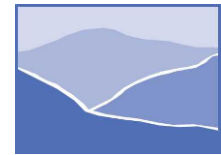


# SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO)

## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting



**Meeting Date: March 28, 2016**

**Location: Boiler Room Steakhouse, Franklin, NC**

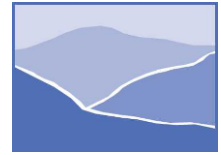
**Attendees:**

Jurisdiction	Primary Representative	Alternate Representative	03/28/2016
<b>Cherokee County</b>	CB McKinnon		<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrews	Nancy Curtis		<input type="checkbox"/>
Murphy	Bill Hughes		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Clay County</b>	Randy Nichols		<input type="checkbox"/>
Hayesville	Harry Baughn		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Graham County</b>	Connie Orr		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fontana Dam	Sarah Locke		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lake Santeetlah	Bob Wehr		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robbinsville	Steve Hooper		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Jackson County</b>	Brian McMahan		<input type="checkbox"/>
Dillsboro	<b>Mike Fitzgerald – Chair</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Forest Hills	Carl Hooper		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sylva	Lynda Sossoman		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Webster	Tracy Rodes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Macon County</b>	Ronnie Beale		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Franklin	Bob Scott		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Highlands	Patrick Taylor		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Swain County</b>	Phillip Carson		<input type="checkbox"/>
Bryson City	Tom Sutton		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>NCDOT Board</b>	Jack Debnam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>			<b>14</b>
Representing	Name		Present
Southwestern RPO	Rose Bauguess		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Southwestern Commission	Ryan Sherby		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Southwestern Commission	Sarah Thompson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Joel Setzer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Town of Sylva and TCC	Paige Dowling, Town Manager		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>TOTAL NON-VOTERS PRESENT:</b>			<b>5</b>

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### **Welcome and Housekeeping:**

1. Mayor Mike Fitzgerald called the meeting to order.
2. Introductions were made. Fitzgerald determined a quorum was present.
3. Fitzgerald read the ethics statement.
4. Fitzgerald reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any proposed modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, Bob Scott motioned to approve the agenda as presented, with a second by Steve Hooper; motion passed unanimously.
5. Fitzgerald offered the opportunity for public comment and opened a public hearing on the Prioritization 4.0 Local Methodology; no comments were received, and the public hearing was closed.

### **Action Items:**

6. Bauguess called for approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2015 RPO TAC meeting. Motion by Harry Baughn to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Tom Sutton; motion carried unanimously.
7. Bauguess called for approval of the Amendments to TAC Bylaws. Motion by Hooper to approve the Amendments to TAC Bylaws, with a second by Connie Orr. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Bauguess called for approval of the Amendments to TCC Bylaws. Motion by Patrick Taylor to approve the Amendments to TCC Bylaws, with a second by Ronnie Beale. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Bauguess called for approval of the Prioritization 4.0 Local Methodology. Motion by Baughn to approve the Prioritization 4.0 Local Methodology, with a second by Orr. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Bauguess motioned to adopt the 2016-2017 RPO Planning Work Program. Motion by Baughn to approve 2016-2017 RPO Planning Work Program, with a second by Lynda Sossamon. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Fitzgerald called for TAC Chair Nominations and Election. Baughn nominated Mike Fitzgerald, Beale seconded the motion. Jack Debnam called to close the nominations, with a second by Beale. Fitzgerald will serve a second two-year term as TAC Chair, expiring March 2018.

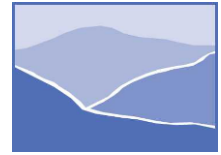
### **Informational Items:**

12. Ed Green gave the NCDOT Division 14 updates on major projects in the Southwestern RPO.
13. Bauguess reviewed the Prioritization 4.0 tentative schedule.
14. Bauguess reminded TAC members that required ethics filing are due April 15.

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15. Bauguess updated the committee on the progress of the Far West Regional Bike Plan.

### Other Items:

16. TAC Members provided updates from their respective jurisdictions.

- Several members noted that roadside litter seems to be increasing lately. Green stated that the Division has received a small increase in maintenance funds, and contracts litter removal twice per year.
- Scott noted a problem with graffiti on the guardrails at scenic overlooks.
- Jack Debnam informed members about NCDOT's online reporting form, where the public can enter a problem such as a pothole, drainage issue, etc and receive a tracking number. The website is <https://www.ncdot.gov/contact/>.
- Beale called for an appreciation of Joel Setzer and Ryan Sherby, both of whom are retiring from their current positions and will no longer be attending TAC meetings. The TAC members thanked Joel and Ryan for their service to the RPO and the region.

17. Beale moved to adjourn, seconded by Orr.