

LAND OF SKY

# RURAL PLANNING RURAL ORGANIZATION

## RPO Technical Coordinating Committee

October 13th, 2016 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council

### Agenda

#### 1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

Welcome and Introductions  
Agenda Approval/Modifications

Mark Burrows  
Mark Burrows

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### 3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes from the RPO TCC June 09, 2016<sup>th</sup> Meeting

#### 4. RPO BUSINESS

A. Review/Discuss DRAFT Regional Impact Results  
B. Adopt DRAFT Division Needs List  
C. Review Public Outreach Strategies for Division Needs  
D. Approve DRAFT LOSRPO 2017 Meeting Schedule  
E. NCDOT Bike/Ped Planning Grant Resolution  
F. Active Routes to School Presentation

Vicki Eastland  
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Jackie Moore/Mary Smith

#### 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 October 26<sup>th</sup> 2016- 2:30 PM Blue Ridge (NEW)  
Conference Room

### 3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS TCC MEETING MINUTES

#### A. LOSRPO June 9<sup>th</sup> TCC meeting minutes

**RPO Technical Coordinating Committee**  
June 9th, 2016 – 10:00 A.M., Land of Sky Regional Council  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Josh Freeman	Mark Burrows	Vicki Eastland	Zia Rifkin
Pam Cook	Kris Boyd	Denise Braine	Chris Craig
Karen Kiehna	Scott Collier	Erica Anderson	
Kristina Solberg	Ed Green		

**WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**

Chairman Freeman 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.

*Mark Burrows moved to approve the Agenda without modification. Kris Body seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were made.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Kris Boyd moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting. Mark Burrows seconded and as all were in favor the motion carried.*

**RPO BUSINESS**

Approve Edits to LOSRPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Vicki Eastland shared the background of the LOSRPO with regards to the MOU. She communicated that all changes to the MOU have been highlighted in the copy provided. The main reasons for the changes are outlined on page three: to revise term limits to more than one year for TAC members. Vicki Eastland shared that once the TAC has adopted the MOU, that governing bodies will need to adopt the Amended MOU.

Discussion occurred regarding the term limits and if it would be better to have three-year term limits. Consensus was that two or three-year term limits would be preferable (two or three years based on length of term limitations within a member jurisdiction).

Discussion also occurred regarding the verbiage in the MOU regarding member jurisdictions within a county and Vicki Eastland shared that all incorporated areas in Buncombe County are within the MPO region and the wording was left in for consistency.

***Mark Burrows moved to approve the edits to the MOU including changing the term limit to two or three years to allow jurisdictions to follow their particular appointment cycle 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 DRAFT Regional Assignment of Local Input Points: Vicki Eastland shared that RPO staff have held county-level meetings in each county to discuss the projects and scoring and got everyone's local priority. Projects were scored based on the RPO's methodology. Regarding the US276 Jonathon Creek Road Project- which is 79% in the RPO and 21% in the MPO, it has been determined that the LOSRPO will transfer 21 points to the FBRMPO so the project will receive the full 100 points. The next step is to send this to the TAC and to hold a public hearing. Posted/advertised on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Public hearing planned for June 22, 2016.

***Karen Kiehna moved to approve the LOSRPO Draft Regional Assignment of Local Input Points and to forward that to the TAC for their consideration. Kris Boyd seconded and the motion carried without further discussion.***

Chairman Freeman expressed appreciation to Vicki Eastland for all of her hard work.

Review LOSRPO Public Outreach Strategy for SPOT 4.0: Vicki Eastland shared that the LOSRPO Public Outreach Strategy consists of an advertisement in the Mountain Express, an online survey of the Draft Regional Impact Projects assigned Local Input Points, an ArcGIS online map of the LOSRPO Regional Impact Projects, and a list of the Draft Regional Impact Projects Local Input assignments. All links can be found in the LOSRPO TCC agenda packet posted on the LOSRPO's website:

[http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/2016\\_06\\_09\\_TCC\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www.landofsky.org/pdf/LGS/RPO/2016_06_09_TCC_Agenda.pdf)

The online survey is open until June 22, 2016 which is the day of the public hearing. Mark Burrows requested that an ad be placed in the Transylvania Times as well to increase outreach to Transylvania County. Karen Kiehna shared that the Madison County News Record and Sentinel would need to have the ad copy today in order to publish it on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month (when the next edition of the paper comes out).

