

# SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## Cherokee County

Andrews  
Murphy

## Clay County

Hayesville

## Graham County

Fontana Dam  
Robbinsville  
Lake Santeetlah

## Jackson County

Dillsboro  
Forest Hills  
Sylva  
Webster

## Macon County

Franklin  
Highlands

## Swain County

Bryson City

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

**July 11, 2016 at 1:00 PM**

Cecil Groves Center, SCC Macon Campus  
Franklin, NC

## AGENDA

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### Welcome and Housekeeping

1. Call to Order (Paige Dowling, TCC Chair)
2. Introductions and Quorum check (Dowling)
3. Ethics Reminder (Dowling)
4. Agenda Approval/Modifications (Dowling)
5. Public Comment

### Action Items

6. Minutes from March 16, 2016 SWRPO TCC meeting (Rose Bauguess)
7. DRAFT SWRPO Local Input Points for Regional Projects (Bauguess)
8. 2016-2017 Five-Year Planning Calendar (Bauguess)

### Informational Items

9. Updated Prioritization 4.0 Schedule
10. NCDOT Division 14 Updates (Ed Green)
11. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Update (Pam Cook)

### Other Items

12. TCC Member Updates (All)
13. Adjournment



## SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO) Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting

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**Meeting Date: March 16, 2016**

**Location: Groves Center, Southwestern Community College, Franklin, NC**

**Attendees:**

| Jurisdiction                         | Representative                 | Title                           | Present                             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Cherokee County</b>               | Randy Wiggins                  | County Manager                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Andrews                              | Ed Burchins                    | Town Manager                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Murphy                               | Anne Payne                     | Town Manager                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Clay County</b>                   | Aaron Patton                   | Economic Development Director   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Graham County</b>                 | Vacant                         |                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Fontana Dam                          | Jessica Cooper                 | Town Manager                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Lake Santeetlah                      | Peggy Carver                   | Administrator                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Jackson County</b>                | Mike Poston                    | Planning Director               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Dillsboro                            | Debbie Coffey                  | Town Clerk                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Sylva                                | <b>Paige R. Dowling, Chair</b> | <b>Town Manager</b>             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Macon County</b>                  | Jack Morgan                    | Planning & Development Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Franklin                             | Justin Setser                  | Town Planner                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Highlands                            | Randy Feierabend               | Town Planner                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>Swain County</b>                  | Ken Mills                      | Economic Development Director   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Bryson City                          | Josh Ward                      | Town Manager                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Transit</b>                       | Kim Angel                      | Macon Co. Transit Director      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>EBCI</b>                          | Josh Parker                    | Cherokee DOT Manager            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>NCDOT Division 14</b>             | Joel Setzer                    | Division Operations Engineer    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>NCDOT TPB</b>                     | Catherine Bryant               | RPO Coordinator                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:</b> |                                |                                 | <b>8</b>                            |

| Representing                     | Name          | Title                              | Present                             |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Western Carolina Univ.           | Joe Walker    | Assoc. Director of Facilities Mgmt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Southwestern RPO                 | Rose Bauguess | RPO Coordinator                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| NCDOT TEA                        | Zack O'Keefe  |                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>TOTAL NON-VOTERS PRESENT:</b> |               |                                    | <b>3</b>                            |

# SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO)

## Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting

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### **Welcome and Housekeeping:**

1. Chair Paige Dowling and Vice-Chair Kevin King were absent. Jack Morgan served as temporary Chair and called the meeting to order.
2. Introductions were made. The Committee welcomed new member Randy Feierabend, representing the Town of Highlands. Morgan determined a quorum was present.
3. Morgan read the ethics statement.
4. Morgan reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any proposed modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, Justin Setser motioned to approve the agenda as presented, with a second by Mike Poston.
5. Morgan offered the opportunity for public comment; no members of the public were in attendance.

