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SOUTHWESTERN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING

November 25, 2019 at 5:00 PM

Chestnut Tree Inn, 37 Tsalagi Rd, Cherokee, NC

AGENDA

Welcome and Housekeeping

1. Introductions and Quorum check (C.B. McKinnon, TAC Chair)
2. Ethics Reminder* (McKinnon)
3. Agenda Approval/Modifications (McKinnon)
4. Public Comment

Action Items

5. Minutes from September 23, 2019 SWRPO TAC meeting (Rose Bauguess)

Guest Presentation:

6. Blake King, NCDOT
N.C. Future Investment Resources for Sustainable Transportation Commission

Informational Items

7. SWRPO Staff Update (Bauguess)
8. NCDOT Division 14 Update (Steve Williams)
9. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update (Roger Castillo)

Other Items

10. TAC Member Updates (All)
11. Adjournment

**In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every TAC member to avoid conflicts of interest. If anyone has a conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the TAC today, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the matter involved.*

Cherokee County
Andrews
Murphy

Clay County
Hayesville

Graham County
Fontana Dam
Lake Santeetlah
Robbinsville

Jackson County
Dillsboro
Forest Hills
Sylva
Webster

Macon County
Franklin
Highlands

Swain County
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Meeting Date: September 23, 2019

Attendees:

Jurisdiction	Representative	Present
Cherokee County	CB McKinnon – Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Andrews	James Reid	<input type="checkbox"/>
Murphy	Rick Ramsey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Clay County	Clay Logan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hayesville	Harry Baughn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Graham County	Connie Orr	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fontana Dam	Rob Hardy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lake Santeetlah	Roger Carlton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Robbinsville	Steve Hooper and Brian Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jackson County	Brian McMahan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dillsboro	Mike Fitzgerald	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest Hills	Niall Michelsen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sylva	Lynda Sossamon	<input type="checkbox"/>
Webster	Tracy Rodes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Macon County	Ronnie Beale	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Franklin	Bob Scott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Highlands	Patrick Taylor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Swain County	Roger Parsons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bryson City	Tom Sutton	<input type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Board	Dirk Cody	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:		12

Representing	Name	Present
Southwestern RPO	Rose Bauguess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Southwestern Commission	Becca Scott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Troy Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT Division 14	Brian Burch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NCDOT	Bucky Galloway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Town of Sylva and TCC	Paige Dowling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Joel Setzer	Vaughn and Melton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL NON-MEMBERS PRESENT:		8

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Welcome and Housekeeping:

1. Chair CB McKinnon called the meeting to order. Introductions were made, and Reid determined a quorum was present.
2. McKinnon directed members to the ethics statement printed at the bottom of the agenda and reminded them about the importance of recognizing a conflict of interest when one exists.
3. McKinnon asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. Hearing none, Harry Baughn motioned to approve the agenda as presented, and with a second by Steve Hooper, the agenda was approved.
4. McKinnon offered the opportunity for public comment; there were none.

Action Items:

5. Rose Bauguess presented the minutes from the May 29, 2019 SWRPO TAC meeting for review and discussion. Connie Orr motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Roger Parsons; the motion carried unanimously.

Guest Presentation:

6. Mr. Bucky Galloway, NCDOT Western Regional Traffic Safety Unit, gave a presentation on Traffic Safety and Mobility. His presentation covered strategies used by NCDOT to address safety issues on roadways as well as different funding streams for programs that can be utilized for such projects. There was some discussion around the issue of rural roads in our region and how unsafe many of them are. TAC Members were curious about the strategies for improving the safety of a road without reconstructing them.

Informational Items:

7. Bauguess provided the RPO staff update, including the following items:
 - Administrative document updates are coming in 2020. The MOU that established the RPO is outdated and a new one will need to be executed.
 - NCDOT Complete Streets Policy Update – new policy strengthens multi-modal aspects of highway projects; bike/ped elements that are in an adopted plan will not have a cost share with the local governments.
 - Corridor K Update – currently revising CTP to request that the existing routes be added to the National Highway System.
 - Macon County CTP: The public input survey for the Macon County CTP is complete, and results are analyzed.

- Prioritization 6.0 timeline has been extended again due to NCDOT's cash flow problems. We are currently testing projects to decide which ones to submit. SWRPO is allotted 20 new submissions which are due May 1. The TAC will be asked to adopt the 20 submittals at our March 2020 meeting. Local Input Point assignments will occur in Summer-Fall of 2021, and the Draft 2023-2032 STIP will be released in February of 2022.
8. Brian Burch provided the Division 14 project status updates and spoke about the delay or suspension of work on a lot of projects across the state. NCDOT's budget has been hit hard by hurricanes, Map Act lawsuits, and poor cost estimates.

Other Items:

9. TAC members were skipped due to time constraints.
10. Ronnie Beale moved to adjourn, seconded by all. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2019.