***No action required.***

## **REGULAR UPDATES**

NCDOT Division 13 Division 14 updates

Transportation Planning Branch Updates were provided by Pam Cook who has replaced Brendan Merithew in the interim until a new staff is assigned.

Legislative Updates

Staff Updates and Housekeeping

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Freeman thanked everyone for attending today's LOSRPO TCC meeting.

***Mark Burrows moved to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Freeman seconded and the meeting was adjourned.***

Staff recommended action:

Review meeting minutes and approve

A. **Item 4a: Review/Discuss DRAFT Regional Impact Results**

Staff recommended action:

Review and discuss as needed. Recommend changes if needed.

B. **Item 4b: Adopt DRAFT Division Needs list**

DIV No.	SPOTID	Project Category	Improvement Type	Specific Improvement	TIP #	Route Number	Route Name	From/Cross Street	To	Description	County	Division	NCDOT SPOT4.0 Division Needs Score	LOSRPO Total Score	LOSRPO Division Needs Rank	LOSRPO Priority Points	Prioritization Comments
D-6	B150857	Division Needs	Bike and Ped	Construct Pedestrian improvements to include Pedestrian Signal and Crossing treatments		US 25	US 25/70	SR 1601 Deringer Drive/US 25/US70/Student Dropoff Way		Construct Pedestrian improvements to include Pedestrian Signal - Crosswalk and Pedestrian Refuge Island on US 25/US 70 and Sidewalk along one side of US 25/70	Madison	13	<b>22.49</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100</b>	
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)	Madison	13	<b>24.5</b>	<b>79.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100</b>	
D-19	B150537	Division Needs	Bike/Ped	Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge across Davidson River		US 64	Asheville Hwy	US 276	US 64	Construct Bicycle/Pedestrian bridge across Davidson River at Pisgah Forest (Brevard Pedestrian Plan)	Transylvania	14	<b>34.11</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100</b>	
D-10	H111135	Division Needs	Modernization	Modernize Roadway	R-5763	SR 1540	Wilson Road	SR 1504 (Old US 64)	US 276	Upgrade Roadway. Proposed Typical Is 20' Paved Roadway with 6' Grass Shoulders. Current Typical Is Two Lane 18' Paved Roadway with 4' Grass Shoulders	Transylvania	14	<b>19.12</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100</b>	

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D-7	H090855	Division Needs	Capacity	Construct Roadway on New Location	R-5743		New Route - West Loop Minor Thoroughfare	US 64/276	US 64	New Route - US 64/276 to Nicholson Creek Road/US 64 - West Loop Minor Thoroughfare	Transylvania	14	<b>17.46</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	
D-5	B150854	Division Needs	Bike and Ped	Construct Pedestrian improvements to Curb/gutter, sidewalk and mid block crossing		US 25/70 BUS (South Main Street Marshall)	US 25/70 BUS (South Main Street Marshall)	In Front of Town owned Depot		Construct Pedestrian improvements to include Curb and gutter, Sidewalk and mid block crossing in front of Depot	Madison	13	<b>12.21</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>100</b>	
D-17	H150561	Division Needs	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		SR 1512	(Ecusta Rd)	US 64	Old US 64 (Old Hendersonville Rd)	Modernize/Upgrade roadway to include curb/gutter. Build to Complete Streets standards.	Transylvania	14	<b>10.51</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	
D-9	H111133	Division Needs	Modernization	Modernize Roadway	R-5764	SR 1546	Neely Road	SR 1504 (Old US 64)	SR 1544 (French Broad St)	Upgrade Roadway. Proposed Typical Is 20' Paved Roadway with 6' Grass Shoulders. Current Typical Is Two Lane 18' Paved Roadway with 4' Grass Shoulders	Transylvania	14	<b>10.15</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>100</b>	
D-8	H111128	Division Needs	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		SR 1533	Everette Farm Road	SR 1528	SR 1504	Upgrade Roadway. Proposed Typical Is 22' Paved Roadway with 6' Grass Shoulders. Current Typical Is Two Lane 18' Paved Roadway with 3' Grass Shoulders	Transylvania	14	<b>22.47</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100</b>	

