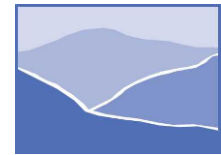


SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO)

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting



Meeting Date: July 25, 2016

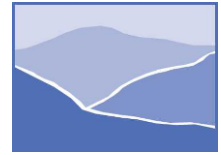
Location: Southwestern Commission, Sylva, NC

Attendees:

Jurisdiction	Primary Representative	Alternate Representative	07/25/2016
Cherokee County	CB McKinnon		<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrews	Nancy Curtis		<input type="checkbox"/>
Murphy	Bill Hughes		<input type="checkbox"/>
Clay County	Randy Nichols		<input type="checkbox"/>
Hayesville	Harry Baughn		<input type="checkbox"/>
Graham County	Connie Orr		<input type="checkbox"/>
Fontana Dam	Sarah Locke		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lake Santeetlah	Bob Wehr		<input type="checkbox"/>
Robbinsville	Steve Hooper		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jackson County	Brian McMahan		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dillsboro	Mike Fitzgerald – Chair		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Forest Hills	Carl Hooper		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sylva	Lynda Sossoman		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Webster	Tracy Rodes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Macon County	Ronnie Beale		<input type="checkbox"/>
Franklin	Bob Scott		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Highlands	Patrick Taylor		<input type="checkbox"/>
Swain County	Phillip Carson		<input type="checkbox"/>
Bryson City	Tom Sutton		<input type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Board	Jack Debnam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:			7
Representing	Name		Present
Southwestern RPO	Rose Bauguess		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Ed Green		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Brian Burch		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT TPB	Pam Cook		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Vaughn & Melton	Joel Setzer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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TOTAL NON-VOTERS PRESENT:			5

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Welcome and Housekeeping:

1. Mayor Mike Fitzgerald called the meeting to order.
2. 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 Tracy Rodes; motion passed unanimously.
5. Fitzgerald offered the opportunity for public comment and opened a public hearing on the SWRPO Local Input Points for Regional Projects; no comments were received, and the public hearing was closed.

Action Items:

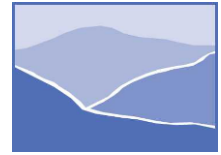
6. Rose Bauguess presented the minutes from the March 28, 2016 RPO TAC meeting for approval. Motion by Scott to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Sarah Locke; motion carried unanimously.
7. Bauguess presented the SWRPO Local Input Points for Regional Projects and explained how the local methodology was used to score the projects. One deviation from the local methodology was recommended by the TCC at their meeting on July 11: move 100 points from H111104 (US 19 Soco Rd) to H090744 (US 64 and NC 107 intersection). The Soco Rd. project scored higher in the methodology, but it is not a high priority for Jackson County or Haywood County, and the French Broad River MPO is not planning to put points on the project. The next highest scoring project was the US 64 project, which is a much higher priority for Jackson County. Motion by Jack Debnam to approve the local input point allocations, including the one deviation; seconded by Scott; motion carried unanimously.
8. Bauguess presented the SWRPO Five-Year Planning Calendar. The calendar is a one-page high-level overview of the primary planning functions of the RPO for fiscal years 2017 through 2021, such as CTPs, Prioritization, and special studies. Motion by Debnam to approve SWRPO Five-Year Planning Calendar, seconded by Scott; motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items:

9. Bauguess reviewed the schedule for the remaining events in Prioritization 4.0. The TAC will meet again September 26 to approve the local input points for the Division tier.
10. NCDOT Division 14 updates included:
 - Jackson County:
 - R-5000 scheduled to open in August
 - Cope Creek is 70% complete, scheduled to open end of 2016
 - US 74 Dark Ridge Bridges 70% complete, scheduled to open end of 2016
 - B-4159 Cullowhee Bridge is under construction
 - Graham County: paving of Cherohala Skyway is underway

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- Macon County: public workshops this fall on US 441 and roundabouts in town
11. Pam Cook gave updates for the Transportation Planning Branch. The next step on the Jackson County CTP is to run the travel demand model for the existing year deficiencies. Catherine Bryant is no longer the TPB coordinator for the SWRPO; Pam will be serving as the interim coordinator. NCDOT is currently undergoing a reorganization that may impact the schedule for staffing.

Other Items:

12. TAC member updates included questions about possible financing for the Monteith Gap/Ledbetter Road improvements in Jackson County. Brian Burch said that the project did not qualify for spot safety funding, but Jack Debnam reported that he had gotten \$125,000 from the NC House for the project and is hoping to get more from the Senate in the near future.
13. Scott moved to adjourn, seconded by Rodes.