local Input Points - Chairman Newman opened the public hearing at 2:42pm for the assignment of Regional Impact Local Input Points. No public comments were heard and the public hearing was closed at 2:43pm.

Approve LOSRPO Draft Regional Assignment of Local Input Points – Vicki Eastland shared that NCDOT scores were received on April 13th. RPO staff has held staff level meetings in all counties with representatives from all LOSRPO member governments, NCDOT staff and FBRMPO staff. Projects were ranked based on each county's priorities. Based on the LOSRPO methodology, the number one and two ranking project in each county automatically received a 100 points. The remaining 500 points were applied as per the methodology.

Vicki Eastland shared that the RPO approved the donation of 21 points to the Johnathon Creek Road US276 in Haywood County Project which is in both the MPO and RPO regions so that it could receive a 100 points as well.

She shared that the projects have been advertised in the Mountain Express and the Transylvania Times. She reported that for the most part, there was very little negative response to any of the projects. For the projects that did not receive points, the survey asked respondents to choose those projects that should be looked at in the future. Vicki Eastland shared about the online survey for the Regional Impact Local Input points. Information on Prioritization and the online survey can be found at the following link:

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

Discussion occurred regarding the next steps in the prioritization process and the scoring process was explained which includes that the Divisions will be scoring projects and examining the logistics of staging the projects. Vicki Eastland shared that by August, the results from this assignment will be available and those will be shared at the September meeting of the RPO TAC.

Mike Sorrells moved to approve the assignment of local input points. Charlie Landreth seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.

Review LOSRPO Public Outreach Strategy for SPOT 4.0 – Vicki Eastland shared that on the RPO's website, there is a prioritization page:

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

Jason Chappell suggested that when it's time to come out to the local communities, outreach should be made to the local media outlets. Vicki Eastland communicated that she would coordinate those activities for Transylvania and Madison counties.

No action required.

REGULAR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ricky Tipton provided Division 13 updates and Ed Green provided Division 14 updates. Pam Cook shared TPB updates.

Vicki Eastland provided Legislative updates.

Staff Updates and Housekeeping were provided by Vicki Eastland.

Adjournment

With no further discussion, Chairman Newman adjourned the meeting.