### **Action Items:**

6. Rose Bauguess asked for a review of the minutes from the January 25, 2016 RPO TCC Meeting. Poston motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Justin Setser; motion carried unanimously.
7. Bauguess asked for a review of the 2016-2017 Planning Work Program for the Southwestern RPO. Motion was made to adopt the 2016-2017 Planning Work Program by Joel Setzer, and seconded by Justin Setser. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Informational Items:**

8. Joel Setzer provided updates from NCDOT Division 14 on major projects in the Southwestern RPO.
9. Bauguess stated that the Public Comment Period for the Local Methodology would be

### **Other Items:**

10. TCC Members provided updates from their respective jurisdictions:
  - Debbie Coffey reported that things are looking up in Dillsboro, and stores that had been empty since 2010 are now full. The Town is currently working on a Comprehensive Plan.
  - Joe Walker reported that WCU is very pleased that the NC Connect bond passed.
  - Justin Setzer reported the Town of Franklin's Bike-Ped Plan is now about half-way complete. There will be a biking event in April, and they will take it to their Board in June.
  - Joel Setzer reported there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Balsam rest area on March 31 at 11:00 am.



- Jack Morgan reported Macon County is updating their Comprehensive Plan. Potential developments include a new Ingles and possibly a new High School.
- Randy Wiggins reported that the Cherokee County Commissioners had voted to “Accept and Receive” the Comprehensive Plan from Opt-In; Hanging Dog campground will be reopened through an agreement between USFS and the County. Joe Brown Highway has safety issues especially for emergency vehicles.

11. Mike Poston moved to adjourn, seconded by Justin Setser.

**Southwestern RPO Prioritization 4.0  
Regional Projects - Draft Local Input Points**

**Agenda Item 7**

| County(s)              | SPOT ID TIP       | Route                                 | From  | To   | Description  | Regional SPOT Score Points | Local Priority Rank | Local Priority Points | Plan Consistency Points | Project Development Points | Total SWRPO Score | SWRPO DRAFT Regional Local Input Points | Dedicated Recipient |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|
| Graham                 | H090001-C A-0009C | <b>US 74 (New Route - Corridor K)</b> | NC 143 North of Cheoah                      | NC 28 at Stecoah                                   | Construct Multi-Lanes, on New Location                                     | 39.15                      | 1                   | 20                    | 5                       | 3                          | <b>67.15</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Graham</b>       |
| Macon                  | H090749-B         | <b>US 23 , US 441</b>                 | Wide Horizon Drive / Belden Circle          | Prentiss Bridge Road                               | Implement Access Management Strategies                                     | 33.27                      | 1                   | 20                    | 5                       | 3                          | <b>61.27</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Macon</b>        |
| Swain, Cherokee, Macon | H111078           | <b>US 74</b>                          | Andrews                                     | Almond   | Construct 5 Foot Paved Shoulders Throughout, Construct Truck Climbing Lane | 34.92                      | 2                   | 15                    | 5                       |                            | <b>54.92</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Swain</b>        |
| Swain                  | H090301-A R-4751  | <b>US 19</b>                          | SR 1152 (Hughes Branch Road) in Bryson City | US 19A (SR 1195)                                   | Modernize Roadway per Feasibility Study FS-0114A                           | 34.12                      | 1                   | 20                    | 0                       |                            | <b>54.12</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Swain</b>        |
| Jackson                | H111090           | <b>NC 107</b>                         | NC 281                                      | Shoal Creek at end of Climbing Lane                | Widen Pavement to 24' with 5' Paved Shoulders                              | 25.87                      | 1                   | 20                    | 5                       | 2                          | <b>52.87</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Jackson</b>      |
| Graham                 | H129688-B R-2822B | <b>NC 143</b>                         | West of Buffalo Creek                       | NC 143 Business                                    | Modernize Roadway  | 32.05                      | 2                   | 15                    | 5                       |                            | <b>52.05</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Graham</b>       |
| Clay, Cherokee         | H111080           | <b>US 64</b>                          | US 64 Business west of Hayesville           | East of NC 141 (end of R-0977C in Cherokee County) | Widen Roadway to Four Lanes with a Median                                  | 23.24                      | 1                   | 20                    | 5                       |                            | <b>48.24</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Clay</b>         |
| Cherokee               | H090750           | <b>US 19 , US 129</b>                 | US 64                                       | Georgia State Line                                 | Widen Roadway US 19/129 from US 64 to Georgia State Line.                  | 19.58                      | 1                   | 20                    | 5                       |                            | <b>44.58</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Cherokee</b>     |