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R-5	H150557	Regional Impact	Access Management	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.	Transylvania	14	18.25	63.7	10	75	
D-12	H111137	Division Needs	Modernization	Modernize Roadway	R-5765	SR 1116	North Country Club Road	Brevard City Limit	US 64	Upgrade Roadway. Proposed Typical Is 26' Paved Roadway with Curb and Gutter, Sidewalks, and in Compliance with Complete Streets Policy. Current Typical Is Two Lane 20' Paved Roadway with Curb and Gutter	Transylvania	14	15.56	63.1	11	0	
D-16	B150525	Division Needs	Bike/Ped	Construct 5' Sidewalk		SR 1350	Probart Street	US 64/276 N. Caldwell ST	Music Camp Rd	Construct 5' Sidewalk along one side of roadway	Transylvania	14	25.64	60.1	12	0	
D-15	H150544	Division Needs	Intersection Improvements	Realign Multiple Intersections		Old US 64	Old Hendersonville HWY	Wilson Rd	Ecusta Rd	Realign Intersections at Wilson Rd/Old US 64/Ecusta Rd	Transylvania	14	20.37	59.1	13	0	
R-11	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.	Madison	13	12.18	57.4	14	25	
D-3	H141909	Division Needs	Modernization	Upgrade roadway to increase safety and accommodate heavy truck traffic.			SR-1145 Sharp Hollow Road	US 25	French Broad River	Upgrade roadway to increase safety and accommodate heavy truck traffic.	Madison	14	2.45	55.5	15	25	

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D-6	H090162	Division Needs	Capacity	Construct Roadway on New Location	R-2594	NC 215	Balsam Grove Sunburst, FH 32	US 64 at Cherryfield	SR 1326 (Macedonia Church Road) South of Balsam Grove	Construct Two Lanes on New Location	Transylvania	14	8.37	51.7	16	0	
D-2	H090317	Division Needs	Capacity	Construct Roadway on New Location	R-5117	New Route	New Route	Marshall	Spring Creek Community	Construct Facility on New Location	Madison	13	5.11	51	17	0	
D-18	B150530	Division Needs	Bike/Ped	Construct Multi-use trail/greenway/or on-road bike lane		US 276	Greenville Hwy	SR 1540 (Wilson Road)	Barclay Road	Construct multi-use trail / greenway / sidepath or on-road bike lane on local roadway (Blue Ridge Bike Plan Transylvania Co Priority Corridor #1)	Transylvania	14	10.26	47.1	18	0	
R-15	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.	Madison	13	7.92	46.6	19	25	
R-14	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.	Madison	13	9.22	41.8	20	25	
D-13	H111138	Division Needs	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		SR 1554	Azela Avenue	SR 1504 (Old US 64)	SR 1551 (Oak Dale Rd)	Upgrade Roadway. Proposed Typical Is 26' Paved Roadway with Curb and Gutter. Current Typical Is Two Lane 18' Paved Roadway with 4' Grass Shoulders	Transylvania	14	3.27	40.7	21	0	

