

# SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## Graham County

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## Jackson County

Dillsboro  
Forest Hills  
Sylva  
Webster

## Macon County

Franklin  
Highlands

## Swain County

Bryson City

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**July 25, 2016 at 3:30 PM**  
**Southwestern Commission**  
**125 Bonnie Lane, Sylva, NC 28779**

## AGENDA

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### Welcome and Housekeeping

1. Call to Order (Mike Fitzgerald, TAC Chair)
2. Introductions and Quorum check (Fitzgerald)
3. Ethics Statement (Fitzgerald)
4. Agenda Approval/Modifications (Fitzgerald)
5. Public Comment and Public Hearing: *SWRPO Local Input Points for Regional Projects*

### Action Items

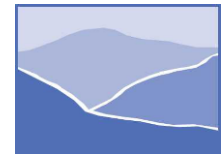
6. Minutes from March 28, 2016 RPO TAC meeting (Rose Bauguess)
7. SWRPO Local Input Points for Regional Projects (Bauguess)
8. 2016-2017 SWRPO Five-Year Planning Calendar (Bauguess)

### 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. TAC Member Updates (All)
13. Adjournment (Fitzgerald)



# SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

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**Meeting Date: March 28, 2016**

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

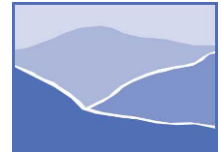
**Attendees:**

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>

# SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RPO)

## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

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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.

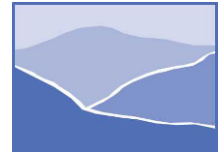
### **Informational Items:**

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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## Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

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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.

**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	Total SWRPO Score	SWRPO DRAFT Regional Local 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	67.15	100	Graham
Macon	H090749-B	<b>US 23 , US 441</b>	Wide Horizon Drive / Belden Circle	Prentiss Bridge Road	Implement Access Management Strategies	33.27	61.27	100	Macon
Graham	H129688-B R-2822B	<b>NC 143</b>	West of Buffalo Creek	NC 143 Business	Modernize Roadway	32.05	56.05	100	Graham
Swain, Cherokee, Macon	H111078	<b>US 74</b>	Andrews	Almond	Construct 5 Foot Paved Shoulders Throughout, Construct Truck Climbing Lane	34.92	54.92	100	Swain
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	54.12	100	Swain
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	52.87	100	Jackson
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	48.24	100	Clay
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	44.58	100	Cherokee
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	43.10	100	Macon
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	42.15	100	Jackson
Clay	H090005-D A-0011D	<b>US 64</b>	East of the Hiwassee River	East of NC 175	Widen to Multi-Lanes	17.53	40.53	100	Clay
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	39.27	100	RPO
Cherokee	H090251-AC R-3622AC	<b>NC 294</b>	US 64/74 at Ranger	SR 1309 (Sandy Gap Road)	Modernize Roadway	15.85	38.85	100	Cherokee
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	38.71	100	RPO*

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Cherokee	H090052-C R-0977C	US 64	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	37.23		
Graham, Swain	H140865	NC 28 (Fontana Rd)	NC 143	US 129	Upgrade roadway with safety improvements including additional paved pulloffs/turnouts at critical locations.	29.31	34.31		
Swain, Jackson	H090301-B R-4751	US 19	US 19A (SR 1195)	US 441 North in Cherokee	Modernize Roadway per Feasibility Study FS-0114A	21.77	33.77		
Cherokee	H090251-C R-3622C	NC 294	SR 1350 (Candy Mountain Road)	SR 1314 (Hiwassee Dam Road)	Modernize Roadway	14.41	32.41		
Macon	H090749-C	US 23 , US 441	SR 1649 (Prentiss Bridge Road)	Georgia State Line	Implement Access Management Strategies.	23.10	31.10		
Graham	H090001-A A-0009A	US 74 (New Route - Corridor K)	US 19 Business in Andrews	US 129	Construct Multi-Lanes, on New Location.	22.02	30.02		
Graham, Cherokee	H090001-B A-0009B	US 74 (New Route - Corridor K)	US 129	NC 143 North of Cheoah	Construct Multi-Lanes, on New Location.	22.02	30.02		
Clay	H090767	US 64 BUS	US 64	SR 1307 Main Street	Safety and Widening, Curb and Gutter with Sidewalks, from Main Street to US 64.	14.17	24.17		
Graham	H140974	NC 143 Business	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	24.09		
Cherokee	H090251-D R-3622C	NC 294	Hiwassee Dam Road	Tennessee State Line	Modernize Roadway	14.41	22.41		
Swain	H140006	NC 28	US 74	Macon County line	Upgrade roadway with safety improvements including guardrail, shoulder improvements, and paved pulloffs/turnouts	16.86	16.86		
						<b>TOTAL POINTS:</b>	<b>1300</b>		

\*Deviation from Local Methodology: moved 100 points from H111104 to H090744 to align with local priorities

**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