**Southwestern RPO Prioritization 4.0**  
**Regional Projects - Draft Local Input Points**

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| Macon            | H141001             | <b>NC 106 (Dillard Road)</b> | Georgia State Line                         | US 64 (Main Street) in Highlands         | Widen typical section and improve alignment for constant design speed.   | 23.10                      | 2                   | 15                    | 5                       |                            | <b>43.10</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Macon</b>        |
| Jackson          | H090935             | <b>US 74 , US 441</b>        | Exit 74 US 441 North (Gateway) Interchange | SR 1391 Piney Mountain Road              | US 74/441 - Directional Medians, U-Turn Bulb Outs, Replace Monolithic Median Islands with Concrete Median Barrier. | 22.15                      | 2                   | 15                    | 5                       |                            | <b>42.15</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Jackson</b>      |
| Clay             | H090005-D A-0011D   | <b>US 64</b>                 | East of the Hiwassee River                 | East of NC 175                           | Widen to Multi-Lanes   | 17.53                      | 2                   | 15                    | 5                       | 3                          | <b>40.53</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Clay</b>         |
| Jackson, Haywood | H111104 R-5747      | <b>US 19 (Soco Road)</b>     | SR 1304 (Fie Top Road at Ghost Town USA)   | Jenkins Creek Road                       | Modernize Roadway  | 31.27                      |                     |                       | 5                       | 3                          | <b>39.27</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>RPO</b>          |
| Cherokee         | H090251-AC R-3622AC | <b>NC 294</b>                | US 64/74 at Ranger                         | SR 1309 (Sandy Gap Road)                 | Modernize Roadway  | 15.85                      | 2                   | 15                    | 5                       | 3                          | <b>38.85</b>      | <b>100</b>                              | <b>Cherokee</b>     |
| Jackson          | H090744             | <b>US 64</b>                 | NC 107                                     | Top of Climbing Lane built under R-2409B | Convert Existing 2-Lane to 3-Lane, Replace Signalized intersection with Roundabout                                 | 21.71                      | 3                   | 10                    | 5                       |                            | <b>36.71</b>      |   |                     |
| Cherokee         | H090052-C R-0977C   | <b>US 64</b>                 | US 19/74/129 in Murphy                     | East of NC 141                           | Two Lanes on Four Lane Right of Way South of Hiwassee River on New Location, Ultimate Four Lane Facility.          | 30.23                      |                     |                       | 5                       |                            | <b>35.23</b>      |   |                     |
| Graham, Swain    | H140865             | <b>NC 28 (Fontana Rd)</b>    | NC 143                                     | US 129                                   | Upgrade roadway with safety improvements including additional paved pulloffs/turnouts at critical locations.       | 29.31                      |                     |                       | 5                       |                            | <b>34.31</b>      |   |                     |

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| Cherokee         | H090251-C R-3622C | <b>NC 294</b>                         | SR 1350 (Candy Mountain Road)  | SR 1314 (Hiwassee Dam Road)         | Modernize Roadway  | 14.41                      | 3                   | 10                    | 5                       | 3                          | <b>32.41</b>      |   |                     |
| Swain, Jackson   | H090301-B R-4751  | <b>US 19</b>                          | US 19A (SR 1195)               | US 441 North in Cherokee            | Modernize Roadway per Feasibility Study FS-0114A   | 21.77                      | 3                   | 10                    | 0                       |                            | <b>31.77</b>      |   |                     |
| Graham           | H090001-A A-0009A | <b>US 74 (New Route - Corridor K)</b> | US 19 Business in Andrews      | US 129                              | Construct Multi-Lanes, on New Location.  | 22.02                      |                     |                       | 5                       | 3                          | <b>30.02</b>      |   |                     |
| Graham, Cherokee | H090001-B A-0009B | <b>US 74 (New Route - Corridor K)</b> | US 129                         | NC 143 North of Cheoah              | Construct Multi-Lanes, on New Location.  | 22.02                      |                     |                       | 5                       | 3                          | <b>30.02</b>      |   |                     |
| Macon            | H090749-C         | <b>US 23 , US 441</b>                 | SR 1649 (Prentiss Bridge Road) | Georgia State Line                  | Implement Access Management Strategies.  | 23.10                      |                     |                       | 5                       |                            | <b>28.10</b>      |   |                     |
| Clay             | H090767           | <b>US 64 BUS</b>                      | US 64                          | SR 1307 Main Street                 | Safety and Widening, Curb and Gutter with Sidewalks, from Main Street to US 64.                                  | 14.17                      | 3                   | 10                    | 0                       |                            | <b>24.17</b>      |   |                     |
| Graham           | H140974           | <b>NC 143 Business</b>                | NC 143 (Massey Branch Road)    | US 129 / NC 143 (Rodney Orr Bypass) | Widen Typical Section to Modern Standards; auxiliary lane, sidewalk, and bicycle improvements in uptown section. | 24.09                      |                     |                       | 0                       |                            | <b>24.09</b>      |   |                     |
| Cherokee         | H090251-D R-3622C | <b>NC 294</b>                         | Hiwassee Dam Road              | Tennessee State Line                | Modernize Roadway  | 14.41                      |                     |                       | 5                       | 3                          | <b>22.41</b>      |   |                     |
| Swain            | H140006           | <b>NC 28</b>                          | US 74                          | Macon County line                   | Upgrade roadway with safety improvements including guardrail, shoulder improvements, and paved pulloffs/turnouts | 16.86                      |                     |                       | 0                       |                            | <b>16.86</b>      |   |                     |