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D-11	H111136	Division Needs	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		SR 1534	Hart Road	SR 1534 (Hart Rd)	SR 1533 (Everett Rd)	Upgrade Roadway. Proposed Typical Is 20' Paved Roadway with 6' Grass Shoulders. Current Typical Is Two Lane 16 - 18" Paved Roadway with 4' Grass Shoulders	Transylvania	14	8.15	36.6	22	0	
D-14	H140969	Division Needs	Widen Existing Roadway	Modernize Roadway		SR 1156	Main Street	SR 1388 (Old Rosman Highway)	US 176 (Pickens Highway)	Widen road to include auxiliary lanes where needed, curb & gutter, sidewalks and bike lanes	Transylvania	14	7.22	36.4	23	0	
D-1	H090854	Division Needs	Modernization	Modernize Roadway		SR 1395	Cove Creek Mountain Road	Boyd Mountain Road	Great Smoky Mountains National Park	Boyd Mountain Road to Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Upgrade and Pave	Haywood	14	1.07	30.2	24	0	
	H141452	Regional Impact				US 19	Dellwood Rd	US 23/74	US 276	Convert TWLTL to median and general access control(CTP)/US 19 Throught Maggie Valley, restripe to provide WOS/Sharrows/Bikelane (LRTP)	Haywood	14	18.26		<b>FBRMPO Haywood Co Project</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Haywood Co TCC/TAC members Request LOSRPO to apply 100 Local Points to this FBRMPO Project in lue of LOSRPO Project</b>

Staff recommended action:

Approve DRAFT Division Needs list for LOSRPO TAC to hold Public Hearing on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

C. **4c. Review Public Outreach Strategies for Division Needs**

The LOSRPO SPOT4.0 Public Outreach Strategy for Division Needs consists of advertisements in local newspapers in the region including Mountain Express, the News Record & Sentinel and the Transylvania Times. Ads have been running weekly since mid-September. There is also a survey on the [www.landofskyrpo.org](http://www.landofskyrpo.org) website (linked below).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9CKSLZ9>

D. **4d. Approve DRAFT LOSRPO 2017 Meeting Schedule**

**Land of Sky RPOTCC/TAC  
2017 Meeting Schedule**

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

February 9th, 2017  
May 11th, 2017  
August 10th, 2017  
September 14th, 2017

**Land of Sky RPO TAC** – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m.  
(unless otherwise noted)

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Meeting Agendas and Notes are posted at <http://landofskyrpo.org/committees/>**

All meetings take place at Land-of-Sky Regional  
Council, 339 New Leicester Highway, Suite 140,  
Asheville, NC 28806.

Unless otherwise indicated

Staff recommended action:

Approve the DRAFT 2017 LOSRPO TCC and TAC meeting schedules.

E. 4e NCDOT Bike/Ped Planning Grant Resolution

Transylvania County staff plan to submit an NCDOT Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant. A resolution of support is required from the RTAC.



**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION FOR BICYCLE PLANNING GRANT FUNDS BY TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY, NC**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statutes 136-211 enacted July 6, 2000, provides for the establishment of Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RPOs) to provide rural entities a cooperative and unified voice in project selection and funding, and enhance their involvement in integrated multi-model transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation decision-making body of the Land-of-Sky Rural Planning Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation has established a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant which provides funding to projects that will result in comprehensive local bicycle and pedestrian transportation plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Transylvania County has decided to apply for funding from the Department of Transportation for a county bicycle plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Advisory Committee finds it in the best interest of the Land-of-Sky Rural Planning Organization to endorse Transylvania County's application;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Land-of-Sky Rural Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee hereby endorses the application by Transylvania County and, if the project is selected, will provide technical assistance for the duration of the project.

**ADOPTED:** This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

Commissioner Brownie Newman, Chairman, Land-of-Sky RPO RTAC

**ATTEST:**

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Vicki L. Eastland, Secretary, Land-of-Sky RPO RTAC

Staff recommended action:

Approve the Resolution and forward to the RTAC for consideration for approval.

F. **4f: Active Routes to School Presentation**

Staff recommended action:

FYI Only