**1300**

**Southwestern RPO  
5-Year Planning Calendar, 2016 – 2021**

| Year     | Planning Product      |  |   | Planning Task   |   |   |                                   |
|----------|-----------------------|--|---|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|
|          | Planning Work Program | Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)                        | State TIP   | Data Inventory  | GIS Development   | Special Studies   | Regulatory Requirements           |
| FY 16-17 | Final February 2017   | Jackson County CTP update continued, Macon County CTP update   | Comment on Draft 2017-2023 STIP, Ongoing Prioritization data collection | Update Transportation & Infrastructure and Data Inventory | Map 2017-2023 TIP projects, Maintain regional GIS Database  | LCP/Transit, Corridor Planning as Needed, Other Special Studies as Needed | SWRPO Website, Public Plan Update |
| FY 17-18 | Final February 2018   | Macon County CTP update continued, Clay County CTP update      | Prioritization List for 2019-2025 STIP                                  | Update Transportation & Infrastructure and Data Inventory | Map Prioritization Projects, Maintain regional GIS Database | Corridor Planning as Needed, Other Special Studies as Needed              | SWRPO Website, Public Plan Update |
| FY 18-19 | Final February 2019   | Clay County CTP update continued, Swain County CTP update      | Comment on Draft 2019-2025 STIP, Ongoing Prioritization data collection | Update Transportation & Infrastructure and Data Inventory | Map 2019-2025 TIP projects, Maintain regional GIS Database  | Corridor Planning as Needed, Other Special Studies as Needed              | SWRPO Website, Public Plan Update |
| FY 19-20 | Final February 2020   | Swain County CTP update continued, Cherokee County CTP update  | Prioritization List for 2021-2027 STIP                                  | Update Transportation & Infrastructure and Data Inventory | Map Prioritization Projects, Maintain regional GIS Database | LCP/Transit, Corridor Planning as Needed, Other Special Studies as Needed | SWRPO Website, Public Plan Update |
| FY 20-21 | Final February 2021   | Cherokee County CTP update continued, Graham County CTP update | Comment on Draft 2019-2025 STIP, Ongoing Prioritization data collection | Update Transportation & Infrastructure and Data Inventory | Map 2021-2027 TIP projects, Maintain regional GIS Database  | Corridor Planning as Needed, Other Special Studies as Needed              | SWRPO Website, Public Plan Update |

Approved by the TAC on

July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Signature, TAC Chair

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Signature, RPO Secretary



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## Prioritization 4.0 Revised Schedule

### Statewide Projects Programmed

April 2016

### Regional Impact Projects:

SWRPO TCC Meeting

July 11, 2016

Public Comment Period begins

July 11, 2016

Division 14 Public Workshop, Franklin

July 14, 2016

Public Hearing and TAC meeting

July 25, 2016

Regional Impact Projects Programmed

August 31, 2016

### Division Needs Projects:

Public Comment Period begins

September 12, 2016

SWRPO TCC Meeting

September 14, 2016

Public Hearing and TAC meeting

September 26, 2016

Division Needs Projects Programmed

November 30, 2016

### 2018-2027 Draft STIP released

January 2017